



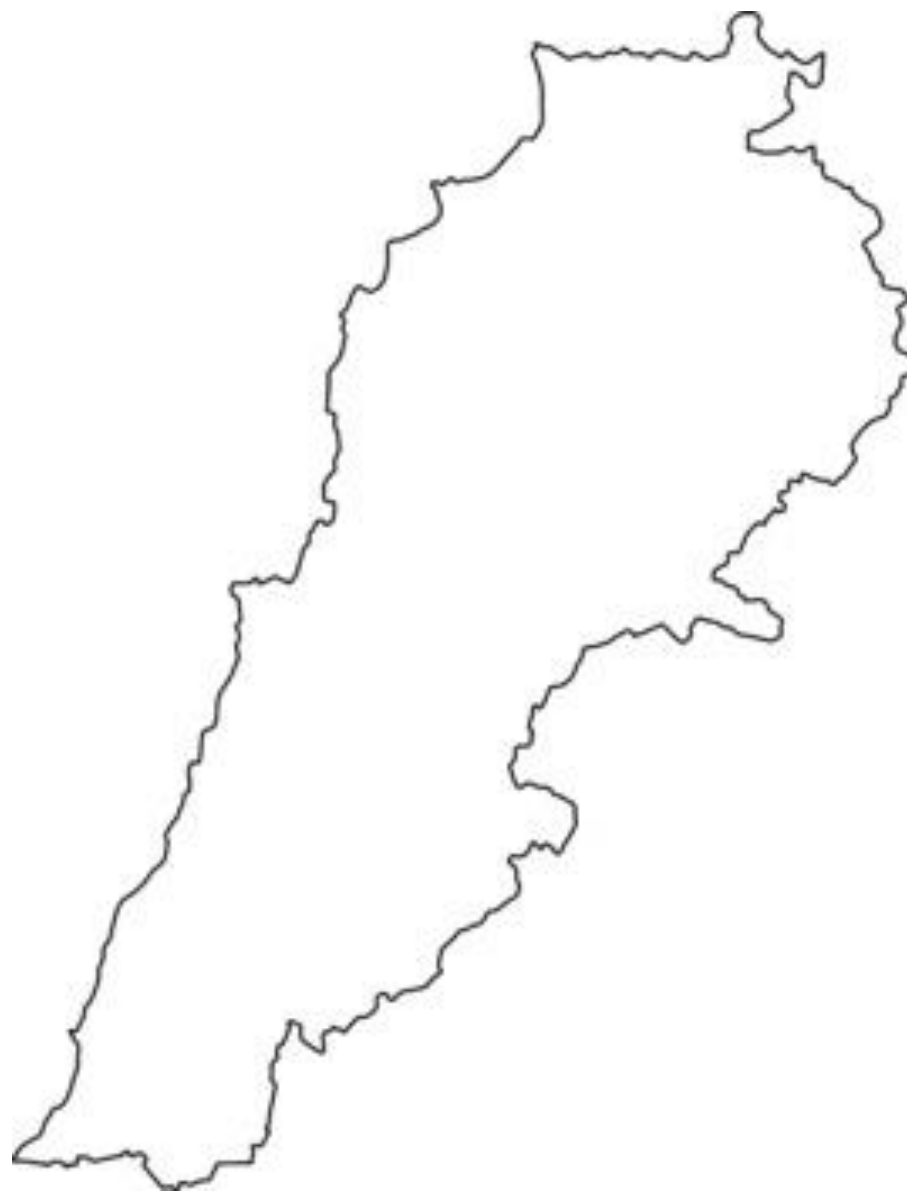
Federal Republic of Lebanon

A NEW CONSTITUTION
FOR A UNITED LEBANON



Outline

- **Ittihadiyoun**
- **Historical Snapshot**
- **Global Inspirations**
- **Proposal For Lebanon**





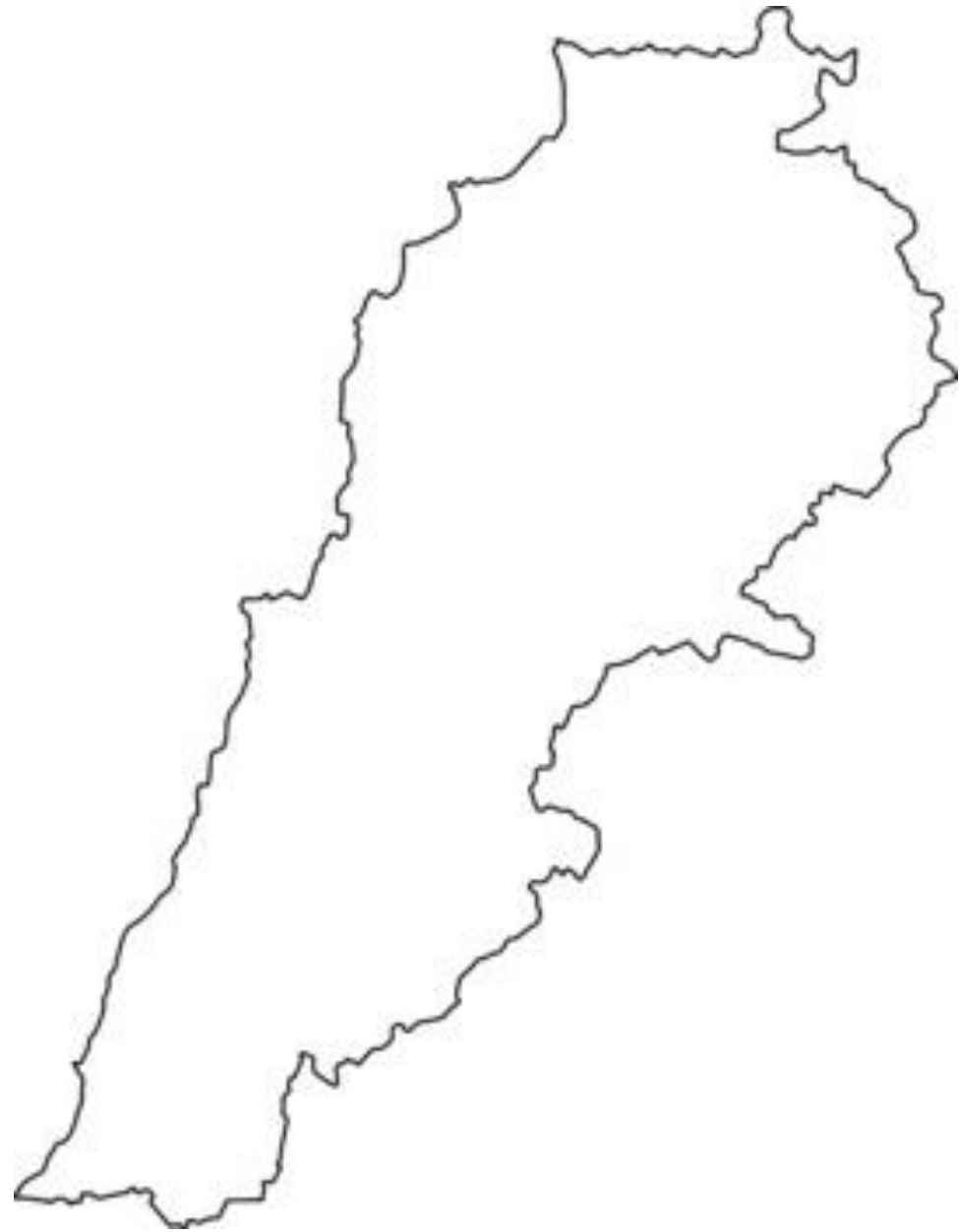
Ittihadiyoun

- Ittihadiyoun is a group of civil society opinion leaders who have joined forces and established an Association aiming at improving the well-being of the Lebanese citizen.
- Ittihadiyoun's mission is to propose and to work on implementing solutions to social, environmental, economic, financial, and other problems facing the Lebanese population.
- After thorough analysis, Ittihadiyoun concluded that all economic, financial and security troubles as well as all the challenges related to corruption and sectarianism are caused by an antiquated and ill-conceived centralized political system that has been generating crises and wars since the establishment of modern Lebanon.
- This is why Ittihadiyoun has adopted the ethno-geographic federal model as the most appropriate form of decentralized political system that would fit the social structure of a multi-cultural country such as Lebanon.
- Ittihadiyoun has finalized the blueprint of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Lebanon.



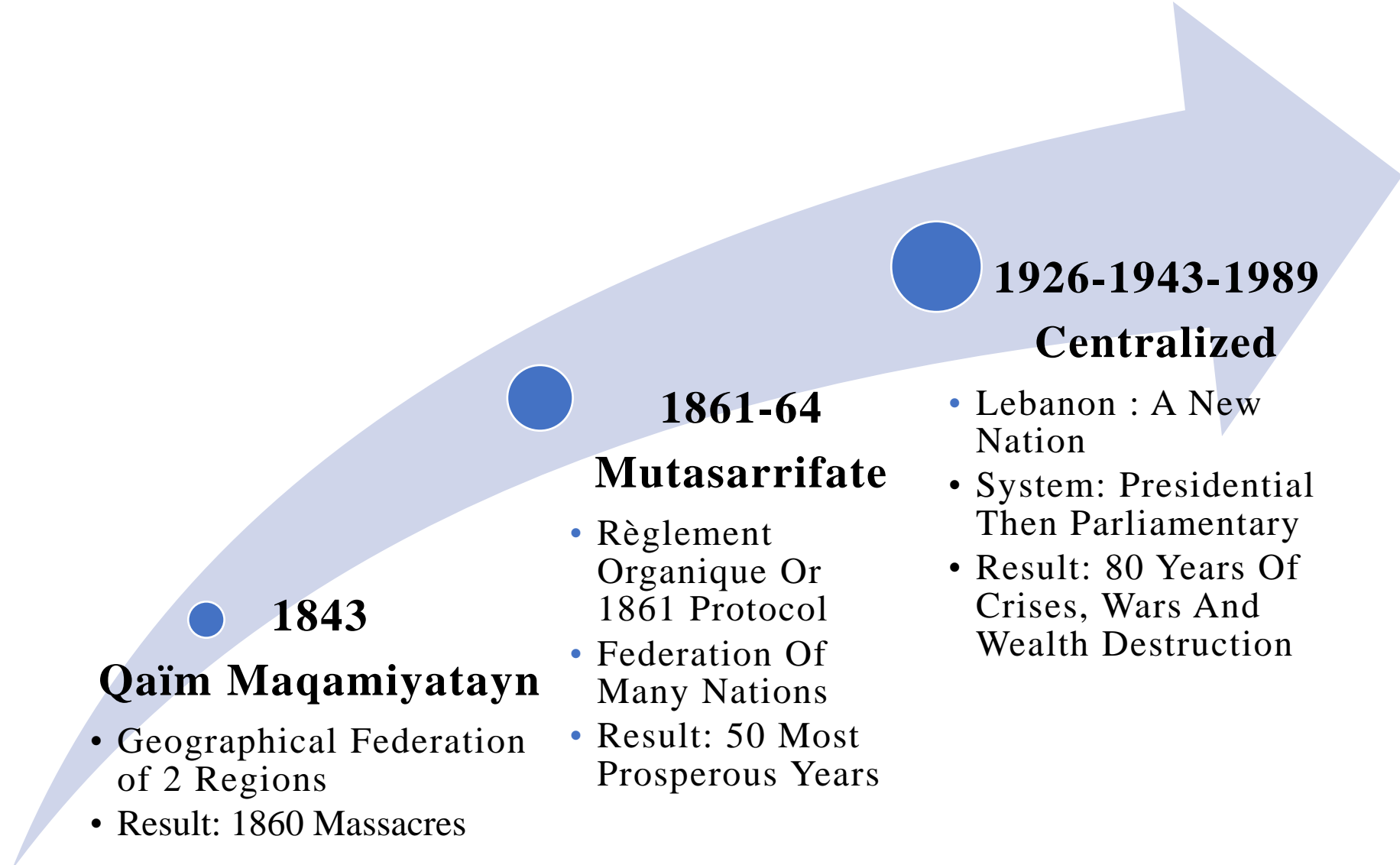
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Historical Snapshot





Constitution Historical Evolution





Relevant Events Timeline Snapshot

1926

Centralized Constitution

- Following the establishment of Greater Lebanon in **1920**, a Christian-dominated Presidential System was installed
- **1926** Muslim MPs reject a proposal submitted by Christian MPs to abolish political sectarianism
- **1937** disagreement over official “history book”: Phoenician vs Arab ancestry

1943 - Independence
1975 - Civil War

- Power Sharing agreement rebalanced powers between Christians and Muslims
- **1958** Eisenhower ordered 5,000 U.S. Marines to Lebanon to help end a short-lived civil war (>5,000 dead) between Christians and Muslims over Arabism / Nasserism
- **1969** Forced Cairo Accord that ceded Lebanese sovereignty in South Lebanon to the Palestinians
- **1971** PLO, ousted from Jordan, arrived in Lebanon; this led to **1973** clashes between the army and PLO then in **1975** to civil war

1989

Taëf Accord

- Confirmation of the 1926-1943 Centralized Constitution through a complex power sharing system among religious communities under Syrian control acting as mentor
- Taëf accord ended the civil war but failed to establish a suitable constitution
- Executive powers were taken away from the President and were allocated to the Government but in practice power tilted in favor of the Parliament

1990 - 2022

- Post withdrawal of Syrian troops in **2005**, the Centralized Constitution proves inapplicable & inappropriate
- **2008** Lebanon's feuding factions reached a breakthrough deal in Qatar, to end the country's 18-month political stalemate. The deal gave Hezbollah veto power over government decisions, allowing Shia community to assert their control over central government

French Mandate (1920-1943) Christian Influence (1943-1975) Sunni Influence (1990-2005) Shiite Influence (Since 2006)





The Structural Shift Over The Past Generations Imposes A Radical Review Of The Governing Rules For Lebanon

