

Jus sanguinis

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- **Jus sanguinis** ('right of blood') is a principle of nationality law by which citizenship is determined or acquired by the nationality or ethnicity of one or both parents.
- Children at birth may be citizens of a particular state if either or both of their parents have citizenship of that state.
- It may also apply to national identities of ethnic, cultural, or other origins.
- The most common application of jus sanguinis is a right of a child to their father's nationality.
- In many cases, **jus sanguinis** rights are mandated by international treaty, with citizenship definition imposed by the national and international community.
- In other cases, minorities are subject to legal and extra-legal persecution and choose to immigrate to their ancestral home country.