

ETHNICITY & IDENTITY

IDENTITY – A SENSE OF WHO I AM

DERIVED FROM – SOCIALIZATION
PROCESS IN A COMMUNITY

THUS: IDENTITY – A SENSE OF
BELONGING

ETHNICITY – ETHNIC COMMUNITY IDENTITY

significantly different from others in terms
of cultural (dialect, religion, traditions, etc.) and
sometimes physical characteristics (skin color,
body shape, etc.)

**The two general ways in which
individuals acquire their ethnic identity:.**

- 1) self-identification
- 2) imposition by others

NEUTRAL OR NOT NEUTRAL?

ETHNOCENTRISM

the feeling that your own group's cultural traditions and values are correct and superior to all others

or a response to a dominant ethnic group
or used by leaders

To provide political independence,
distributive justice

consolidation, mobilization, goal seeking

THUS:

Ethnicity - groups - nationalism - state

OR

same pattern to destruction of current state
and creation of new states

issues: intense ethnic feeling - ethnic
violence - ethnic cleaning and failed states