One Majority And Multiple Minorities

1920

- 56% Christians
- 20% Sunni
- 17% Shia
- 7% Druze

**Wrong
Constitution**

Centralized Constitution

- Dominated By The Christians With Reserved Positions To Other Religious Groups

Religious Minorities With No Majority

2022

- 31% Christians
- 31% Sunni
- 33% Shia (1% Alawite)
- 5% Druze

Right Way

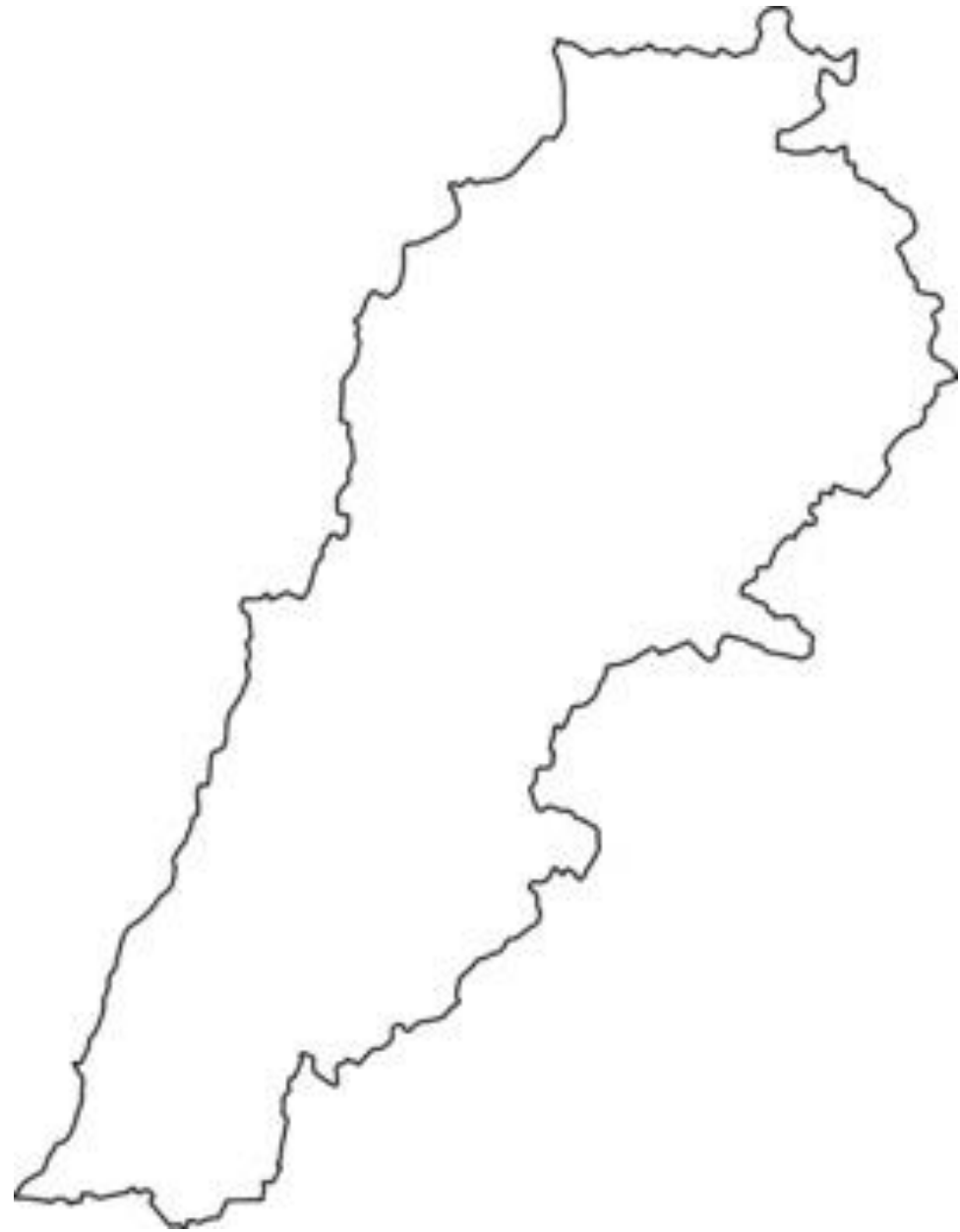
Decentralized Constitution

- Power To Be Shared And Decentralized In Order To Avoid Having One Minority Controlling Other Minorities



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Global Inspirations





Over 40% Of The World Population Live In 26 Federal Countries

Inception	Country	Area Km2	Population	Inception	Country	Area Km2	Population
1776	USA	9,147,590	336,089,170	1963	Malaysia	330,803	33,452,122
1824	Mexico	1,972,550	132,480,185	1963	Nigeria	923,768	219,543,907
1848	Switzerland	41,285	8,820,158	1970	Belgium	30,528	11,721,785
1853	Argentina	2,780,400	46,279,482	1971	United Arab Emirates	83,600	10,203,370
1863	Venezuela	916,445	28,226,073	1975	Comoros	1,861	918,140
1867	Canada	9,984,670	38,607,737	1979	Micronesia	2,700	563,108
1889	Brazil	8,515,767	216,519,418	1983	St Kitts & Nevis	261	54,184
1901	Australia	7,617,930	26,050,600	1991	Russia	17,098,246	146,098,365
1920	Austria	83,8718	9,140,924	1995	Bosnia-Herzegovina	51,209	3,227,461
1949	Germany	357,022	84,485,837	1995	Ethiopia	1,104,300	122,434,619
1950	India	3,287,263	1,415,570,238	2005	Iraq	438,317	42,587,741
1956	Pakistan	881,913	232,142,037	2008	Nepal	147,181	30,511,214
1956	Sudan	1,886,068	46,535,088	2012	Somalia	637,657	17,054,300





Federalism: Various Declinations

Geographic Federalism

- The Delimitations Of Geographic Borders Determine The Particularities Of A Region Or A Canton
- USA / Australia / Brazil

Multi-Cultural Or Ethno-Geographic Or Geo-Cultural Federalism

- Delimitation Of Geographic Areas Is Based On The Cultural Background Of The Various Populations
- Switzerland / Belgium

Federalism By Aggregation

- Independent States/Regions Coming Together To Form A Bigger Unit
- Ex: USA, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, UAE..

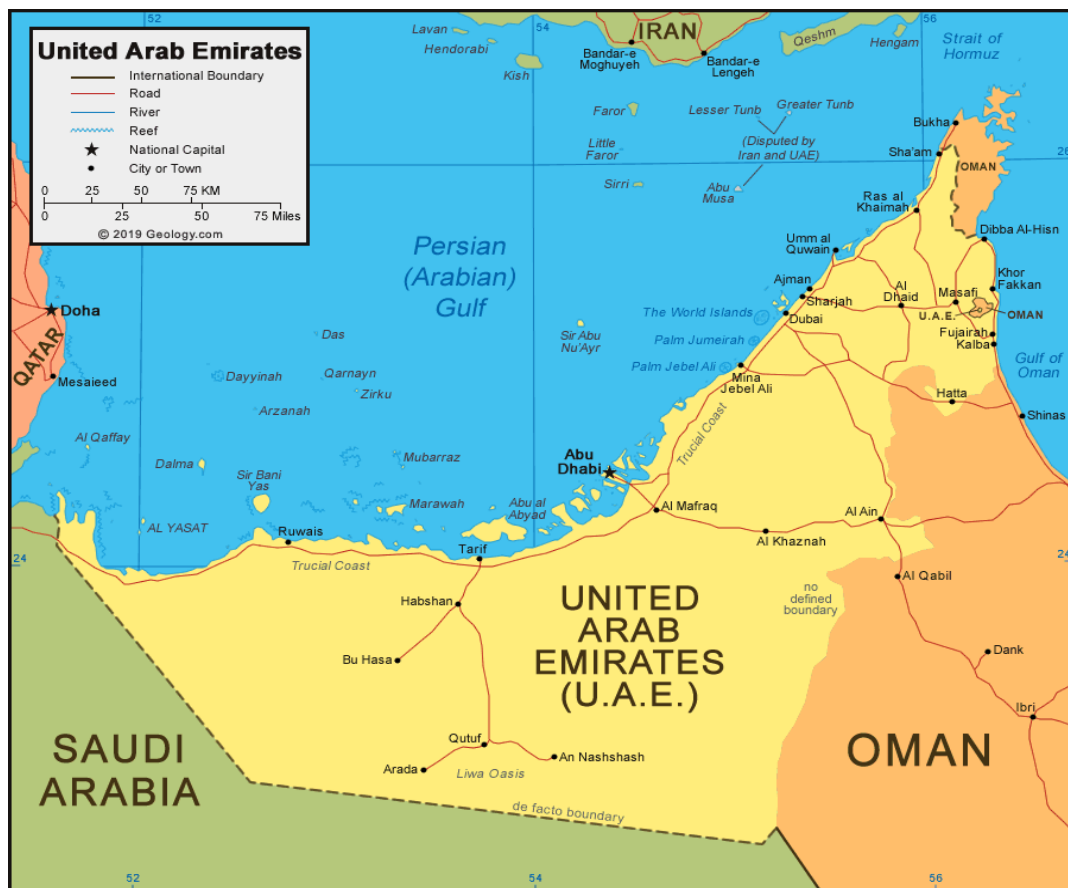
Federalism By Disaggregation

- Transformation Of A Unitary Centralized State Into A Federation
- India, Belgium, Iraq.. Spain..





The UAE Case

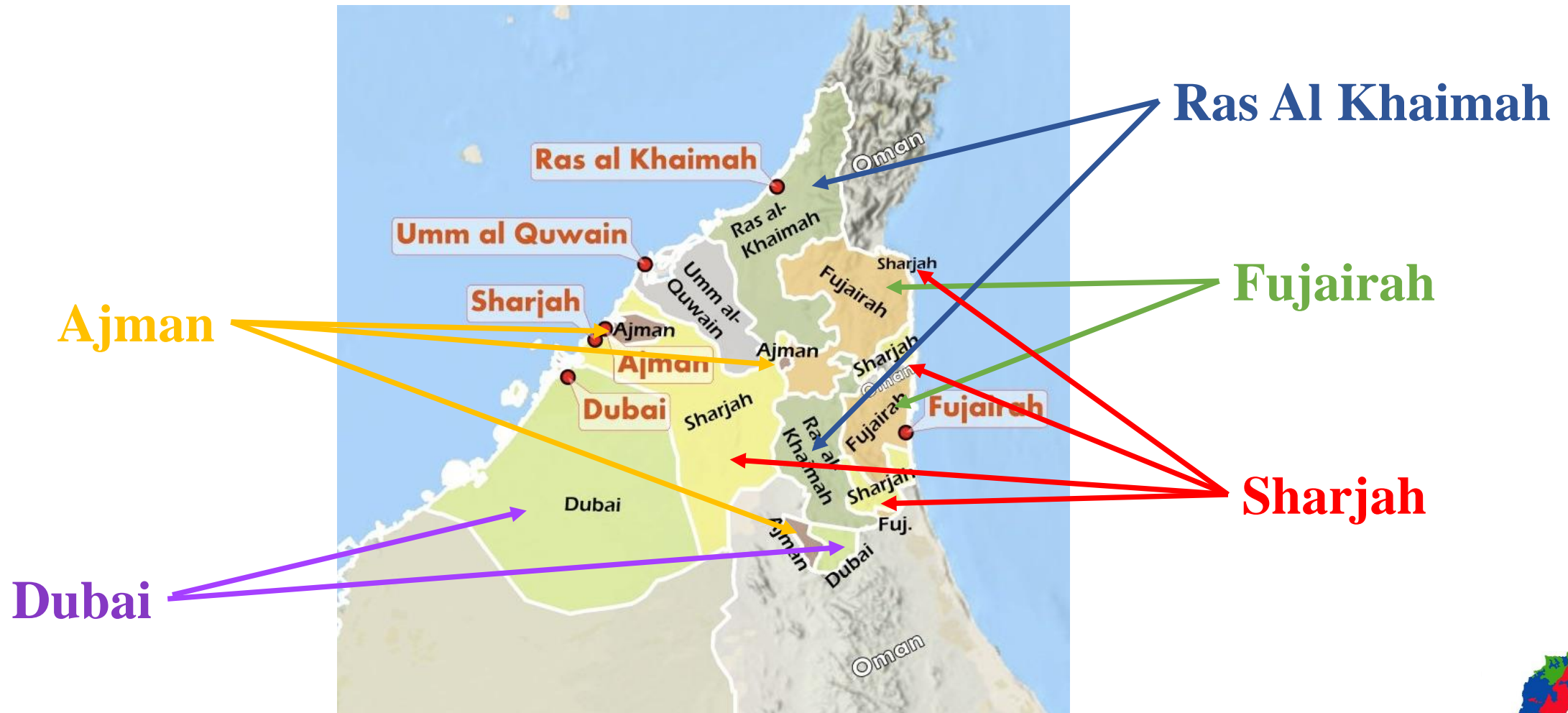


Emirate	Population	Area (km2)	GDP \$Billion
Abu Dhabi	2,784,490	67,340	225
Ajman	504,846	259	5
Dubai	4,177,059	3,885	105
Fujairah	152,000	1,165	3
Ras Al Khaimah	416,600	1,684	40
Sharjah	2,374,132	2,590	35
Umm Al Quwain	72,000	777	2
UAE	10,481,127	77,700	415



