

# VOCABULARY

ETHNIC STUDIES

# Acculturation

assimilation to a different culture, typically the dominant one

Example: Japanese people wearing  
Western clothing



# AGENCY

(Sociological)

The capacity of individuals to act independently & make their own choices

Example: Towns, and farms had been superseded by other social agencies.



# Assimilation

Cultural assimilation is the process in which a minority group or culture comes to resemble a society's majority group or assume the values, behaviors, and beliefs of another group whether fully or partially.

Example: Indian people were banned from participating in and practicing their traditional rituals and ceremonies; they were forced to give up their lands and adopt the religious and education system of the U.S majority.



# Backlash

A strong adverse reaction (as to a recent political or social development)

Example: Donald Trump did not receive enough backlash when his supporters stormed the capital.



# Colonialism

The practice of getting full control over another country; occupying it and exploiting it's people and/or resources.

- Use began in the 1940s



# Counter-Culture

Living outside the boundaries of the social norm in society.

- The hippies in the 60s



# De facto Segregation

Segregation, not enforced by law, but still in fact

- Opposite of “de jure”
- The act of “white flight:” white people moving out of areas that have increasing minority population, which isn’t enforced by the law

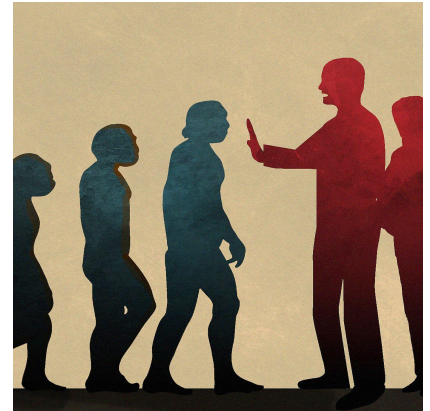




# Dehumanization

Depriving a person of human qualities/respect.

- In the Three-Fifths Clause in 1787, enslaved black population were only considered to be  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the white population when voting



# De jure segregation

Separation of groups because of the laws.

- Jim Crow Laws: separated Black people from White people from 1948 to 1990



# Demographics

Data relating to the population and particular groups within it.

- In Oakland demographics, 34.36% of the population is white, 22.69% is African American, 17.28% is other races, and 15.76% is Asian



# Discrimination

The unjust and prejudicial treatment towards people

- Women make 84% of the average male salary despite working in the same areas and the same amount in the US in 2020

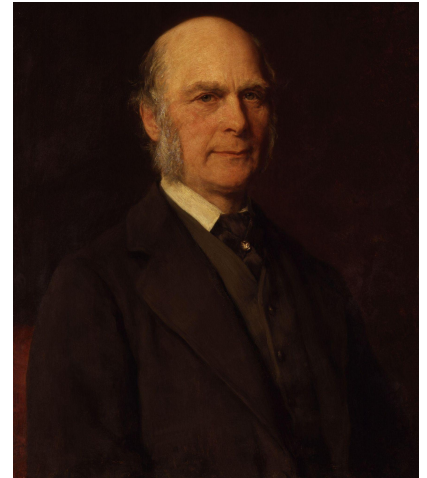
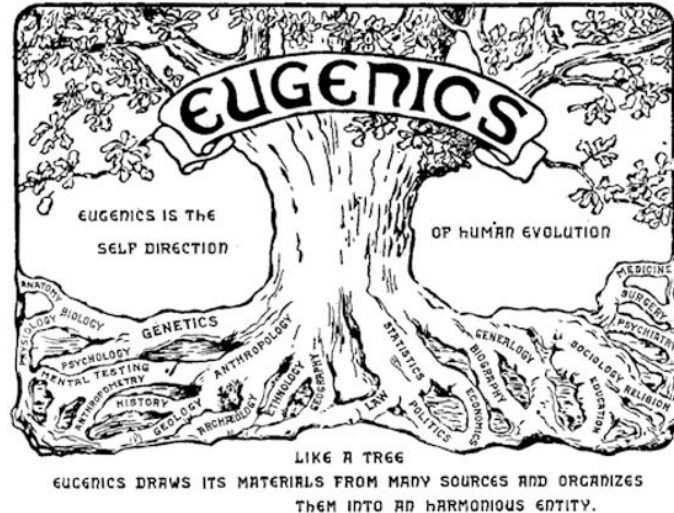


# Ethnic Group

A community or population made up of people who share a common cultural background or descent.

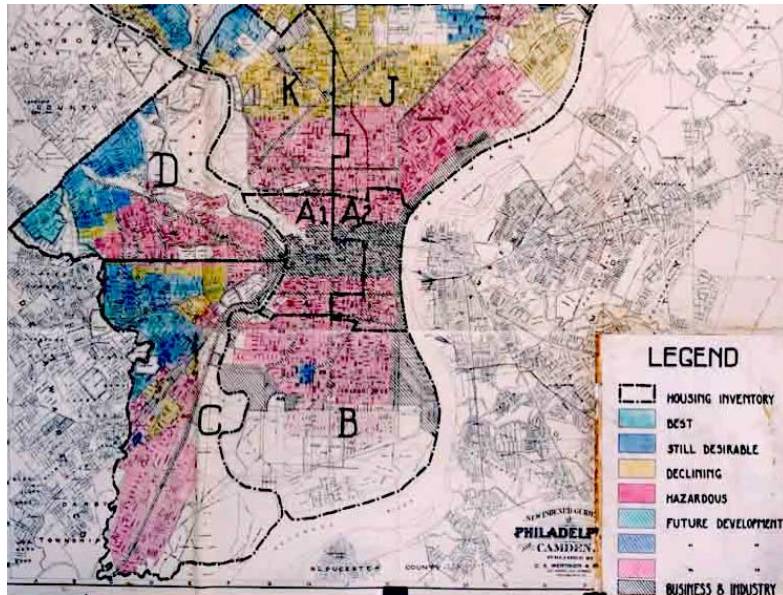
# Eugenics

The study of traits in people, specifically how to eliminate “undesirable” traits from the population. It was developed by Sir Francis in the 20th century to improve the human race and it was used to justify genocides such as the Holocaust.



