LeMay Chapter 3: Strategies of Accommodation

APPLYING THE SYSTEMS MODEL OF INCORPORATION

What factors are included in LeMay's Systems model?

Incorporation rate  = Majority's fear function(X1) + Size of Minority function (X2) + Marginal membership function (X3) + similarity of cultures function (X4)

Other Factors
+ Timing?
+ Concentration
+ PUSH PULL FACTORS FOR IMMIGRATION

How do these factors apply to the:

Asian Americans – smallest minorities (2000 census 4.2%); well educated; highest median income of any racial group; business ownership rate high (service sector); distinct racial characteristics

Chinese? – largest Asian-American group; pull factor (CA economy; railroads; mid-late 1800s); in the beginning mostly males; by 1960 most are native born and male/female ratio is almost balanced. Enormous discrimination and even violence up until WWII because of manpower shortage. Cultural factors are seen as helping acculturation: ethical standards, work ethic, extended family.

Japanese – 6th largest Asian group; immigrated later than the Chinese, mostly to Hawaii, then CA. Many young males, highly literate. Anti-Chinese sentiment quickly extended to them. Laws were implemented to prevent them from owning land. WWII 120,000 (70,000 which were native born citizens) were sent to "relocation camps" (1942-46). Again,
cultural factors are seen as helping assimilation: values, respect for authority, duty to community.

Koreans – classic case of economic rout to accommodation. Largest immigration was post 1965. Early immigration was also mostly young males. Success in business ventures contributed to socioeconomic status and assimilation.

German – largest of the Euro-American ancestry groups. Immigration has been long and consistent. Until 1870 there was only a loose federation of many German states, therefore their "Germanness" developed in the U.S. when they were all treated alike. Pull factors: The Homestead Act of 1862 offered free land to the overcrowded population of Germany (Push Factors). Western states advertised for German Farmers.

Scandinavians – immigration can be tracked back to the Vikings. Protestant religion gave them a common bond with the majority. Straight laced, strong work ethic help accommodation. Financial success also helped. Pull factors; Homestead Act.

Greeks – immigration since the colonial times. Push factors: overcrowding/economic conditions in Greece; war between Greece and Turkey. Many young, unskilled men.
Latinos – Young and Urban, concentrated in a few states

Chicanos – Pull Factors: Mexican American War; economic growth in CA; bracero program 1942; Push factors: Economic decline in Latin America in the 1980s. Mexican Americans are among the least 'Americanized" of all ethnic groups in the U.S. Why? Proximity to Mexico; pride; poor education; racial bias; conquest; secondary/underground labor force