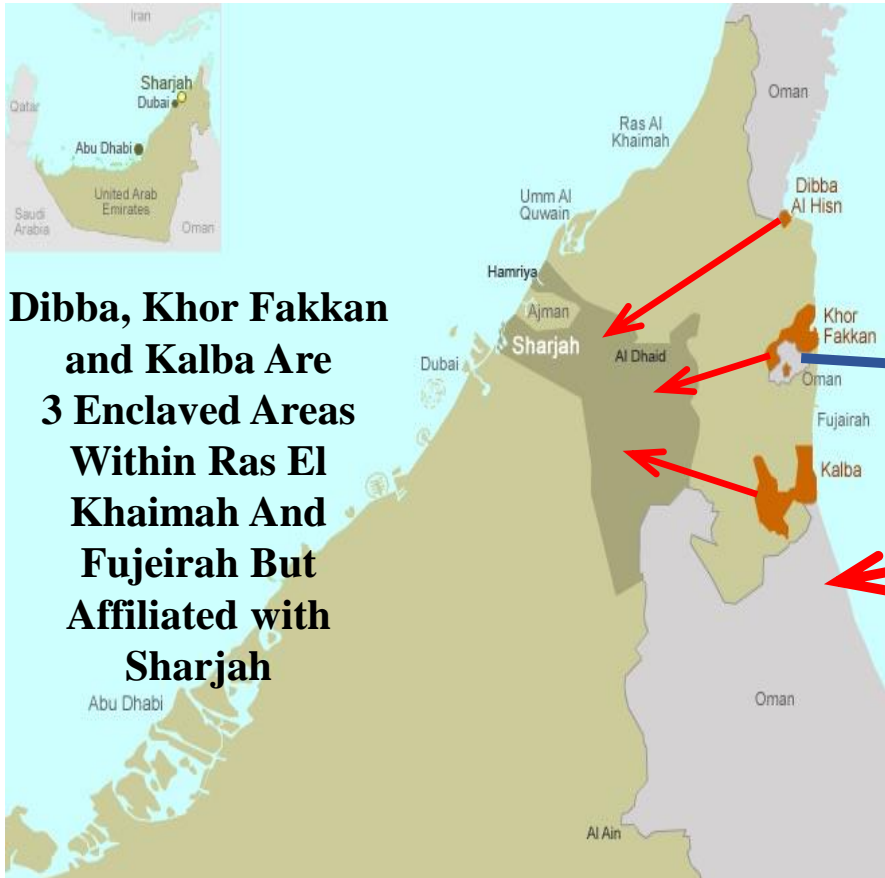


Prosperous UAE: Patchwork Of Enclaved Areas



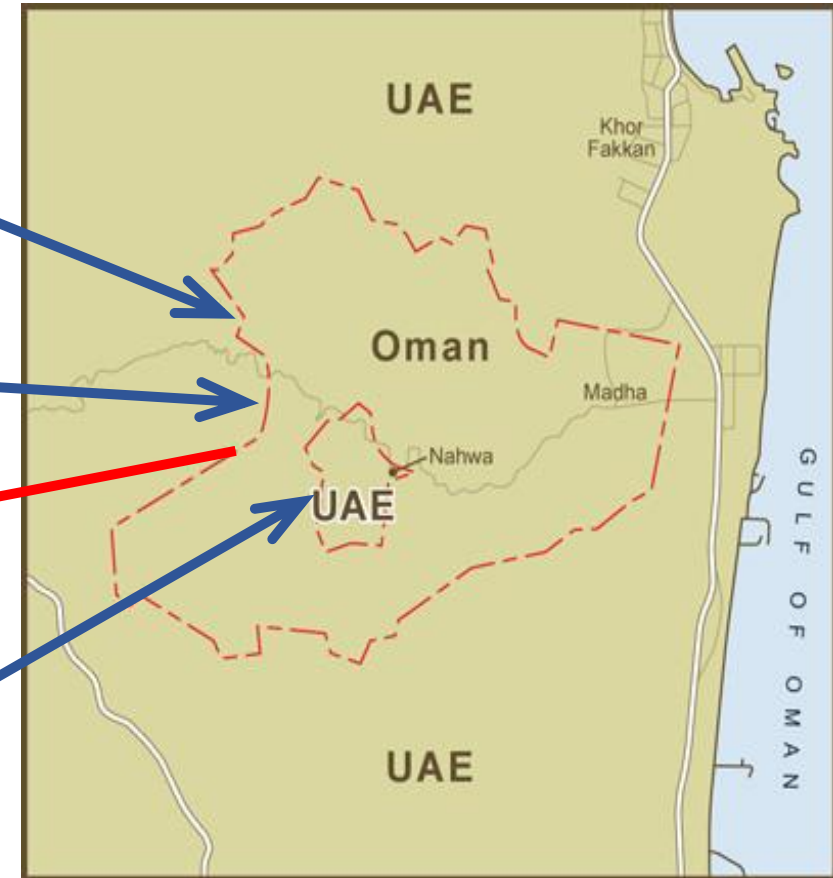


UAE & Oman: Peaceful Enclaved Areas



Madha is an Exclave Affiliated With Oman But Enclaved By UAE

Nahwa is Affiliated With Sharjah But Located Inside The Omani Enclave of Madha





The Swiss Case

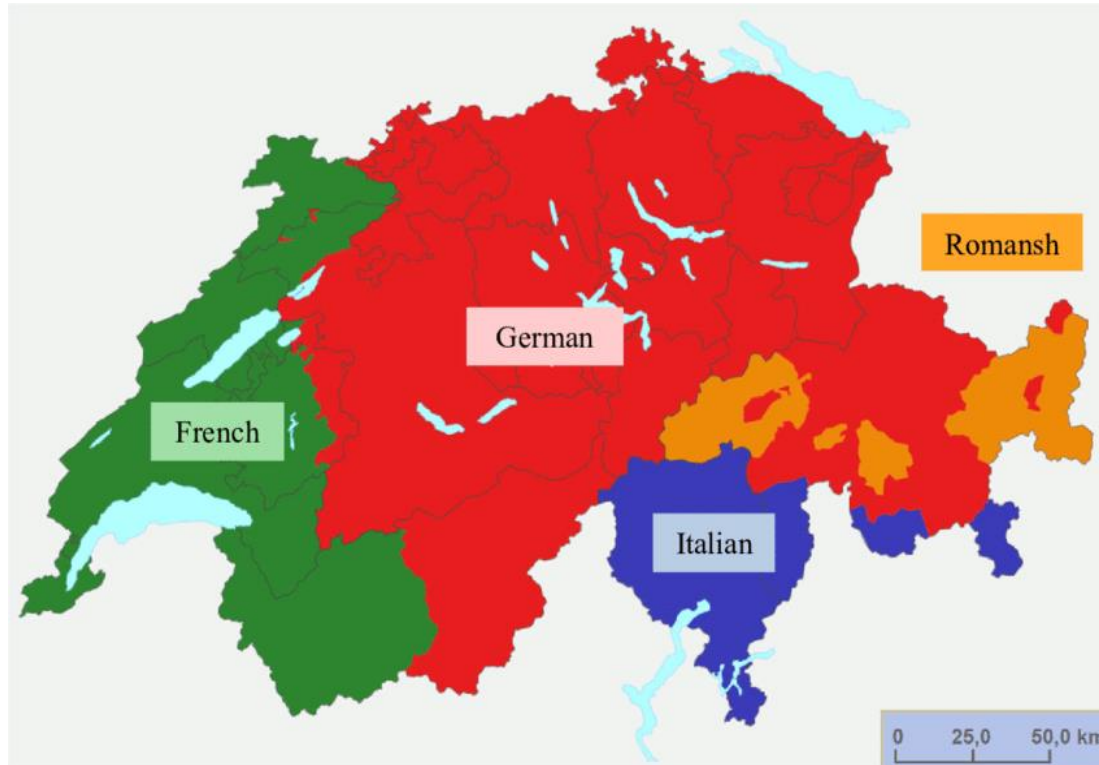


- **Population:**
8.7m Including (2.4m Foreigners)
- **Four Ethnic Affiliations:**
German, French, Italian, Romansh
- **Four Official Languages**
- **Two Major Religious Groups:**
Catholic and Protestant
- **26 Cantons:**
Largest in Population: 1.5m
Smallest in Population: 16,000



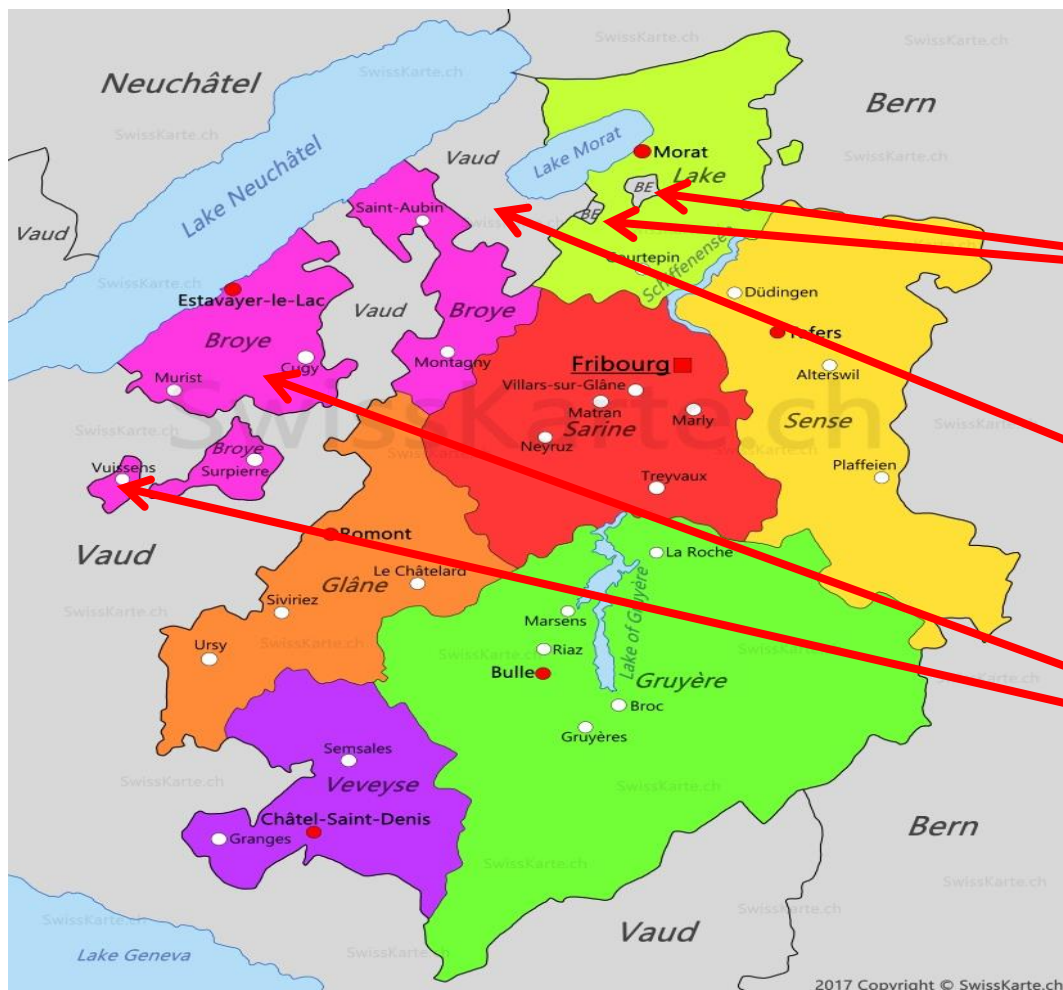


Swiss Cantons Were Established Based On Ethnic / Religious Background





Vaud-Fribourg-Bern Enclaved Zones



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Mount-Lebanon Mutasarrifate 1861-1914

Enclaved Areas

**Beirut And
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Were
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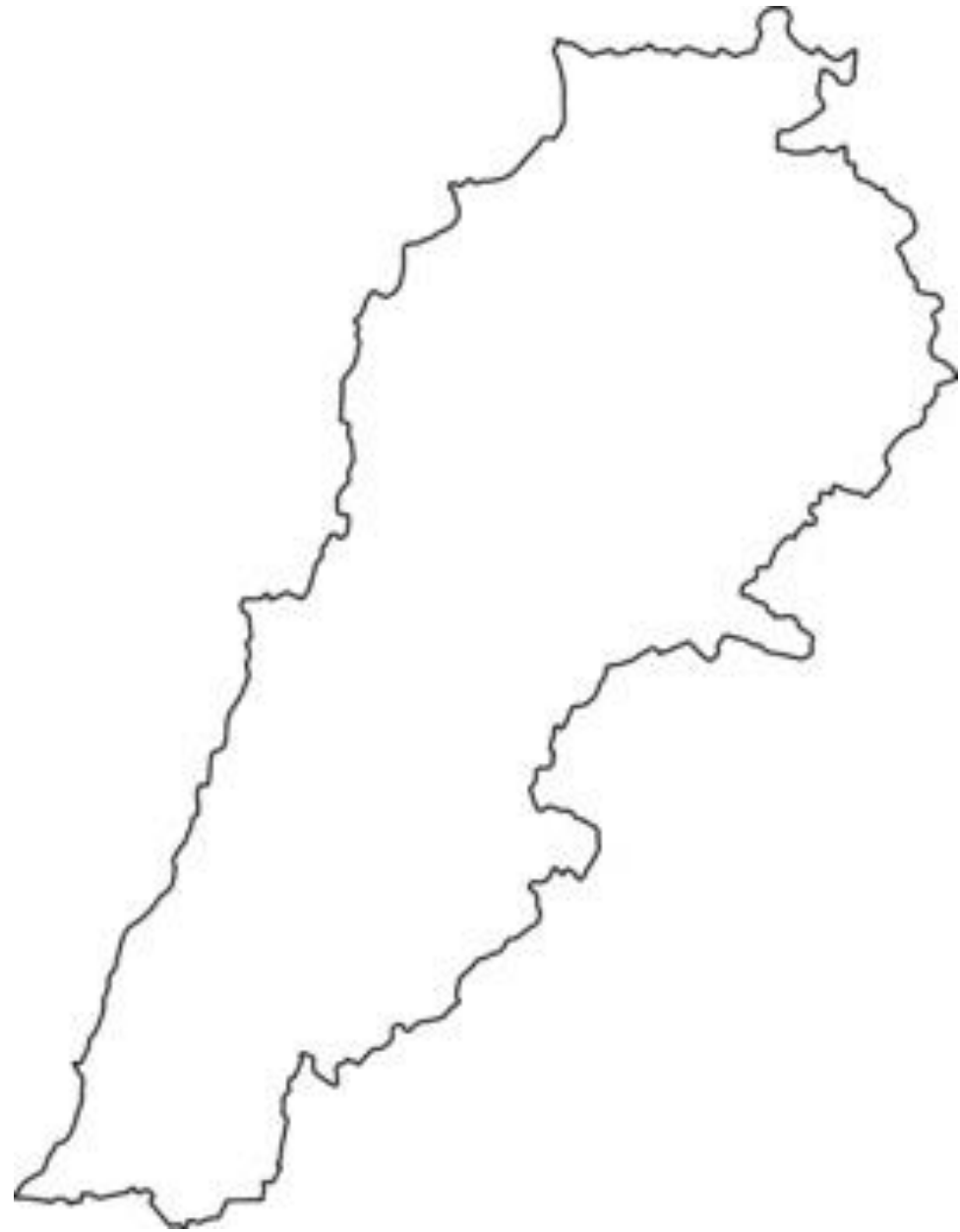


