

VIII Ethnic Conflict

A. Social Distance

1. Social Distance is a measurement of how "distant" two ethnicities or social groups are from each other, but not in a spatial sense of distance.

2. Often, groups perceived as very different from the majority, or powerful, group are marginalized and targets of discrimination by the more powerful social group.

3. Ethnocentrism is one group's use of its cultural identity as the superior standard by which to judge others. It

a) often causes discriminatory behavior

B. Ethnic Cleansing

1. Ethnic cleansing is a process in which a racial or ethnic group attempts to expel from a territory another racial or ethnic group.

2. Genocide is the killing of a racial or ethnic group by another racial or ethnic group.

Ex) Slobodan Milosevic, the Serb leader of the former Yugoslavia, led a genocide campaign against ethnic Albanians living in Kosovo.