



# Immigrant Adaptation and Marginalization: From a Boy Gang to a Gang Subculture

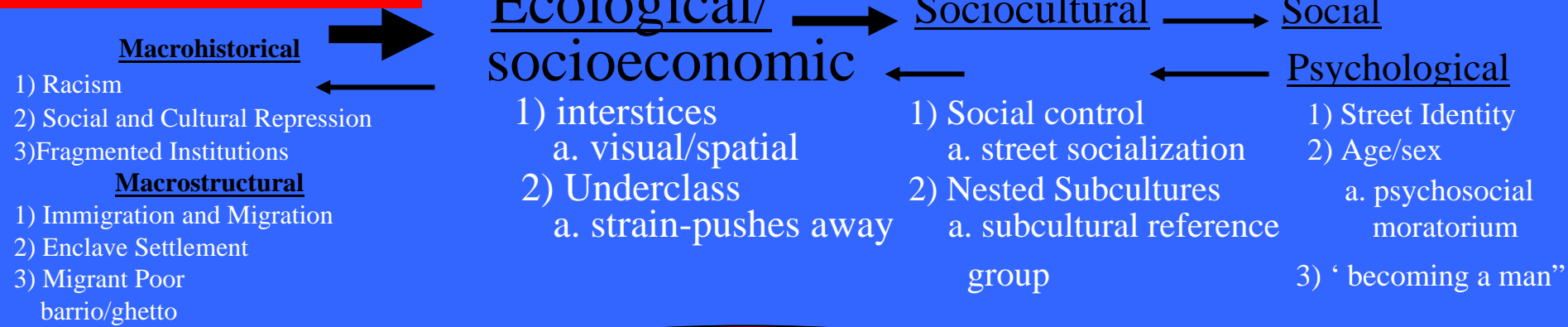
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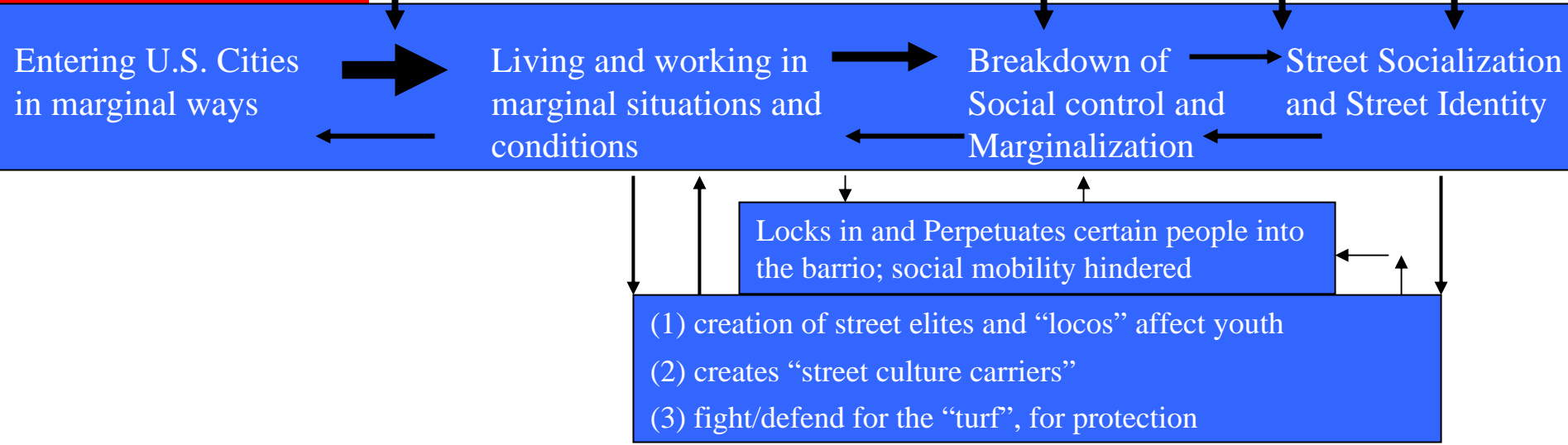
# Framework of Multiple Marginality

