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Summary: this work discusses the theoretical possibility and complexity of 'liberal nationalism' by examining Isaiah Berlin's reflections on nationalism. Drawing on [recent research by David Miller](#), the author argues that there is inner tension in Berlin's thought between his liberal pluralism and his cultural nationalism, which is why he failed to provide a consistent normative theory of liberal nationalism. The difficulty that Berlin confronts cannot be solved merely through conceptual clarification at the level of political philosophy, but a reconciliation between liberalism and nationalism may be achievable in practice, which would require a sociological approach sensitive to specific social and historical contexts. Finally, the author briefly delineates the features of nationalist discourse in contemporary China, and explores its relation to the prospect for liberal nationalism.