

# Key Terms

**Absolute Poverty** - Living \$1 a day or less

**Cleft Country** - In Huntington's theory, a country split by two civilizations

**Desiccation** - Drying out

**Divide and Rule** - Roman and British imperial ruling method of setting subjects against each other.

**Indirect Rule**- British colonial governance through native hereditary rulers

**Sharia** - Muslim law based on the Koran

**Praetorianism** - Tendency for military takeovers

**Colonialism** - Gaining and exploitation of overseas territories, chiefly by Europeans, related to imperialism.

**Pan-Africanism** - Movement to unite all Africa

**Decolonization** - The granting of independence to colonies.

**Torn Country** - In Huntington's theory, one with a Westernizing elite but traditional masses.

**Patronage** - Giving government jobs to political supporters

**Kickback** - Fee paid to government official for a contract

**Patrimonialism** - The president is the leader of an intricate patron-client system and dispenses government jobs and resources as rewards.

**Rentier State** - A rentier economy is heavily supported by state expenditure; the spending of state earnings is known as rents. Individuals, companies and groups learn to respond through rent seeking behaviors that compete for government gifts.

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