# Ghetto

Neighborhoods made up largely of minority groups, usually poverty stricken areas. Came to be most due to immigrants being concentrated in certain “slum” areas and then later redlining in the 20th century.





# Harassment

any unwanted behavior, physical or verbal (or even suggested), that makes a reasonable person feel uncomfortable, humiliated, or mentally distressed.

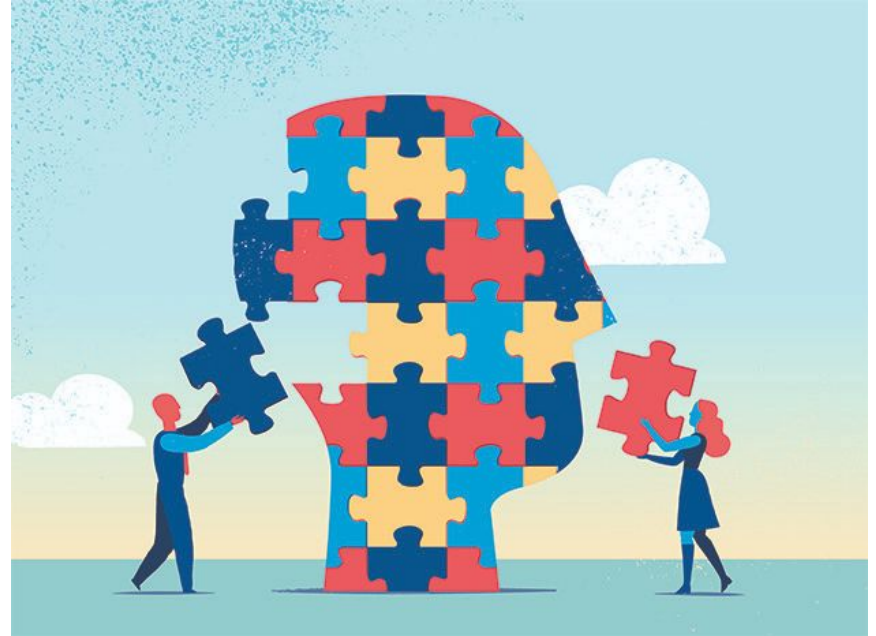




Hegemony

# Identity

**A personal, self-categorizing concept in which an individual identifies with groups and their cultural identity, beliefs, values, and origins.**



# Marginalization

**A process of social exclusion in which individuals or groups are relegated to the fringes of a society, being denied economic, political, and/or symbolic power and pushed towards being 'outsiders'. This means they are less able to do things or access basic services or opportunities.**



# Multiculturalism

**A society's presence of, or support for, multiple diverse cultural or ethnic groups. Each distinct ethnic and cultural groups are seen to be politically relevant.**



# Oppression

**Oppression is the combination of prejudice and institutional power which creates a system that discriminates against some groups and benefits other groups.**



# Persecution

Hostility and ill-treatment in persecution due to identity, religion, and social outlook.

Example: Native Americans were persecuted, kidnapped, and murdered for their religious beliefs and forcibly converted to christianity.

# Perspective

A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something.

Example:



# Poverty

The state of being extremely poor.

Example: In many African nations, GDP per capita is less than US\$5200 per year, with the vast majority of the population living on much less





# Prejudice

Preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.

Example: Racism, Sexism,  
Homophobia, etc...



Racism

# Redlining

# Resegregation

# Self-Determination

# Socio Economics

Stereotype

Sun-downer law(s)



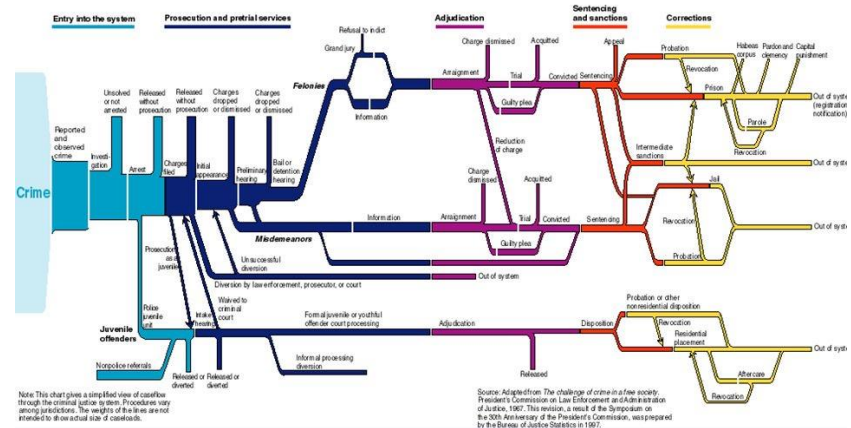
# System

A set of principles or procedures according to which something is done; an organized framework or method.

Example: The justice system.

## Criminal Justice System

What is the sequence of events in the criminal justice system?



# White flight

The phenomenon of white people moving out of urban areas, particularly those with significant minority populations.

Example: The suburbs (most of the time) are predominantly white.

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