**Hermel
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Constructing Federal Lebanon

Proposal For Lebanon





Guiding Principles

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- **Safeguard Cultural Diversity**
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The Official Lebanon

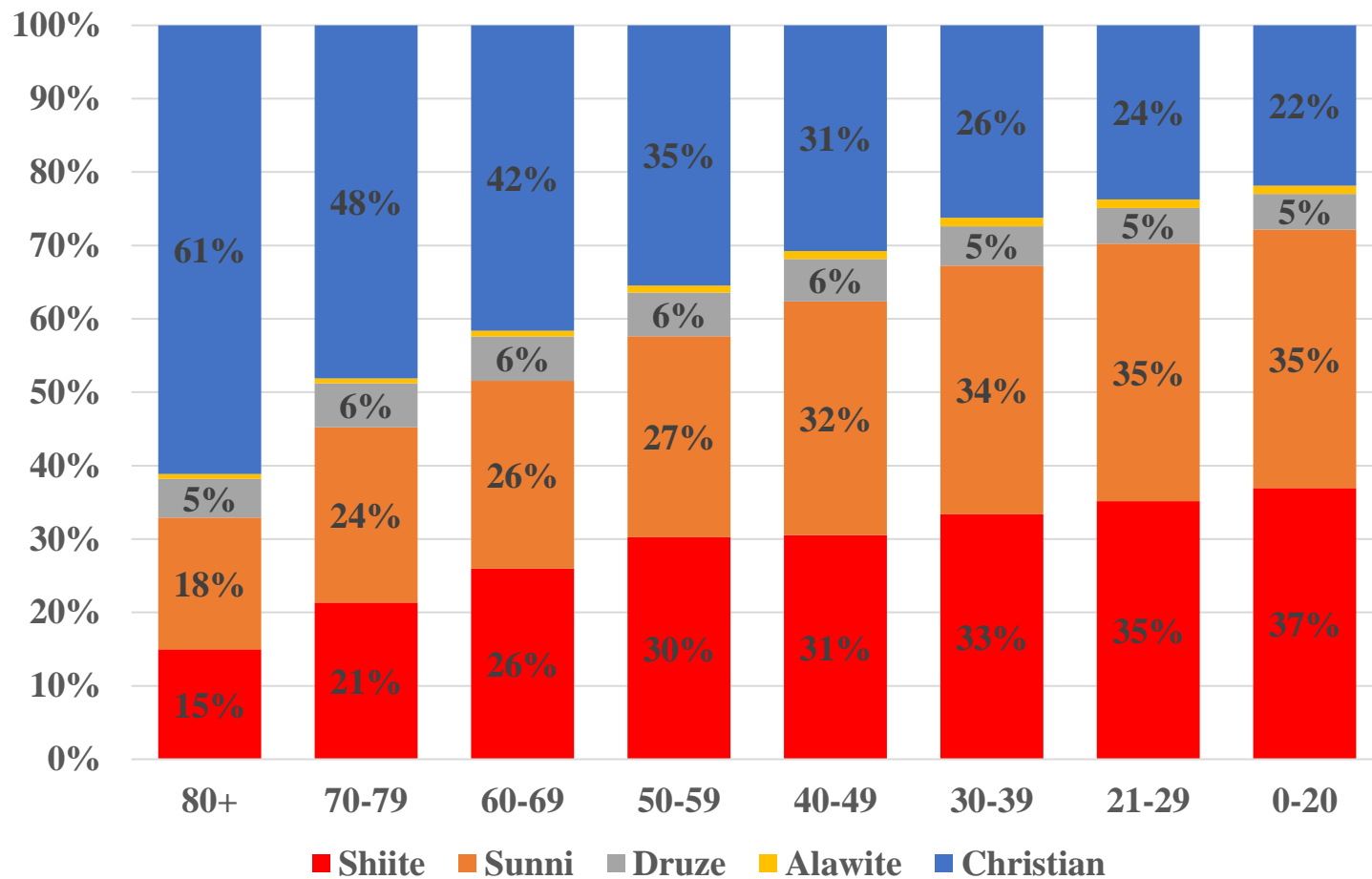
- 10,452 km²
- 8 Governorates (Mouhafazat)
- 25 Districts (Qada'a)
- 1302 Villages; 1060 Municipalities
- 4 Major Religious Groups (Sunni, Shiite, Druze, Christian) Broken Down Into 18 Communities
- Population: 5.7m (~3.8m Resident)
- Refugees: 2m Syrian & 300k Palestinian
- GDP: \$20B (\$55B in 2018)





The Factual Lebanon

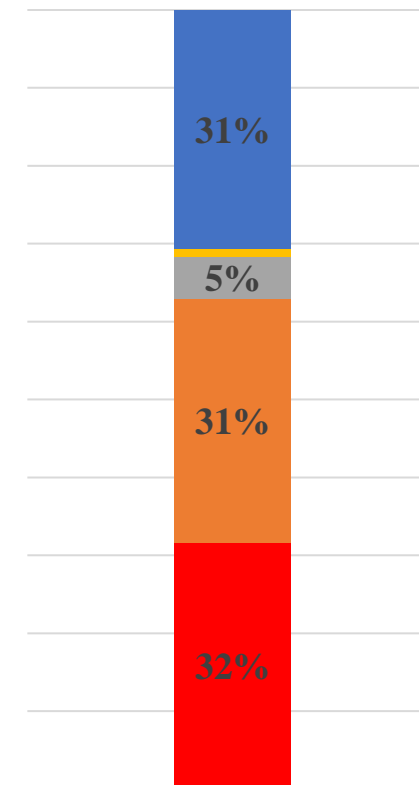
Population Age Bracket Breakdown



**Lebanon is a
Multi-
Cultural
Society.**

**The Diversity
of its
Religious
Structure
Imposes a
Decentralized
Constitution.**

Total Population



Source: Information International





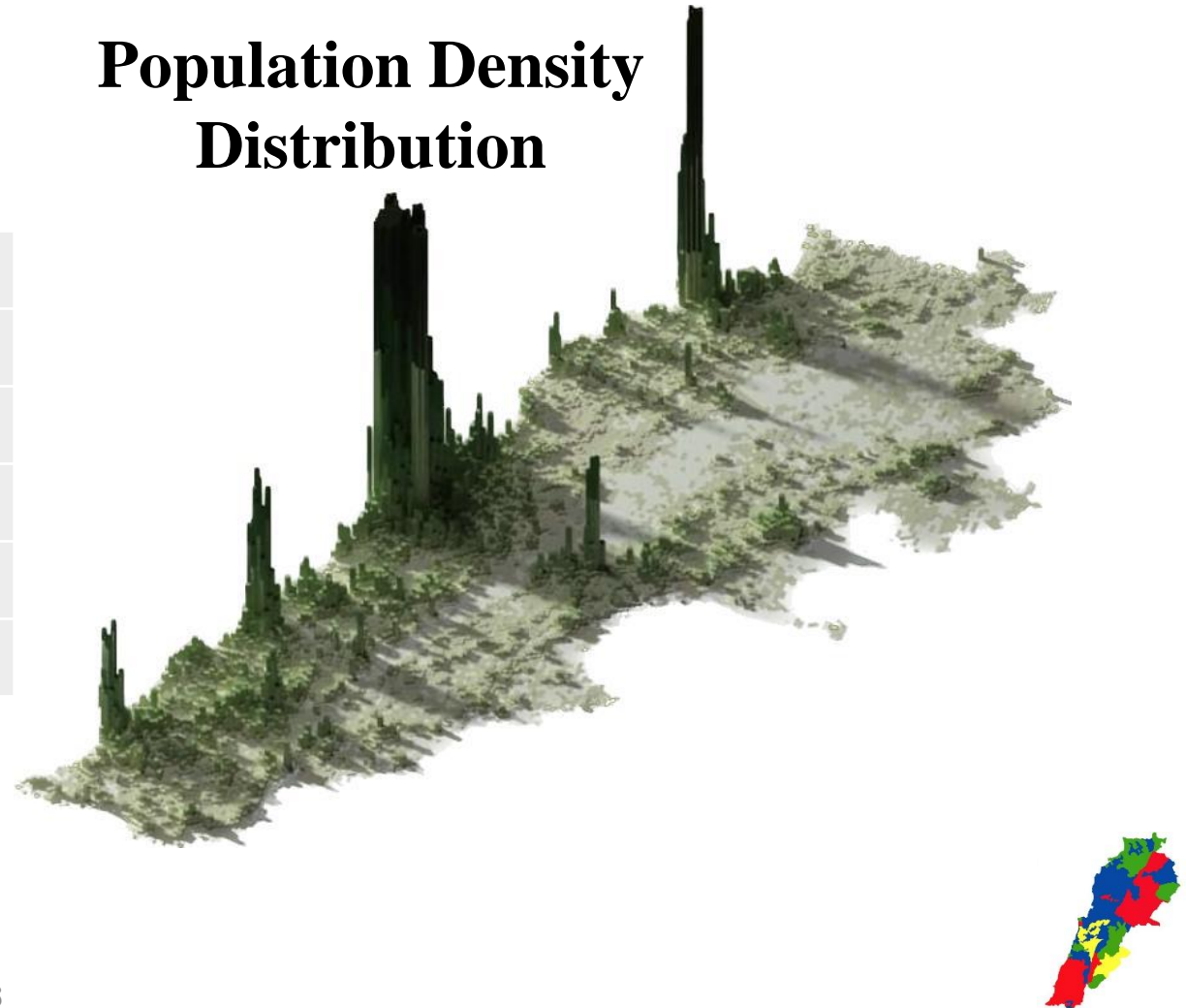
Breakdown Analysis

Distribution of the 1302 Towns with Dominant Majorities

	#	%	Area km2	%
Christian	647	50%	3,543	34%
Shia	277	21%	3,136	30%
Sunni	201	15%	2,048	20%
Druze	92	7%	774	7%
No Majority	85	7%	951	9%

