

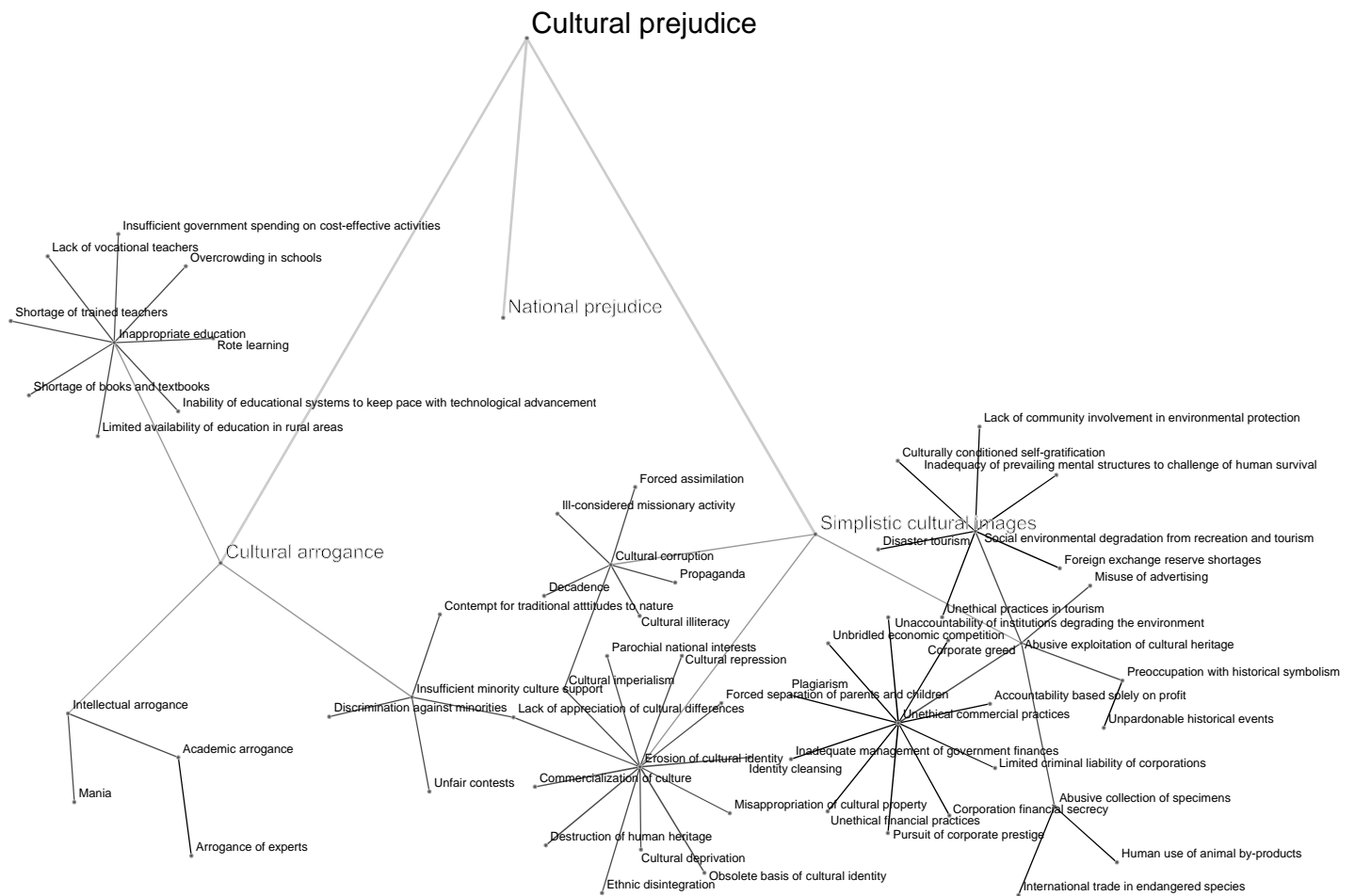
## Figure 10.2.22. Cultural prejudice

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1) Studies of national character were some of the earliest attempts to systematize cultural observations. Herodotus and Tacitus attempted to set down the essential traits of the neighbouring peoples they warred with, as did the book of Exodus. Racist propaganda makes much of the inborn traits of blacks and Jews in the West and caucasians in the East. Despite tremendous advances in understanding the environmental, physical, hereditary and sociological forces at play in any social group, portrayals of national character continue to be promoted: some as self-conscious folk prejudice, others as some revolutionary new grasp of humanity.

2) During World War I, the American Kennel Club changed the name of German shepherds to shepherd dogs to "save the breed from prejudice." They were called Alsatian wolfdogs in Britain, then shifted to merely Alsatis until the late 1970s. More recently the Afghan Hound Club of America has debated whether the breed's name should be switched to something that would attract less attention, like 'Tazi' hound, as they are known in Afghanistan.