## "Act and React"

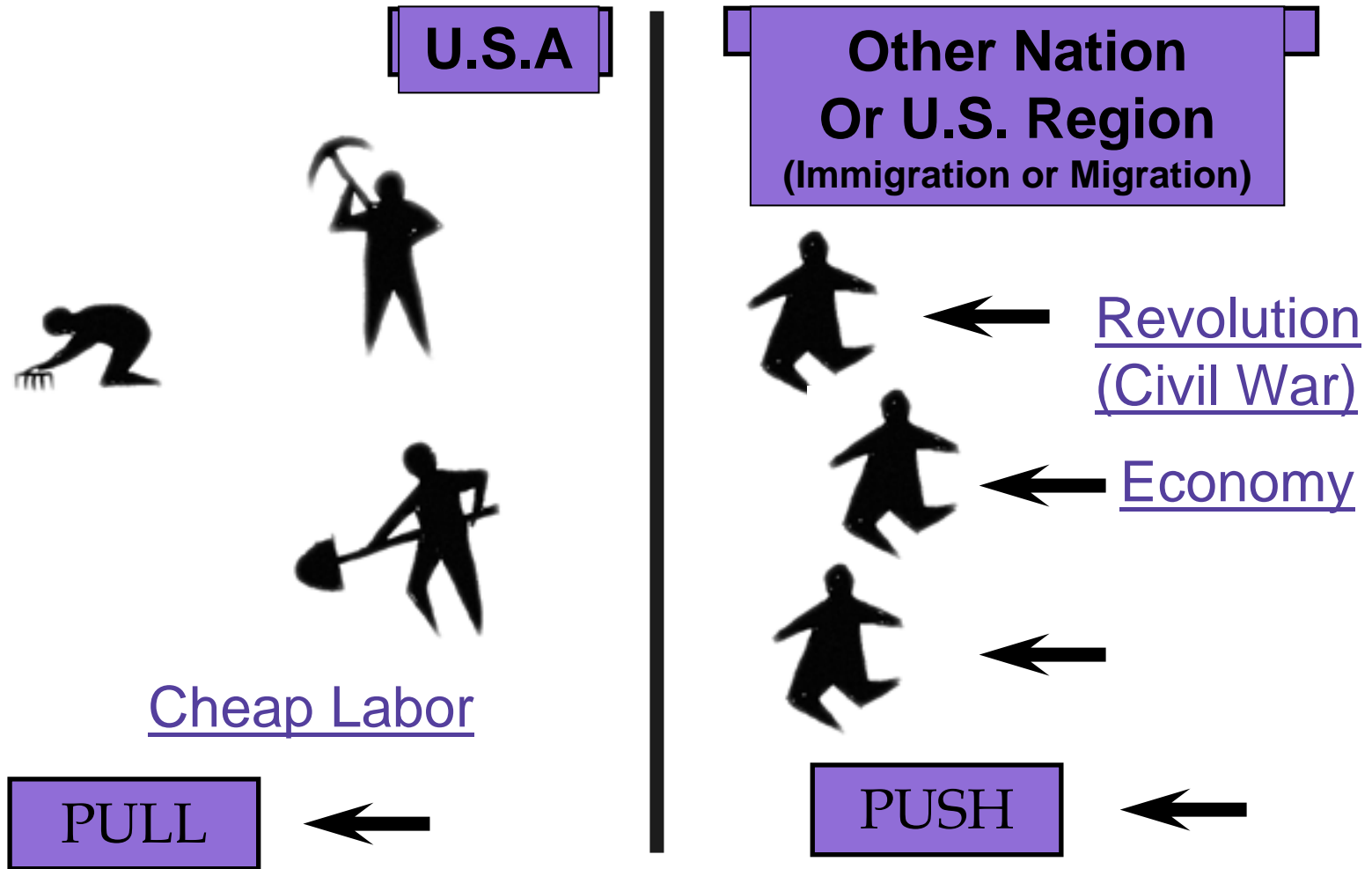
### I. Forces at Work



### II. Dynamics



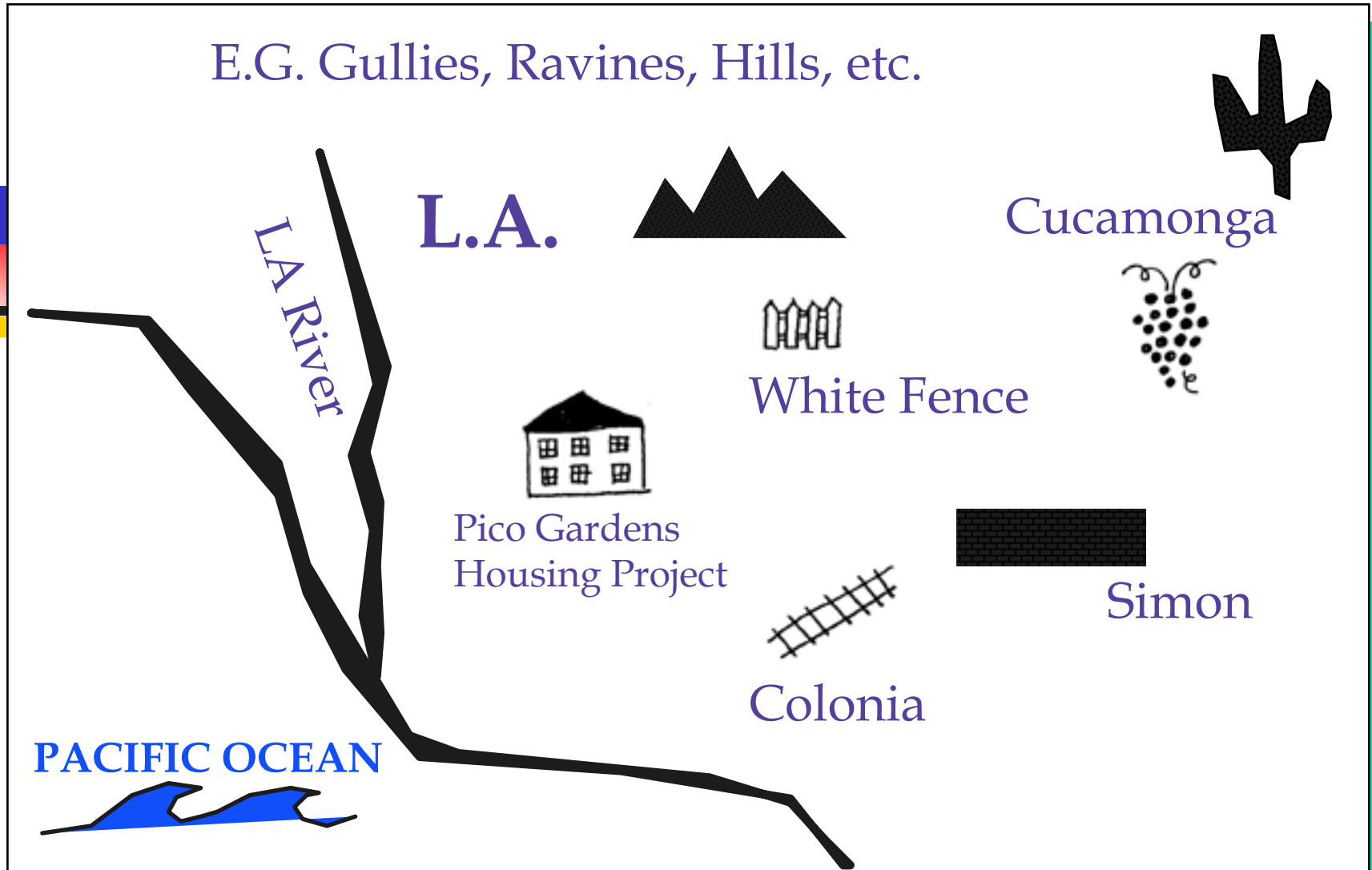
