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	1. **How can a Lebanese retain or lose his or her newly acquired citizenship?**

Losing a newly acquired citizenship can be caused by various reasons. The individual may decide to denounce the citizenship of that foreign country. This is permitted by the law. However, there are involuntary cases whereas the individual has no say in the loss of his or her acquired citizenship. The case of acts of disloyalty may cost a Lebanese his newly acquired citizenship. If the citizenship was acquired through naturalization and he was sentenced to jail for 3 or more years before 7 years of his residence in Nigeria, he can lose his citizenship for it. If he is found guilty of acts of treason, he could lose his citizenship. Also, he loses his citizenship if there is a fundamental breach of the citizenship agreement binding him, e.g. false declaration. Furthermore, if the individual acquired the citizenship by registration or naturalization and he voluntarily acquires the citizenship of a foreign, he could lose his or her Nigerian citizenship.

To retain his or her citizenship however, the individual must have met the requirements to become a citizen. Whether it is by birth, registration, naturalization, or by descent, the individual must have proof that he or she acquired citizenship through one of the methods.

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The other theories that explain the evolution of states include:

* The divine right theory
* The historical or evolutionary theory
* The force theory
* The matriarchal or patriarchal theory
1. **THE DIVINE RIGHT THEORY**

 This theory holds that God created the state. It claims that certain individuals of royal birth were given the divine right to rule. The rulers were ordained by God and accountable to God. It is said to be the oldest theory among the origin of the state. The monarchy was divinely oriented, hereditary right was indispensable, the kings were accountable to God alone and resistance to the King was sin. However this theory was supported only among the religious people. It was nullified for being unhistorical, irrational and unscientific. It was a powerful factor in preserving order and strengthening the respect of man, property and government and it reveals itself in the political organization.

1. **THE FORCE THEORY**

This force theory explains that the origin of state is developed through the use of force. One person or a small group of people claim control over the population of a specific area by force. Once the rule is well established, the state is established. The theory was of the view that the origin and development of the state was formed by the force used by the strong on the weak to gain control over them. The warring clans and tribes established their authority in a definite territory. Their chief ruler became the ruler on the basis of his physical force. Therefore the state is born out of force. This was the case in the establishment of the government of Adolf Hitler of Germany.

1. **PATRIARCHAL/ MATRIARCHAL THEORY**

PATRIARCHAL THEORY: holds that the state is the extension of family with the head being the father. In this theory, the eldest male parent was absolutely supreme in his household. The theory was established on the principle of three features; male kinship, permanent marriage, and paternal authority, the theory was countered with the fact that it was wrong to point out that groups such as clans, tribes and family developed with the help of each other. The theory emphasizes that primitive society and family are not origins of the state. It is however merited on the ground that the theory emphasized the element of kinship in the making of the state.

MATRIARCHAL THEORY: in this theory there was no common head and kinship was only traceable through the mother. There was no permanent marriage institution. The permanent form of marriage was association of polyandry where women had more than one husband. The children in this system belonged to the mother’s clan. The theory was more sociological than political. It disregarded the important facts that paved way for the development of the state.

1. **THE HISTORICAL OR EVOLUTIONARY THEORY**

This theory explains that the state is the product of growth, a slow and steady evolution extending over a long period of time and ultimately shaping itself into the complex structure of a modern state. This theory counters the ground on which the other theories build their beliefs. In this theory, the state is an institution of natural growth or historical evolution. It states that the state evolved over time, starting with the primitive family. On a primitive level, a basic government was formed. The important factors that contributed to the growth of the state are: natural instinct, kinship, religion, property and defense, force and political consciousness. No single factor is responsible for the growth of the state. It is a gradual evolutionary process.