The Allocated Areas Are Estimated By Ittihadiyoun

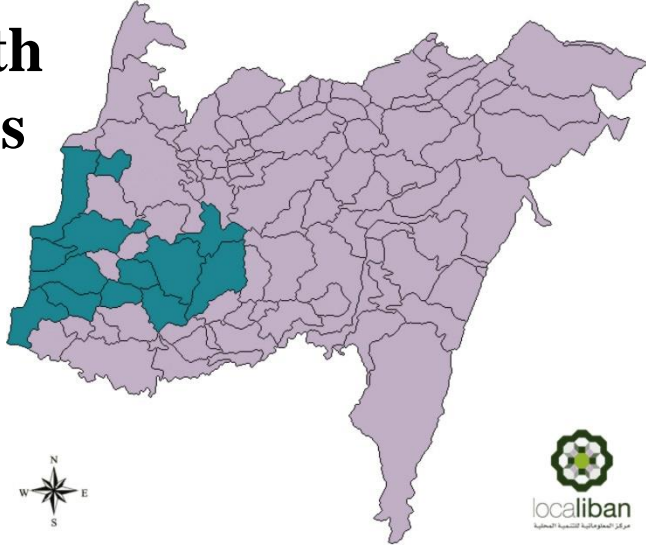
Population Density Distribution



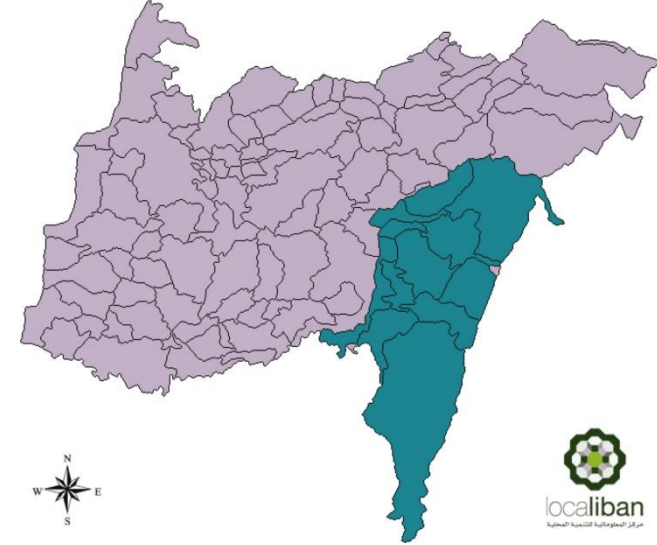


4 Federations of Chouf Municipalities

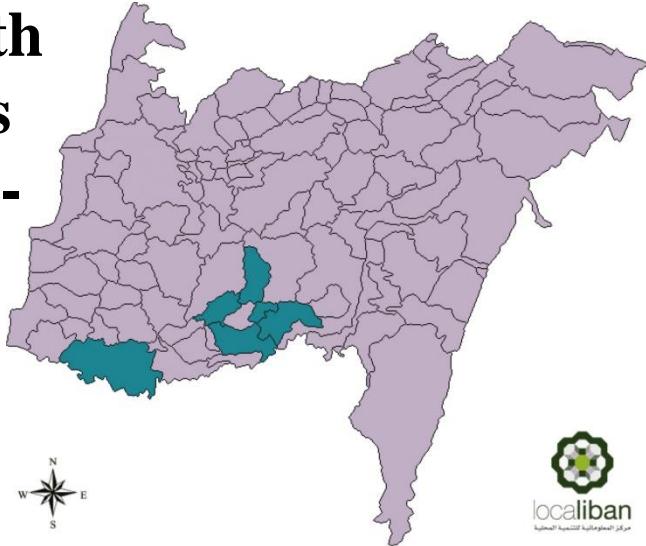
Iqlim North
17 Villages
Sunni



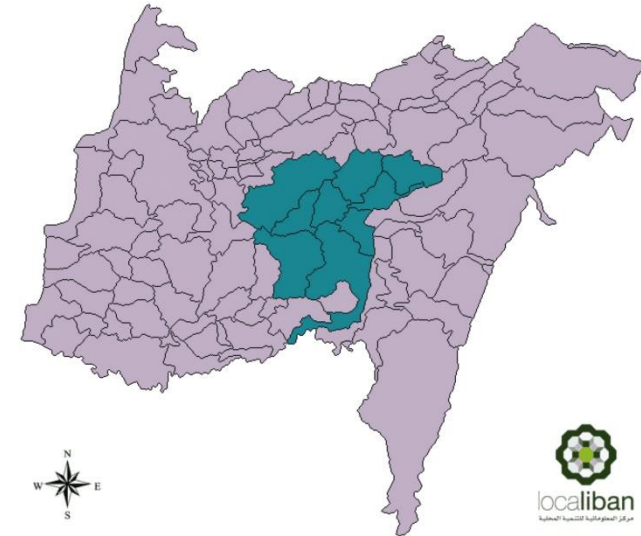
Haut Chouf
12 Villages
Druze



Iqlim South
6 Villages
Christian-Sunni

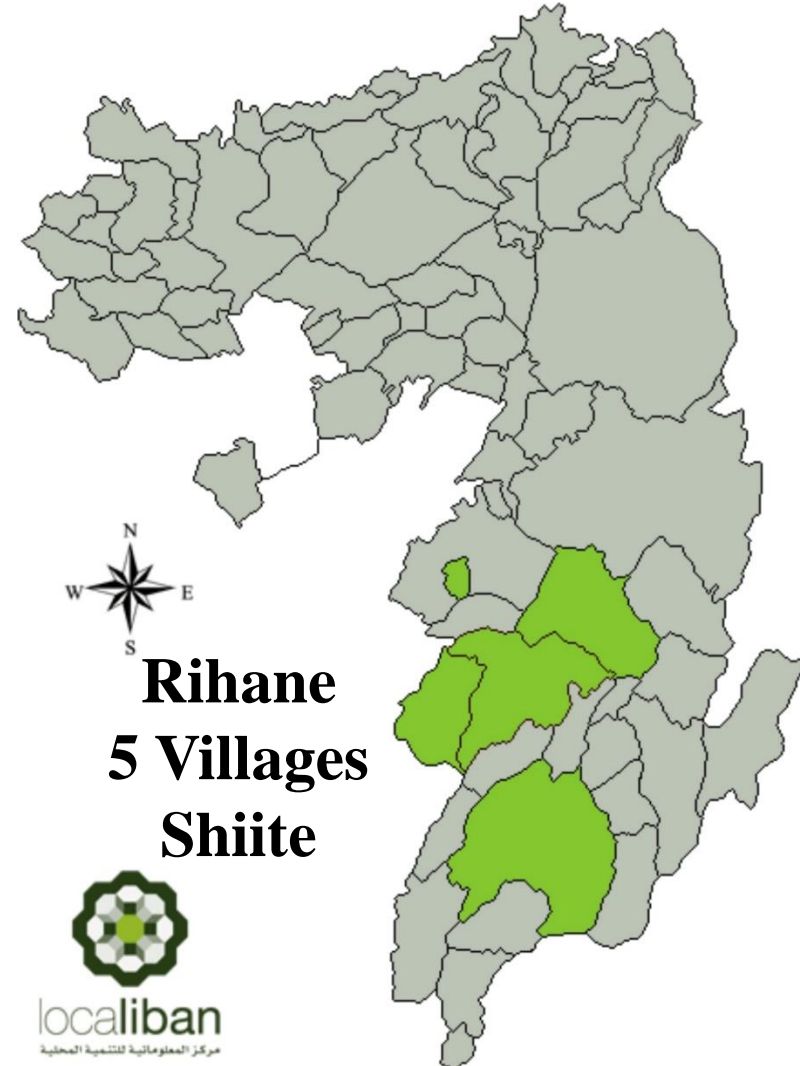
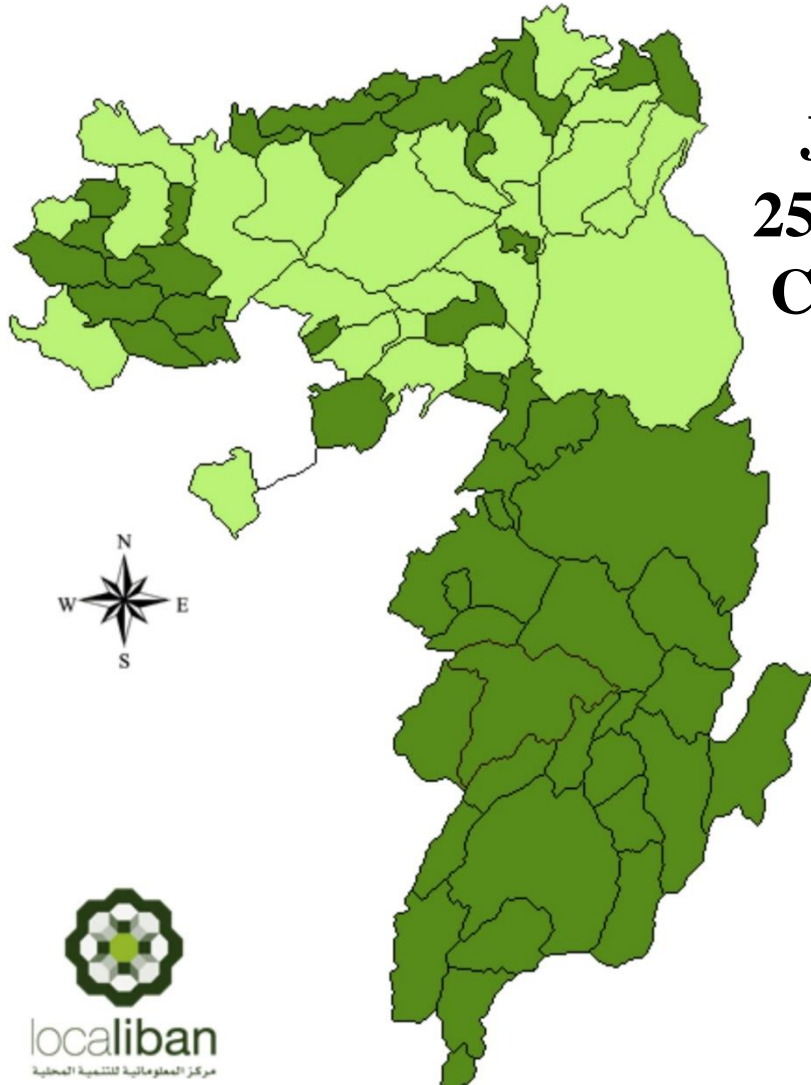


Souaijani
9 Villages
Druze





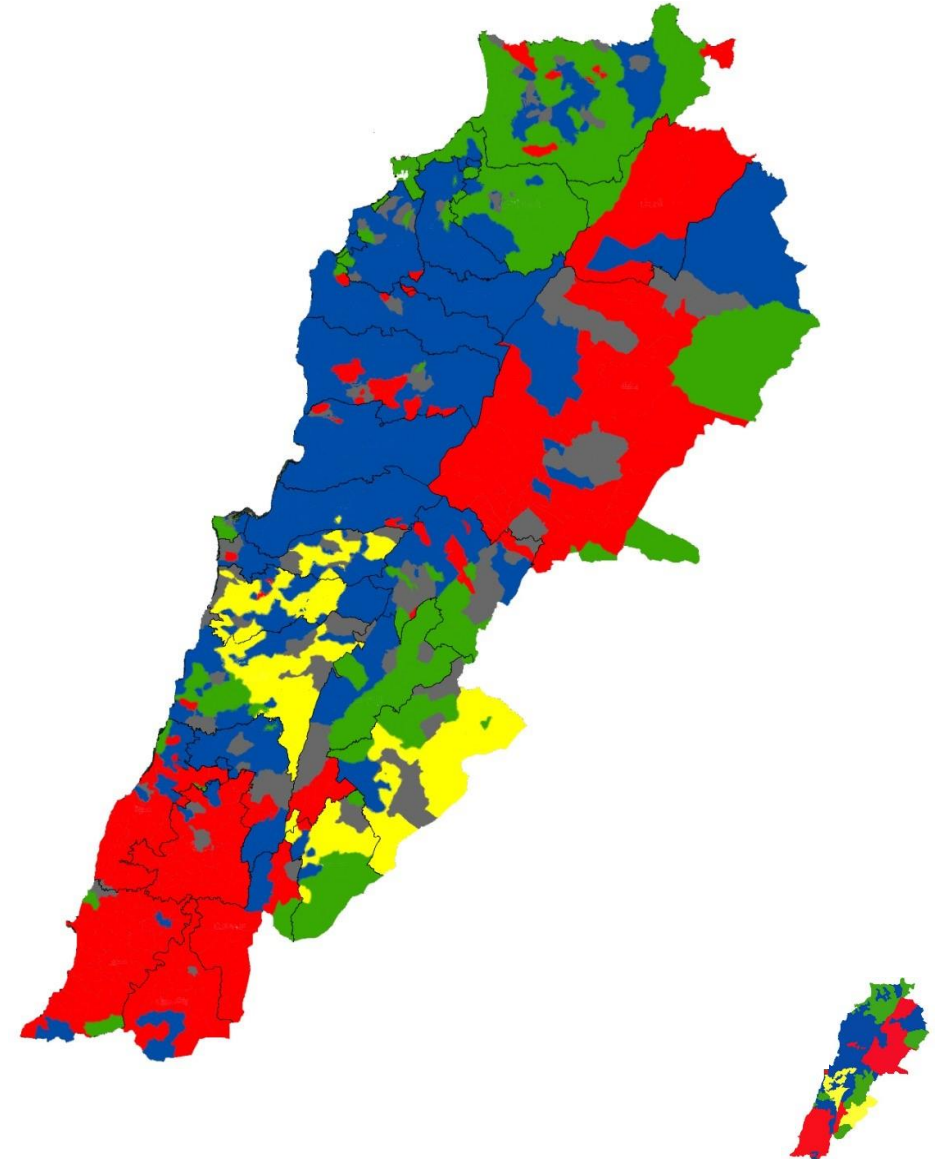
2 Federations of Jezzine Municipalities





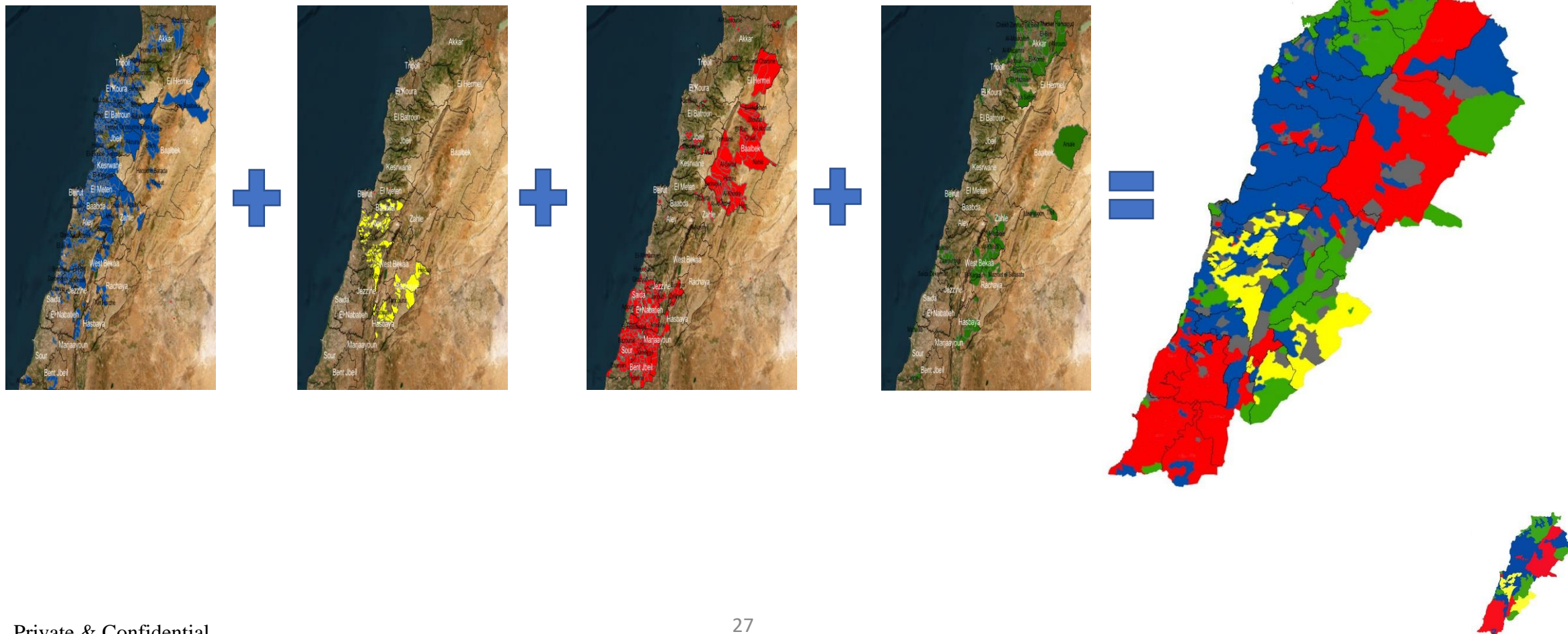
Foundational Pillars

- Lebanon Is The Aggregation Of Four Diverse “National Narratives” (“*Romans Nationaux*”), Originating From Four Major Distinct “Cultural Groups”.
- Each Group Has Contributed Its Own History, References, Habits, Culture, And Religious Beliefs To Develop The Wealth Of The Lebanese Identity.
- The Four Groups Are The Sunni, Shia, Druze, And Christians Who Have Been Living Side-by-side On The Land That Is The Republic Of Lebanon.
- Each Group Will Be Affiliated With A Province Based On Its National Narrative.





