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Definition:

“Any conscious, organized attempt on the part of a society’s members to revive or perpetuate selected aspects of its culture.” (p.230)

Types:

- 1) revivalistic nativism
- 2) perpetuative nativism
- 3) magical nativism—irrational flights from reality (prophet, supernatural, apocalyptic, millennial, psychological)
nativistic: modeled on the past
non-nativistic messianic: millennial condition as sth new and unique
- 4) rational nativism—
rational revivalistic nativistic: frustrating situations, psychological
rational perpetuative nativistic: maintenance of social solidarity

Causes:

A situation of inequality—1) the attitudes of the societies involved

2) actual situations of dominance and submission

e.g. a mutually recognized relationship of superiority and inferiority without actual dominance involved—perpetuative-rational in the superior group

revivalistic-rational in the inferior group (sour grapes)

Situations for contact groups:

- 1) Dominant-superior: perpetuative-rational nativism
- 2) Dominant-inferior: assimilation
- 3) Dominated-superior: rational nativism (revivalist or perpetuative)
- 4) Dominated-inferior: revivalist-magical OR rational revivalist or perpetuative (frustration)

In a society with a well developed class organization:

favoured individuals or groups: rational nativism (revivalistic or perpetuative)

less favored: eager for assimilation

In a rapidly shrinking world, EXPLOITATION & FRUSTRATION are the two bars to the ASSIMILATION of societies in contact situations or to the final creation of a world society.