

A. Urban unrest in US

1. 5 points riot in 1857 NYC

- 1) Immigration from Europe (Irish)
 - a) Natives responded with hostility
 - i) Ethnic conflicts (white on white)
 - ii) Lynching Irish
 - Death toll: dozens
 - b) Irish formed gangs
 - i) Nativists coalesced to form political parties
- 2) Alliance of gangs with parties
 - a) 1850s, growing conflict with nativists vs immigrants
 - i) Led to 5 points riot
- 3) Irish organized with Tammany Hall
 - a) Hall took over government, Democrats controlled NYC
 - i) Nativists decided to appeal to state legislature to govern
 - Used Dillon's rule to get state to abolish NYPD
 - NYPD was ran by Democrats and when you control policy, you control patronage
 - ii) Metro police created and report to governor
 - iii) Reduced licensed saloons
 - Limited number of drinks and saloons have to close on Sundays
 - b) Now Irish lost jobs and lost booze
 - i) Law written to effect on July 4th
 - So naturally people would want to go drinking but they can't and its hot
 - ii) 5 point residents decided to drink anyway
 - Then policy came with nativists and riots started (12 dead)

2. Conscription Riots 1863

- 1) January 1863
 - a) Lincoln announces emancipation
 - i) War not going well for Union
 - Rumors that confederates are going to invade
 - Recruitment going bad
 - b) Union tries to recruit blacks
 - c) Congress passes Conscription Act
 - i) All men 18-45 had to register for draft
 - ii) But you can pay out of it
 - So poor were drafted (Irish immigrants)
- 2) July 1863
 - a) Men were listening to Draft lottery
 - i) Walked off job to protest
 - ii) March to draft office
 - Set it on fire
 - iii) Irish attacked government buildings and nativist homes
 - b) Crowd attacked federal armory

- i) 10,000s involved
 - ii) Racial tension
 - Irish blamed Blacks for Civil War
 - Many Blacks were killed
 - c) Army put down rebellion/riot
- 3) Most destructive riot in US history
- 3. Red Summer 1919
 - 1) Returning soldiers
 - a) Many same conditions that Sugrue talks about
 - i) Had to compete with Blacks for housing
 - 2) Series of riots in different cities
 - a) July 27
 - i) Black teen was swimming in white area
 - Killed by white teens and police arrived
 - ii) Police arrested black witnesses to prevent a riot, but one broke out
 - 3) State militia developed but fighting confined in Chicago
- 4. 1960s race riots (1964-19968)
 - 1) Civil Rights movement is reaching its peak
 - a) But there are several riots in cities, but Detroit was worst
 - 2) Detroit 196 in July
 - a) Police raided illegal club
 - i) People were having a party for war veterans
 - Police tried to arrest everyone
 - Crown started to gather
 - 43 dead
 - 3) Afterwards
 - a) LBJ formed an advisory (Kerner Commission)
 - i) Explain outbreak of rioting and prevent it
 - ii) Found that nation was moving to white/black society
 - iii) There are patterns of inequality
 - Fundamentally unequal social conditions "apartheid"
 - iv) Recommendation
 - Promote racial integration
- 5. Rodney King Riot 1992
 - 1) Beating/subjugation of Blacks was never recorded before
 - a) Home media was just now prevalent
 - b) 4 officers tried and acquitted
 - i) Moved trial to suburban area
 - Predominantly white area
 - 2) No one could believe they got acquitted
 - 3) Crowd gathers in South Central LA
 - a) Traffic arrest occurs
 - i) Police calls for back up and crowd gets bigger so the police leave
 - ii) Gangs start gathering and beating motorists

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1. Research
 - 1) DV: fatalities in riots
 - 2) Question: what's the amount of violence that occurs
 - 3) IV: immigration
 - 4) Findings
 - a) Rate of change in migration matters
 - i) Speed of migration fuels resentment
 - ii) Defensive reaction
2. Contact/threat hypothesis
 - 1) Cause people's worst stereotypes to be confirmed
 - 2) Borders of contact zone between the race areas have the highest levels of violence
3. Key findings
 - 1) Speed of transition between immigration causes violence
 - 2) Difference with Dahl
 - a) Dahl told a more happy story
 - b) LA has at large elections
 - i) No minority based elections
 - c) Dahl doesn't study urban redevelopment
 - i) Police action on minority → spark that begins race riots
4. Patterns
 - 1) Recipe
 - a) Racial concentration
 - b) Poverty/unemployment
 - c) Perception of official injustice
 - d) Weather
 - e) Catalyst (spark)
 - i) Mostly police beating up minorities
 - 2) These riots happen with regularity
 - a) Spaced out roughly 25 years