# Immigration Dynamics



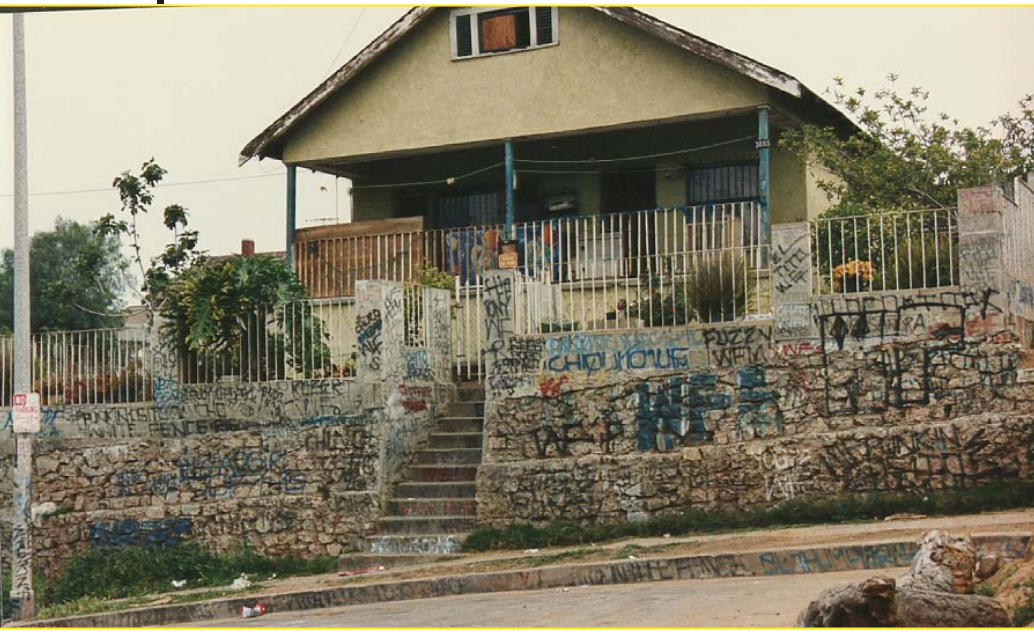


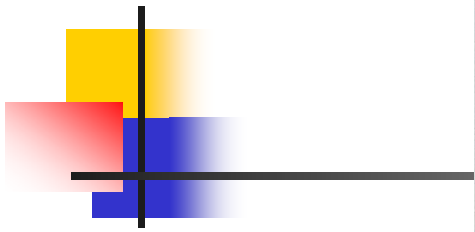
# Ecological

E.G. Gullies, Ravines, Hills, etc.







