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An ethnic minority is a group of people who differ in language, race, or color or in national, religious, or cultural origins from the ruling group of the country in which they live. The differing identity of an ethnic minority may be displayed in any number of ways, ranging from distinctive customs, life-styles, speaking accents,  
5 dress, or food preferences to particular attitudes, cultural systems, and economic or political beliefs adopted by members of the group. Frequently, ethnic minorities are discriminated against by members of the ruling group in the society.

Ethnic minorities vary greatly in relative size. In the former Soviet Union, ( 1 ), about 53% of the population (known as Great Russians) politically  
10 dominated the rest of the population, which included more than 15 major ethnic groups, each numbering 1 million or more, and many smaller ethnic minorities, each with at least 100,000 members. In South Africa, nonwhites constitute more than 80% of the population, ( 2 ) they had minority status insofar as their political and civil rights were concerned. In Japan, ( 3 ), the ethnic Ainu are less than  
15 1% of the total national population.

A by-product of minority-group status in a society is the emergence of ethnocentrism. If the minority group is not made to feel particularly welcome in its new environment, it is likely to fall back on its own culture, language, and customs as a means of psychological self-defense, judging other groups or cultures only from  
20 its own perspective, preferring its own ways to those of the controlling culture around it. ( 4 ), the group will then tend to feel and act more ethnic than it would have otherwise. This tendency is strongest when significant religious differences exist or when a group has been forcibly brought under complete control. Groups with strong religious views frequently have remained very much apart from  
25 the controlling culture and society. Many eastern and southern European ethnic minority groups that belong to the Orthodox Church or Roman Catholic Church have had great difficulty moving into the Protestant American mainstream.

When religious differences are not significant, or when a group has not been