The Aggregation Of Four National Narratives To Build One Country





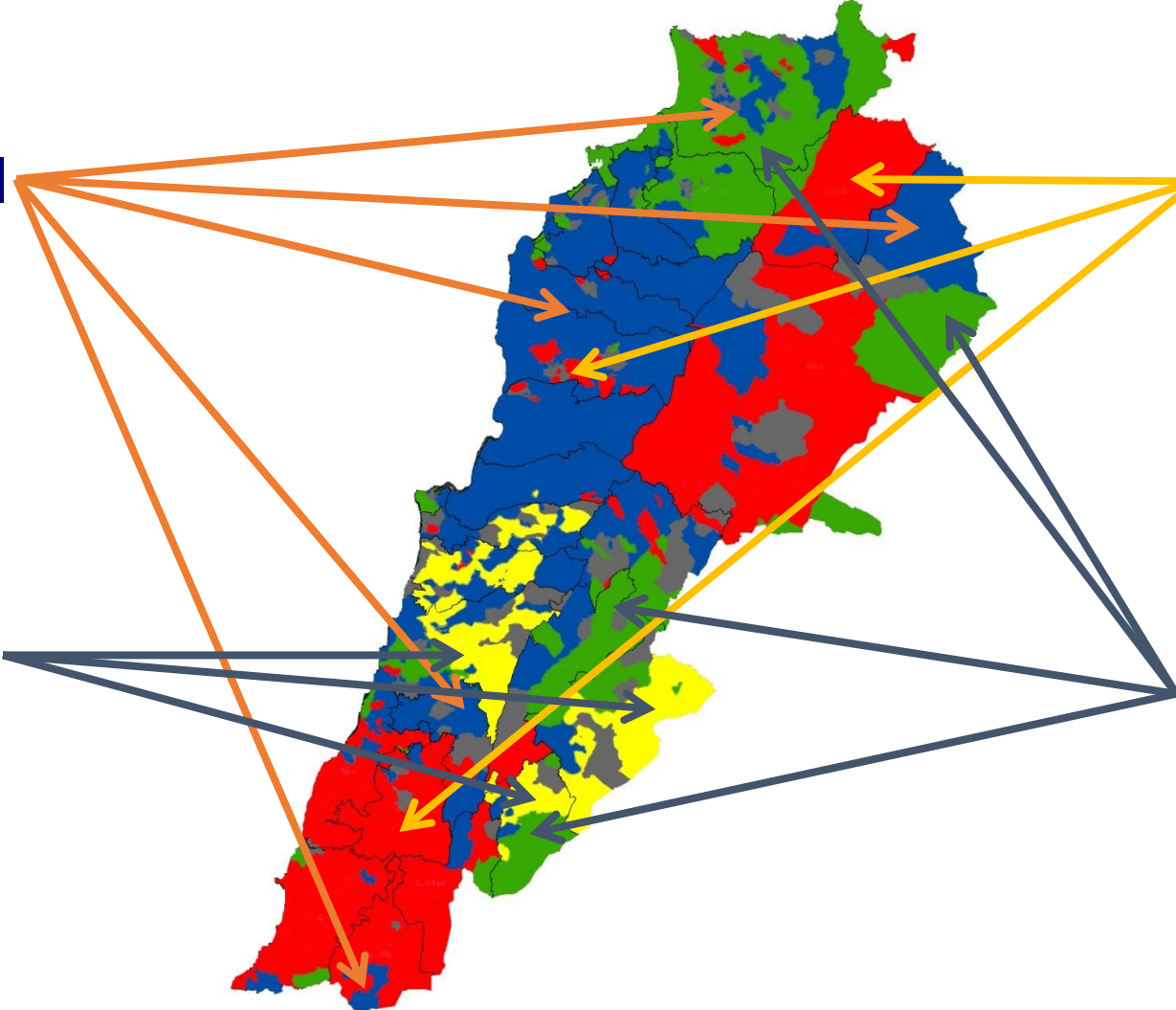
Municipalities Belonging To The Same Group Will Be Affiliated With The Same Province

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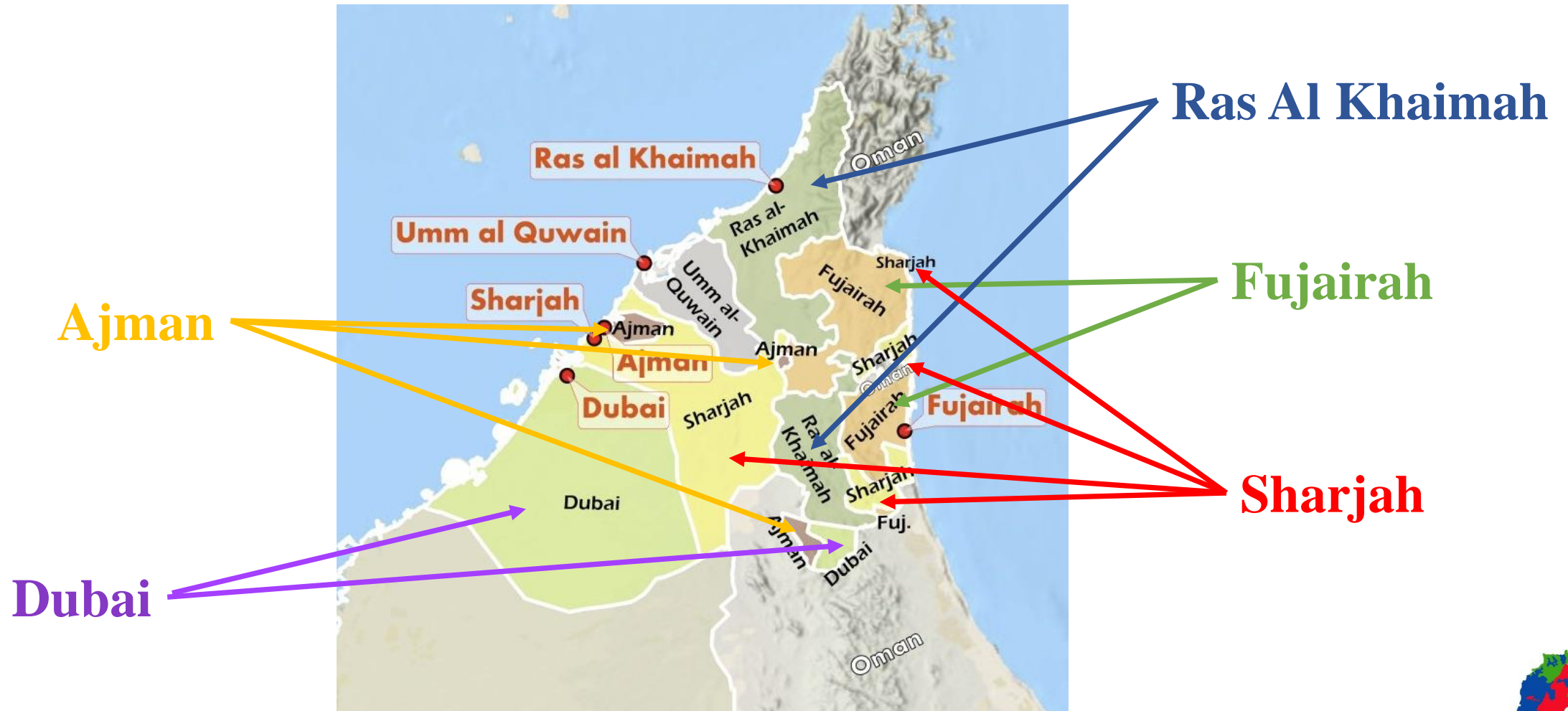
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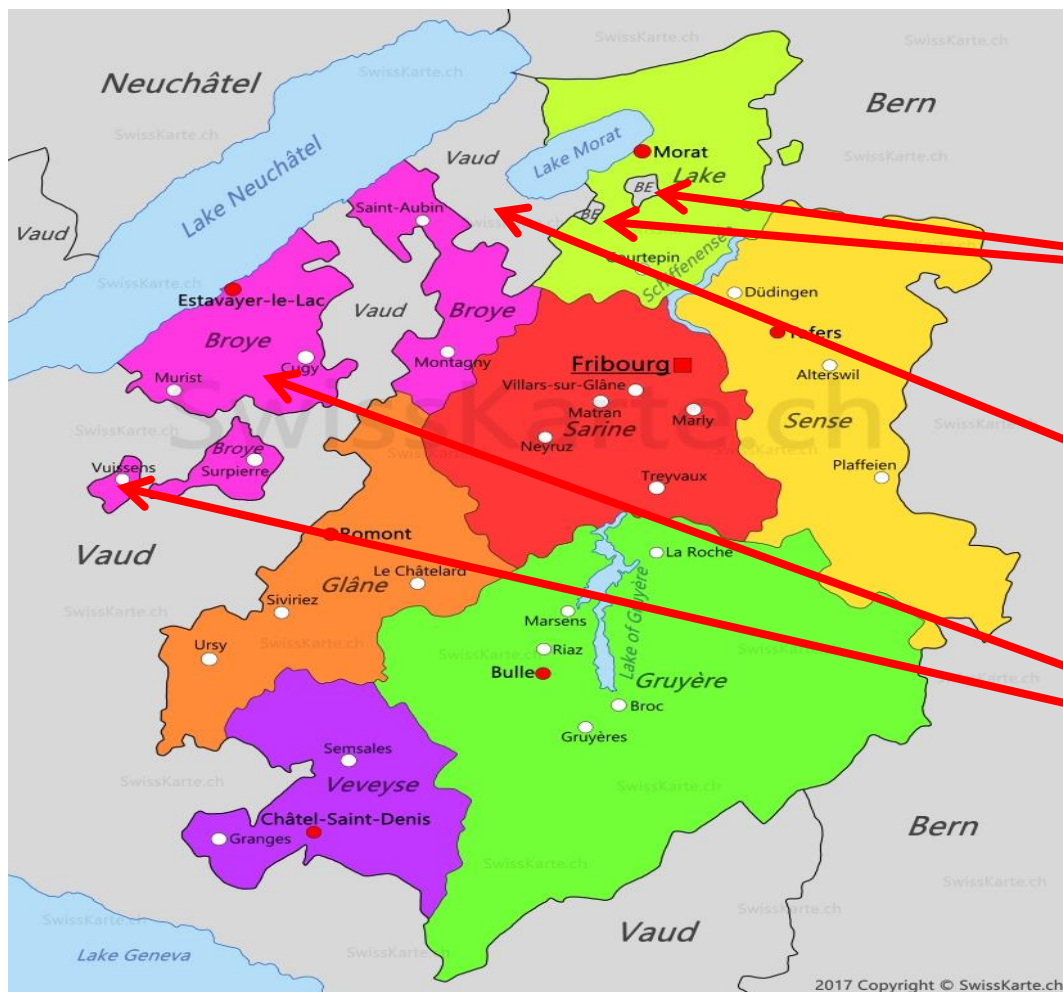


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Geo-Cultural Federalism

Objectives

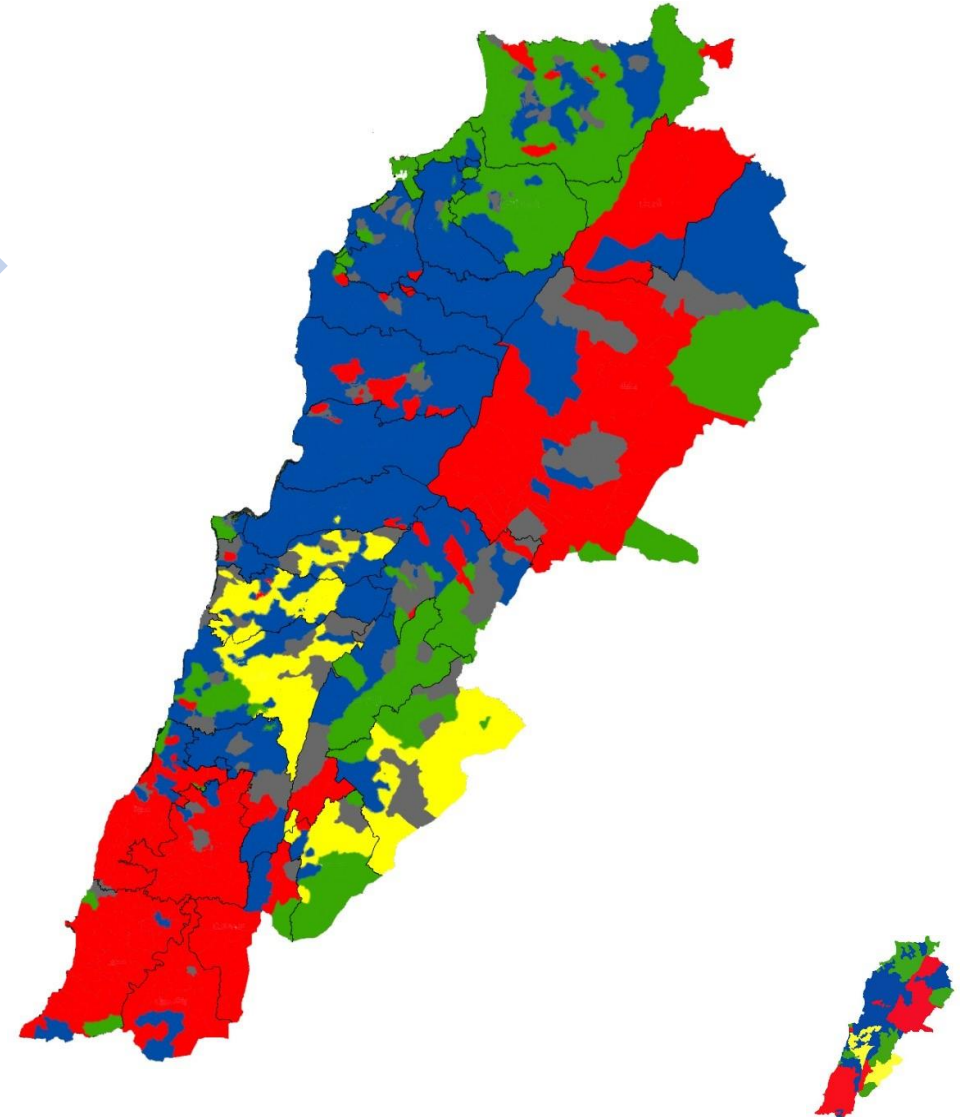
Preserve **This Colorful Mosaic**

Protect The Unity of Lebanon

Safeguard Cultural Diversity

Eradicate Religious Tensions

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Constructing Federal Lebanon

One Federal State Covering 10,452 Km²

Four Provinces Or Regions Composed By The Aggregation Of Municipalities Affiliated To Each Province: Jabal El-Arz; Jabal Amel; Jabal El-Chouf; El-Sahel

