Slovakia - State building between national myths and the ethics of dissent

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The entire political practice of the present regime [....] confirms that those concepts which were always crucial for its programme – order, calm, consolidation, 'guiding the nation out of its crisis', 'halting disruption', 'assuaging hot tempers', and so on – have finally acquired the same lethal meaning that they have for every regime committed to entropy [...]. True enough, the country is calm. Calm as a morgue or a grave; would you not say? (1991b: 72)





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- Valorization of cultural diversity
- Ethic of dissent