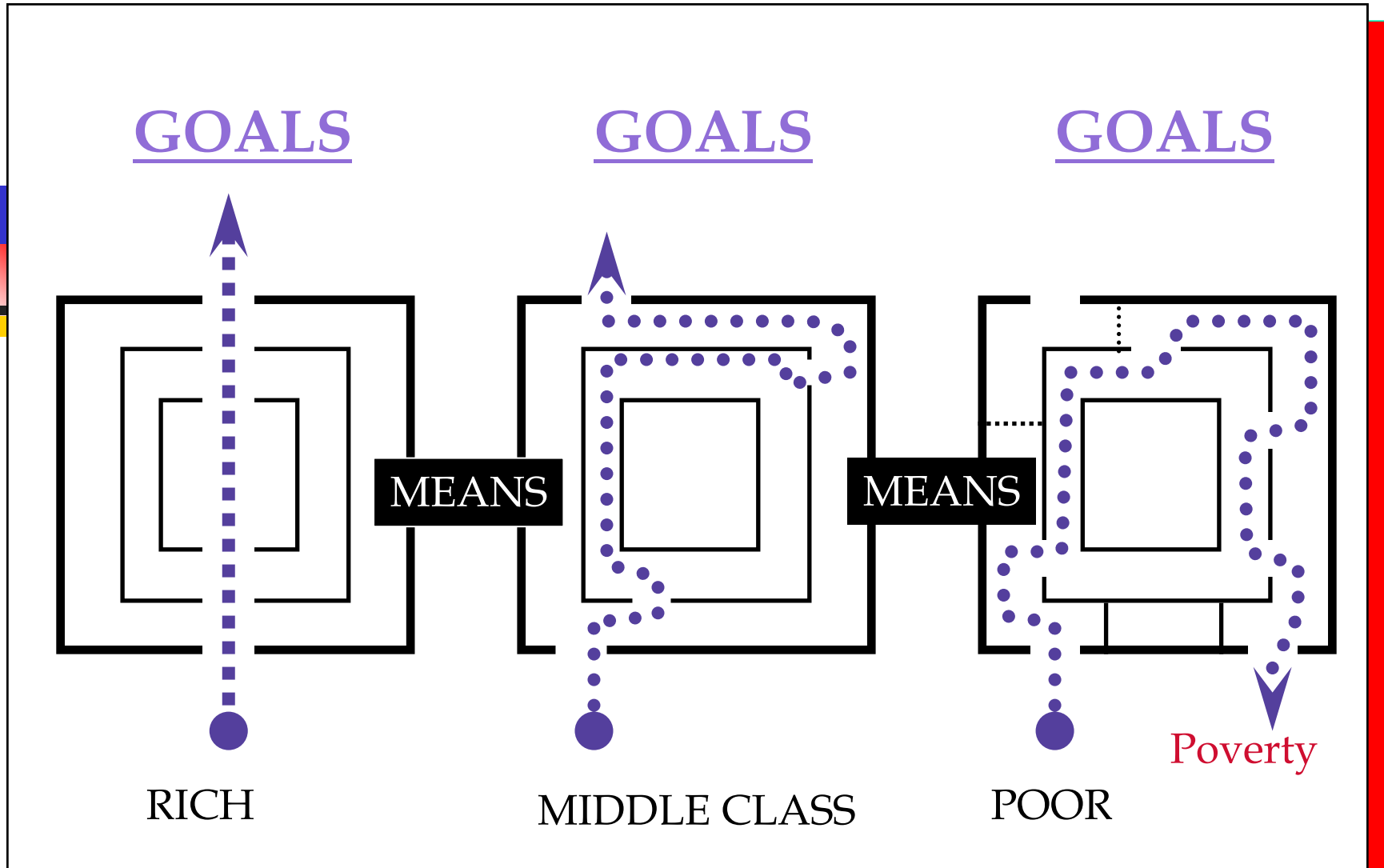






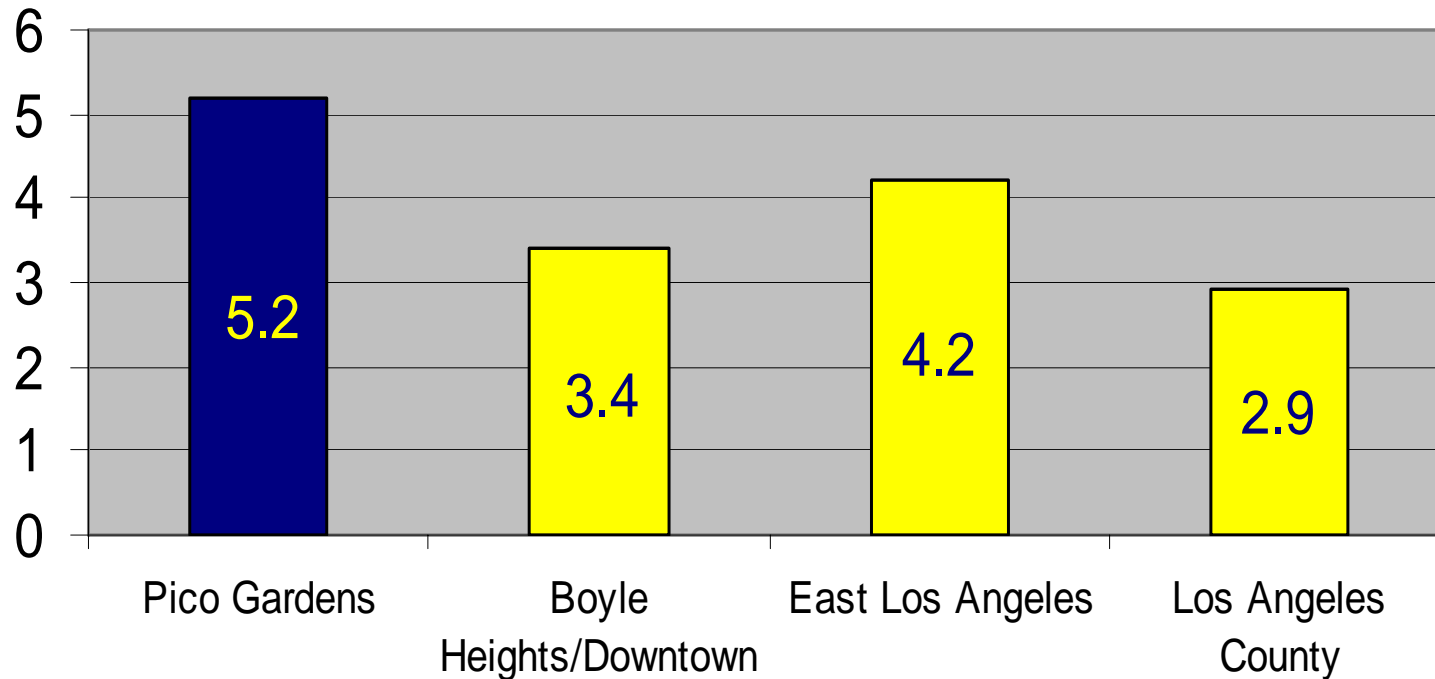