1302 Villages

A Village Is Allocated To A Specific Canton When Over 67% Of Its Residents Belong To A Specific Cultural Affiliation

Beirut

- Beirut Within The BCD Boundaries Is The Capital City Of The Federal Republic Of Lebanon
- The 12 Neighborhoods Of Beirut Are Affiliated With The Various Provinces



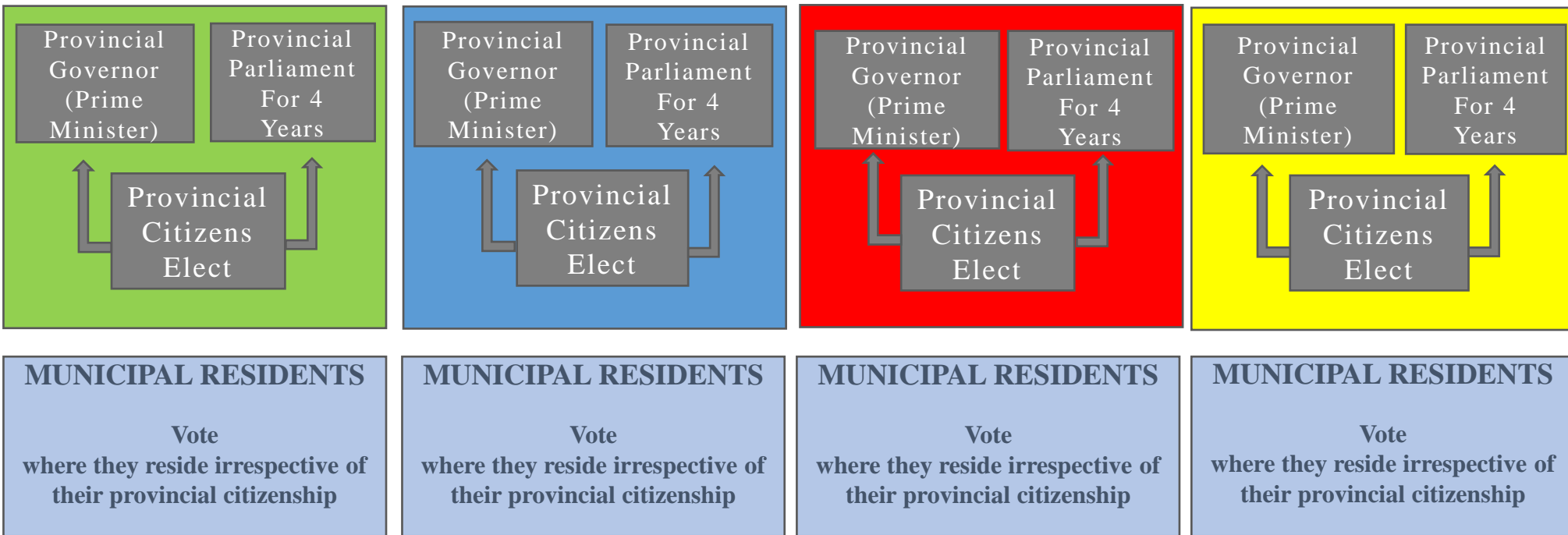


Bottom-Up Power Sharing

President Of The Federation (Yearly Rotation)
Federal Government Composed Of Four Provincial Prime Ministers

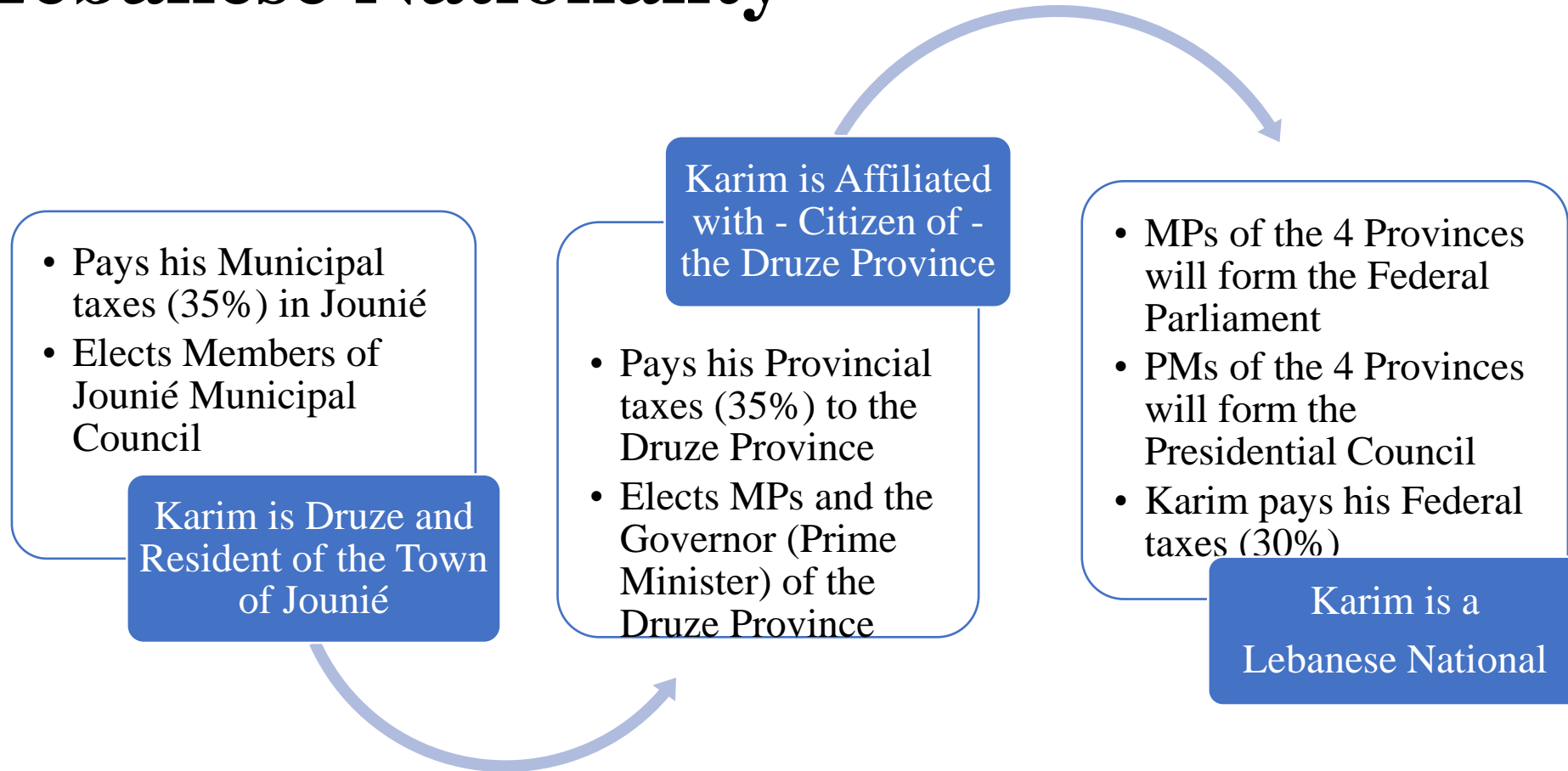
DECISIONS TAKEN BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

President Of Federal Parliament (Yearly Rotation)
Federal Parliament Composed Of MPs Of All Four Provincial Parliaments





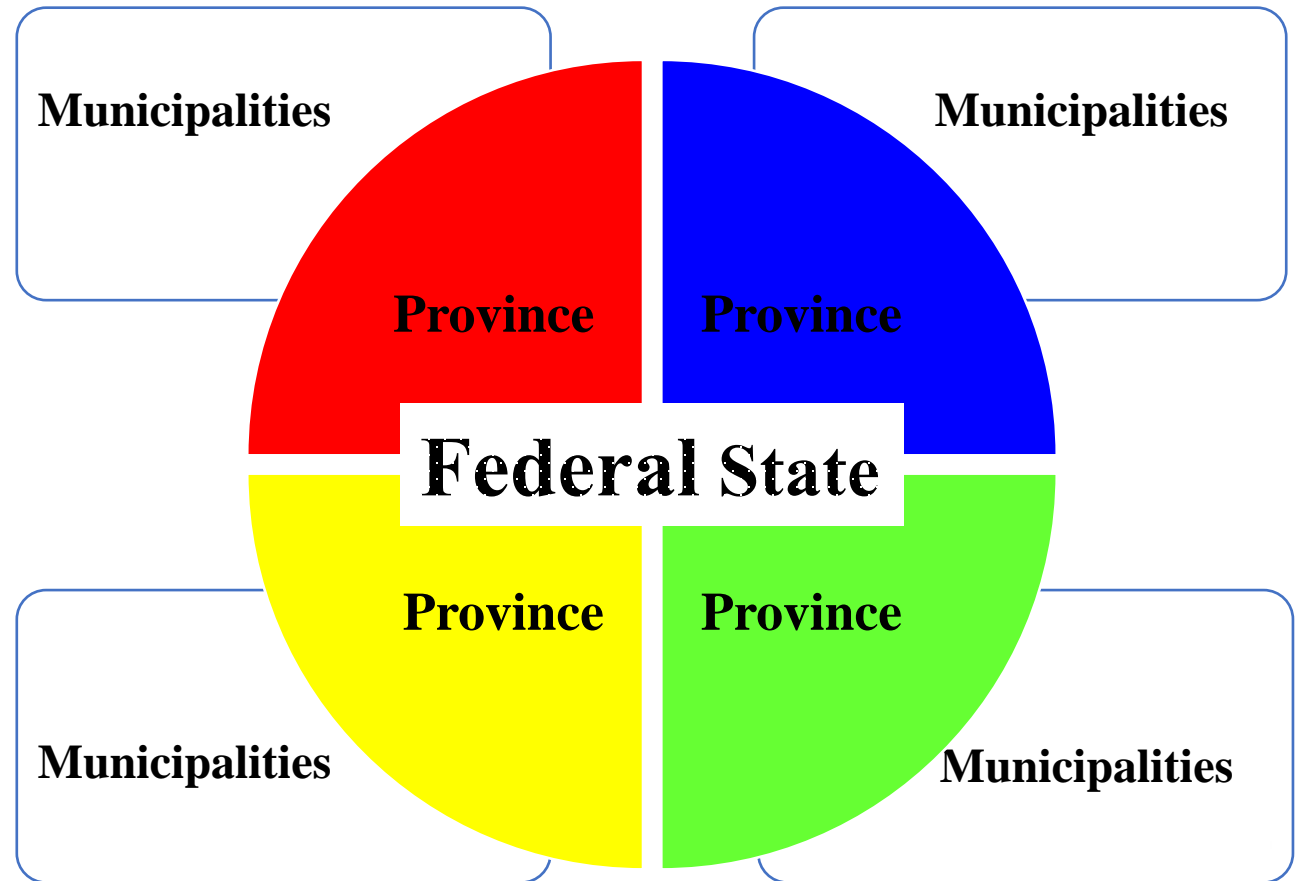
Municipal Residency.. Provincial Citizenship.. Lebanese Nationality





Major Responsibilities Of The Federal Government

- Foreign And Military Affairs
- Monetary Policy
- Passports & Immigration
- Customs, Border Protection
- Cross Cantonal Air And Railway Transport
- National Postal & Telecommunications
- International Terrorism

