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# Football and National Identity

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## **Abstract:**

This article is about the relation between Football and National Identity. After a definition of identity and its aspects, there is a discussion about football effects on national belongings in Iran and other countries. These effects could be seen in local identities, too. Interaction between football and political system, conflicts between national and global identities in footballers, also typology of this matter have been discussed in this article.

**Keywords:** football, national identity, local identity, global identity, identity challenges.