# The Genius of the Multilingual Swiss and Their Confederal Republic (CH)

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Switzerland represents a remarkable set of opposite circumstances. It is a country with diverse peoples, languages and religions. Yet it has united all its citizens to create a unified country. Those willing to concede that the Swiss have formed a stable community and independent state for more than 700 years are usually reluctant to concede the somewhat more exalted term of a "nation" to them precisely because the country is divided into multiple ethnic and linguistic groups.    [more>>>](#)