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East and Southeast Asia
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 - ❖ Important factors which bring about or influence the problems Asian Americans encounter in U.S.
 - ❖ Racist hostility
 - ❖ Imbalance in the gender ratio
 - ❖ Economic competition
- 3  **Chinese Americans**
 - ❖ A negative stereotype precedes the arrival of the first Chinese to U.S. in the 1850's.
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 - ❖ Coming as sojourners, (a temporary resident) they work on railroad gangs, and in manufacturing primarily.
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- 4  **Chinese Americans**
 - ❖ By the mid 1870's racial prejudice grows in sinophobia (the fear of Chinese people, culture, traditions, behavior) which leads to the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.
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 - ❖ Riots, expulsions and job/ housing discrimination were frequent.
- 5  **Chinese Americans**
 - ❖ Chinatowns tend to be located in low-rent, ghetto areas in many major urban areas. Today they are larger and more crowded than 80-100 years ago.
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 - ❖ Chinese American population has tripled since 1980 to 2.4 million in the 2000 census.
 - ❖ Many Chinese are employed in professional and technical careers and, in low skilled service jobs.
- 6  **Japanese Americans**
 - ❖ Begin immigrating in large numbers at the beginning of the 20th Century, mostly settling on the west coast.
 - ❖ This group came in families with the intention of staying and joining the culture.
- 7  **Japanese Americans**
 - ❖ They encounter labor union hostility and laws which discriminate against them.
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 - ❖ During World War II, (110,000) Japanese Americans are put in detention camps for the length of the war for national security reasons.
 - ❖ 63% of these people have been born in America.
- 8  **Japanese Americans**
 - ❖ These actions tended to weaken Japanese communities and institutions which causes assimilation to increase.
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 - ❖ Since 1946, Japanese have had more schooling than ALL other groups, they have experienced more exogamy, along with increased upward mobility.
- 9  **Japanese Americans**
 - ❖ 1/2 of all Japanese Americans have a high degree of structural assimilation (have a place within the formal parts of society {employment, school, community involvement, etc.}).
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 - ❖ Recently, Japanese sojourners (Kai-sha) have come to work in branch offices of their homeland companies.
- 10  **Philippine Americans (Filipinos)**
 - ❖ As a U.S. possession, tens of thousands of Filipino males came to the U.S. mainland in the early 20th Century, to fill the void created by various restrictive legislation against other

- foreigners.
- ❖ Labor union hard feelings during the 1930's and the scarcity of Filipino women caused increased tension.
- 11  **Philippine Americans**
- ❖ The Philippine Islands are granted independence in 1935, which caused the Filipinos to be included in the Asian immigration restrictions already in place.
 - ❖ In 1965, the immigration quotas are abolished and Filipino Americans have almost doubled each decade since making their population over 1.4 million in 1990. This makes Filipinos the 2nd largest Asian American group in the U.S.
- 12  **Korean Americans**
- ❖ Early Korean Americans immigrated to Hawaii, although a few thousand do come to California.
 - ❖ The largest immigration begins during the Korean War when many refugees, and war brides, but most of the 1.1 million Korean Americans have immigrated since 1970.
- 13  **Korean Americans**
- ❖ Many work in professional, technical, or managerial careers.
 - ❖ Many also work as small business owners. Their self-employment rate of 11.9% is much larger than any other minority group.
 - ❖ Although doing well economically, there is very little structural assimilation due mostly to continued low ranking in social distance studies.
- 14  **Vietnamese Americans**
- ❖ Most Vietnamese Americans are refugees from the Vietnam War.
 - ❖ They have settled across the 50 states, but are most numerous in California, Texas and Pennsylvania.
 - ❖ They formed their own self-help groups to aid in their assimilation into society.
- 15  **Vietnamese Americans**
- ❖ Since many possessed middle class backgrounds and job skills, their adjustment has been their assimilation has been relatively easy.
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 - ❖ More recent arrivals (since 1985) have less job skills and education, their assimilation problems have been much greater.
- 16  **Asian Americans**
- ❖ The educational and financial success of many Asian Americans gave rise to a model minority stereotype.
 - ❖ Success with a color-free, problem-free, interventionist-free integration into U.S. society.
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 - ❖ This model is unfair to Asian Americans and ignores many problems that Asian American immigrants have faced early on after initial immigration. (poverty, welfare, crime, exploitation, sickness)
- 17  **Asian Americans**
- ❖ As a whole, Asian Americans have the highest median family income of all groups in the U.S., and the second lowest poverty rate (after whites).
 - ❖ They tend to live in less segregated areas than other minority groups.
 - ❖ By 2000, about half of all native-born Asian Americans have a non-Asian spouse, which increases assimilation.