Chapter 7 \textbf{ETHNICITY}

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- Race & Ethnicity
- Clustering of ethnicities in the United States

Ethnicity

- Religion
- Language
- Racial characteristics
- Geographic origin
- Common history
Cultural Diversity - cultural variety and differences
- Differences such as language, religion, & ethnicity

Ethnicity – Identity with a group of people who share the cultural traditions of a particular homeland or hearth
- Ethnic clustering in regions, within cities, & inside cities → EX. ______
- Part of an individual’s culture → cultural identity!!!!

Race – self-identification with a group sharing a biological ancestor
- No cultural identity

Geographers look @ CENSUS INFORMATION!
What is **ethnicity**? → tied to a place

Puerto Rican

Turkish

Armenian

Mongolian

Thai

Japanese

Kazakh

Chinese
MINORITY - smaller than the majority racial or ethnic group in a particular area or region
Race Tensions

**Racism** – Belief that race determines human traits & capacities
- Differences produce a superiority of a particular race
- Differences produce an inferiority
- Used as a biological classification of people

**Racist** - a person who follows the beliefs of racism

**Ethnocentrism** – Belief that one ethnic group is superior to others

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."
Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)
Ethnicities cluster within a country & within cities

- **African Americans** clustered in the Southeast
  - ¼ of the population in: Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, South Carolina, and Mississippi

- **Latinos/Hispanics** clustered in the Southwest
  - Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and California

- **Asian Americans** clustered in the West
  - Hawaii and California

- **American Indians** → Alaska, Southwest & Plains states
African-Americans in the U.S.

FIGURE 7-8 DISTRIBUTION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES

Counties with the highest percentages of African Americans are in the rural South and in northern cities.

The Great Migration - Early 20th Century
Hispanic Americans in the U.S.

FIGURE 7-7 DISTRIBUTION OF LATINO/HISPANICS IN THE UNITED STATES

The counties with the highest percentages in 2010 are in the Southwest, near the Mexican border, and in northern cities.
The counties with the highest percentages of Asian Americans are in the **West**: Hawaii and California.
Native Americans in the U.S.

Fig. 7-4: The highest percentages of Native Americans are in parts of the plains, the southwest, and Alaska.
90% African-Americans & Latinos live in metropolitan areas
- In & within cities → __________ neighborhoods!!!!
  - Evolution of U.S. industrialization brought immigrants
    - Early 20th century Midwestern cities attracted ethnic groups from Southern and Eastern Europe
    - Many neighborhoods named after the predominant ethnic group → toponym

African Americans highly clustered in urban areas
- ½ of African Americans live in large northern cities
  - The Great Migration— northern migration in the beginning of the 20th century

Hispanics also clustered in urban areas
Evolution of U.S. industrialization brought immigrants. Many neighborhoods named after the predominant ethnic group → toponym.

Pilsen neighborhood in Chicago.
Ethnic Neighborhoods - an area within a city that contain same ethnic group

- Clustering of ethnicities in neighborhoods within cities
  - Industrial Revolution → Early 20th century Midwestern cities attracted Southern and Eastern Europeans
    - Their children & grandchildren migrated to the suburbs in mid-20th century
      - Suburbanization

- Ethnic concentrations in cities:
  - African Americans, Latinos, or Asian immigrants
    - Ex. Chicago — south & west side African Americans
Ethnicities in Chicago

Fig. 7-5: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and European Americans are clustered in different areas of the city.
According to the 2010 Census, African Americans were clustered to the south of downtown Los Angeles and Hispanics to the east. Asian American neighborhoods were contiguous to the African American and Hispanic areas.