what is assimilation?
cultural norms: food, clothing, etc.
Job Market
Outgroup marriage
identification as hyphenated Americans
less prejudice by majority
no discrimination
no value or power conflict

Why do some groups assimilate at different rates?

Psychological reasons

relative hardship: yes, discrimination sucks, but its better than where we came from

Drive for Achievement: how is education valued; prestigious jobs valued

voluntary vs. forced migration

Sociological reasons

amount of contact/competition

visible cultural differences
Economic reasons

Economic conditions
Economic rank and skills of minority group

SYSTEMS MODEL OF INCORPORATION

What factors are included in LeMay's Systems model?

Incorporation rate = Majority's fear function + Size of Minority function + Marginal membership function + similarity of cultures function

How to operationalize this?

Incorporation rate: block voting, turnout, willingness to vote against one of its own (cross-group voting)

Fear: unemployment, crime, degree of segregation, Time of entry (economic timing, etc.)

Size: relative percentage of a minority group; perception of size, birth rate

Marginal membership: willingness to acculturate: outgroup marriage, size of ethnic press
Similar culture function: location patterns, language, skin color, behavior

STRATEGIES FOR MINORITIES

What are the strategies?  
why are some chosen and some not?

Accomodation/Economic: occupational niche: Asian Americans  
Accomodation/Political: political machines/Irish, Italians, Greeks

Seperatism/Physical: Chinese, Native Americans; Mormons  
Seperatism/Psychological: Black Muslims, Hasidic Jews

Radicalism/old-style: socialism, communism  
Radicalism/New-styple: protests, Black Panthers, Cesar Chavez