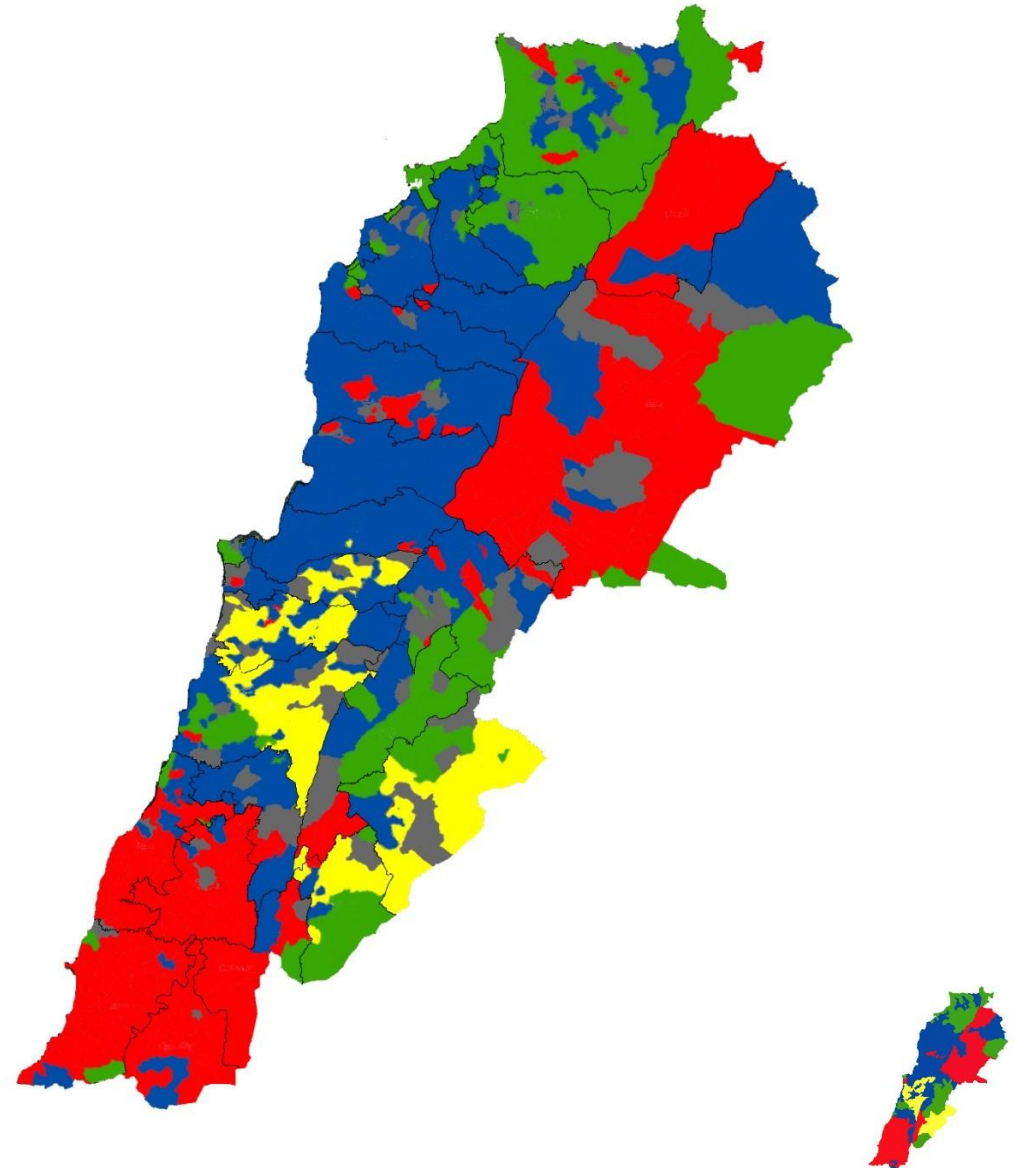




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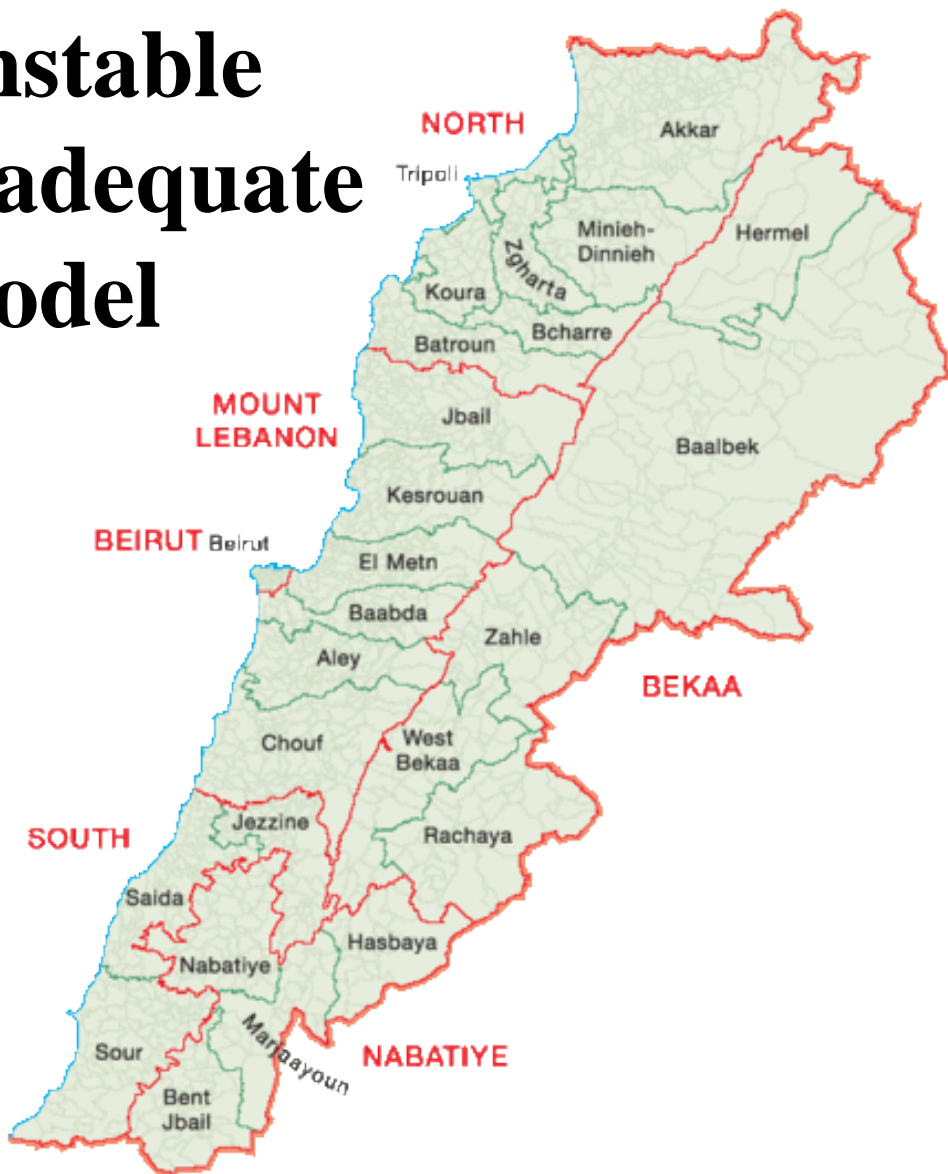
Guiding Principles

- **Four Organic Identities & One Contractual Identity**
- **Cuius Regio Eius Religio:** The Religion Of The Ruler And The Religion Of Those Ruled Are The Same
- **Subsidiarity:** Social, Economic And Political Issues Should Be Dealt With At The Most Local Level (Municipality)
- **Solidarity:** Coordination And Support Among Municipalities And Cantons
- **Multi-Order Scale Up:** Municipalities Elect to Join Forces At Will

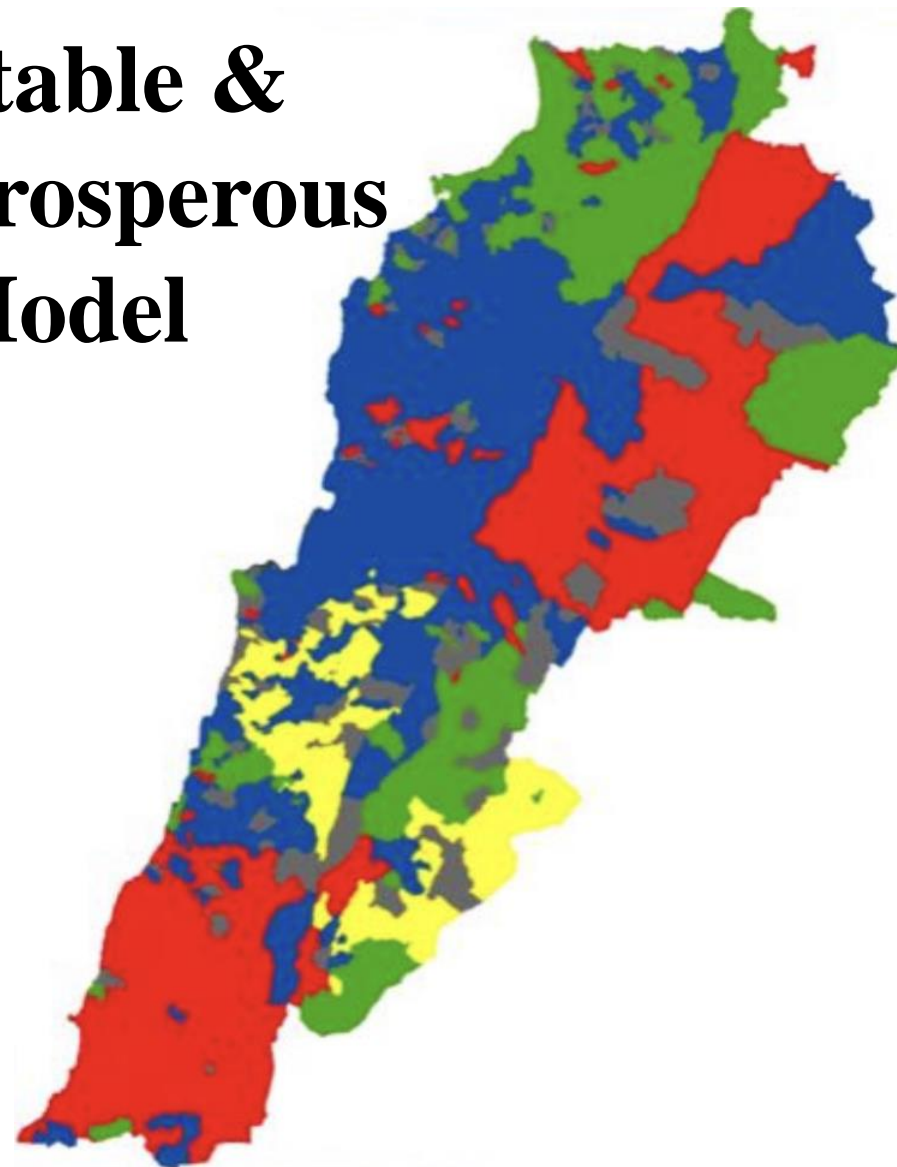


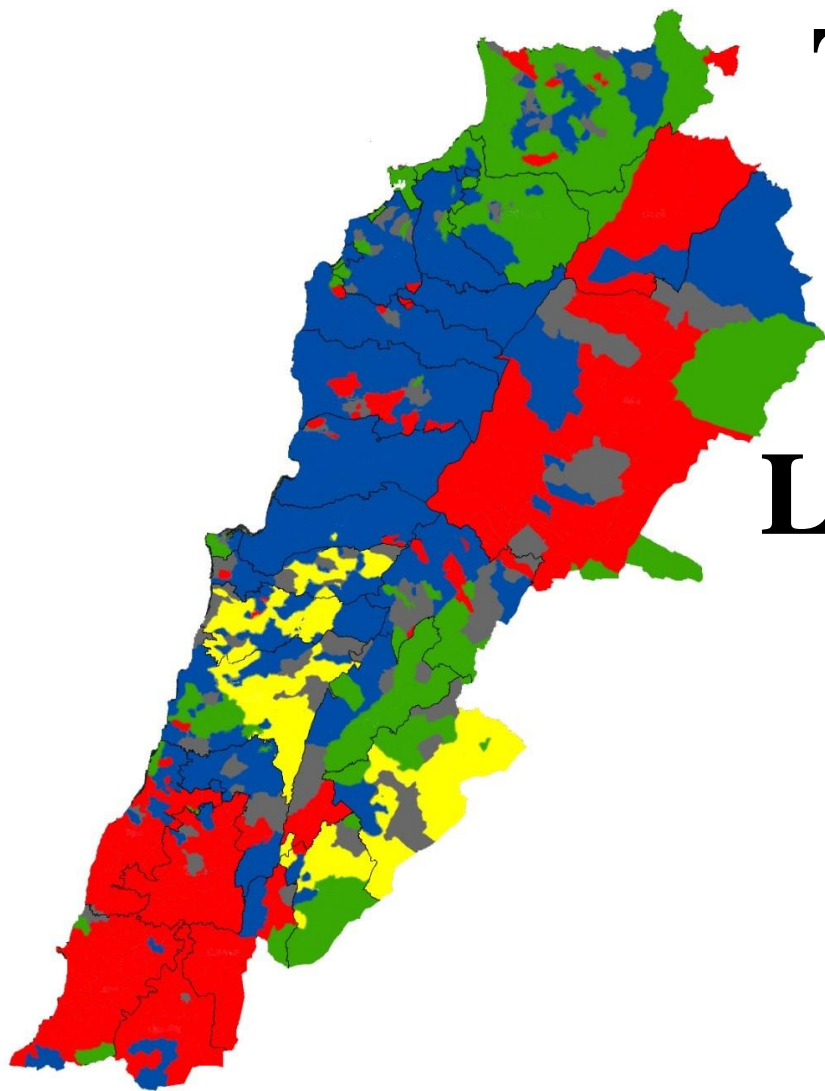


Unstable Inadequate Model



Stable & Prosperous Model





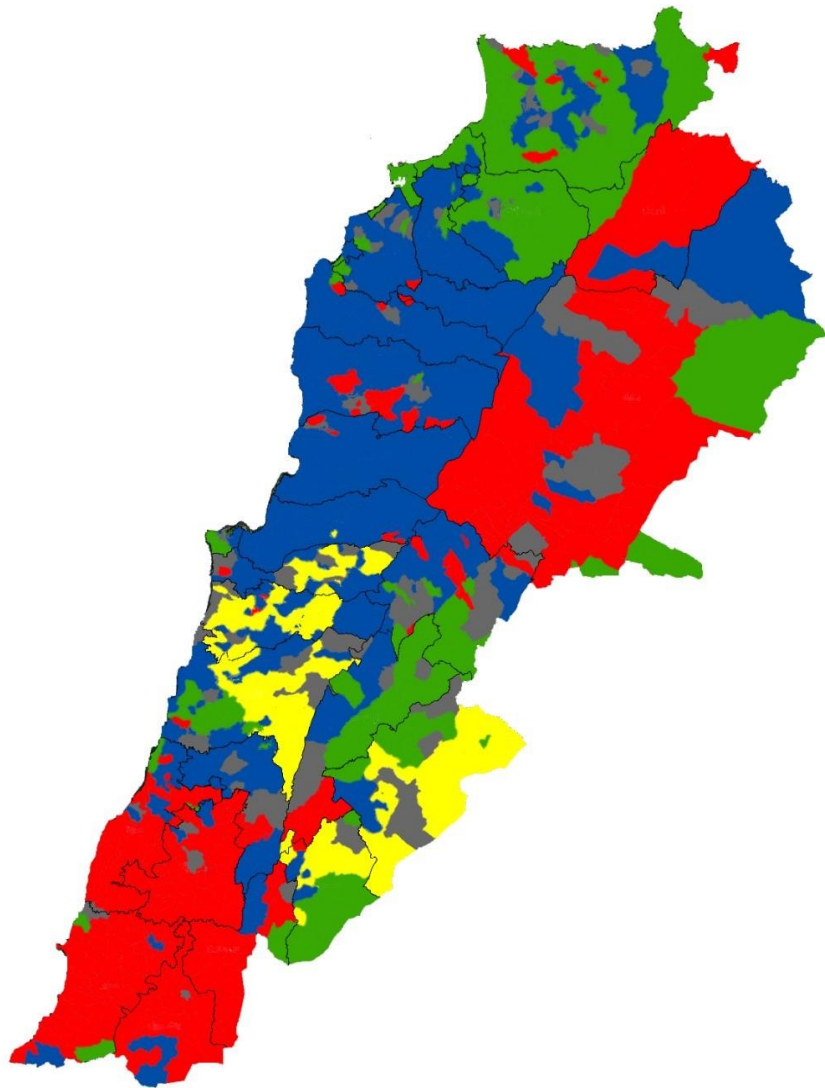
**The Area of Federal Lebanon
10452 km²**

**La Superficie du Liban Fédéral
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The Beginning