# Socioeconomic

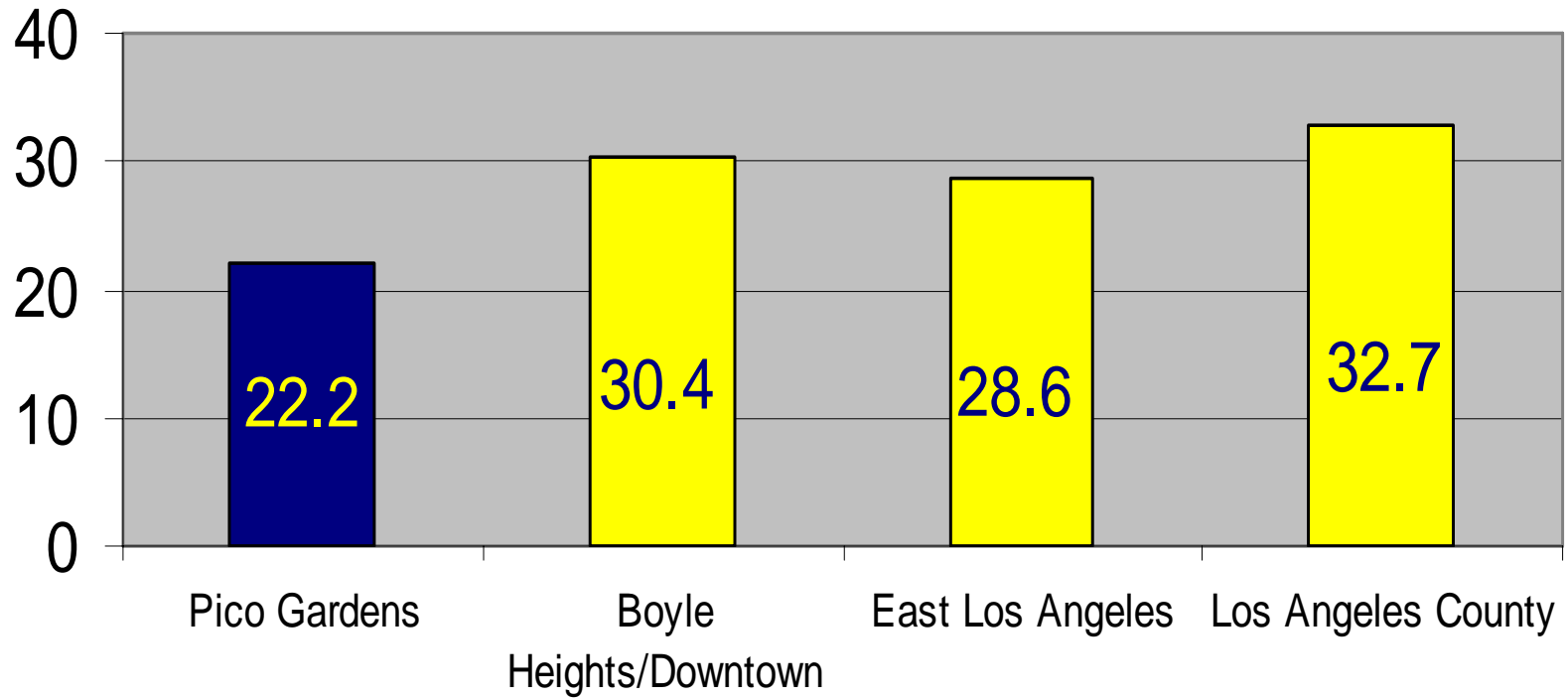


# Selected Characteristics of Pico Gardens Sample Households and Surrounding Communities

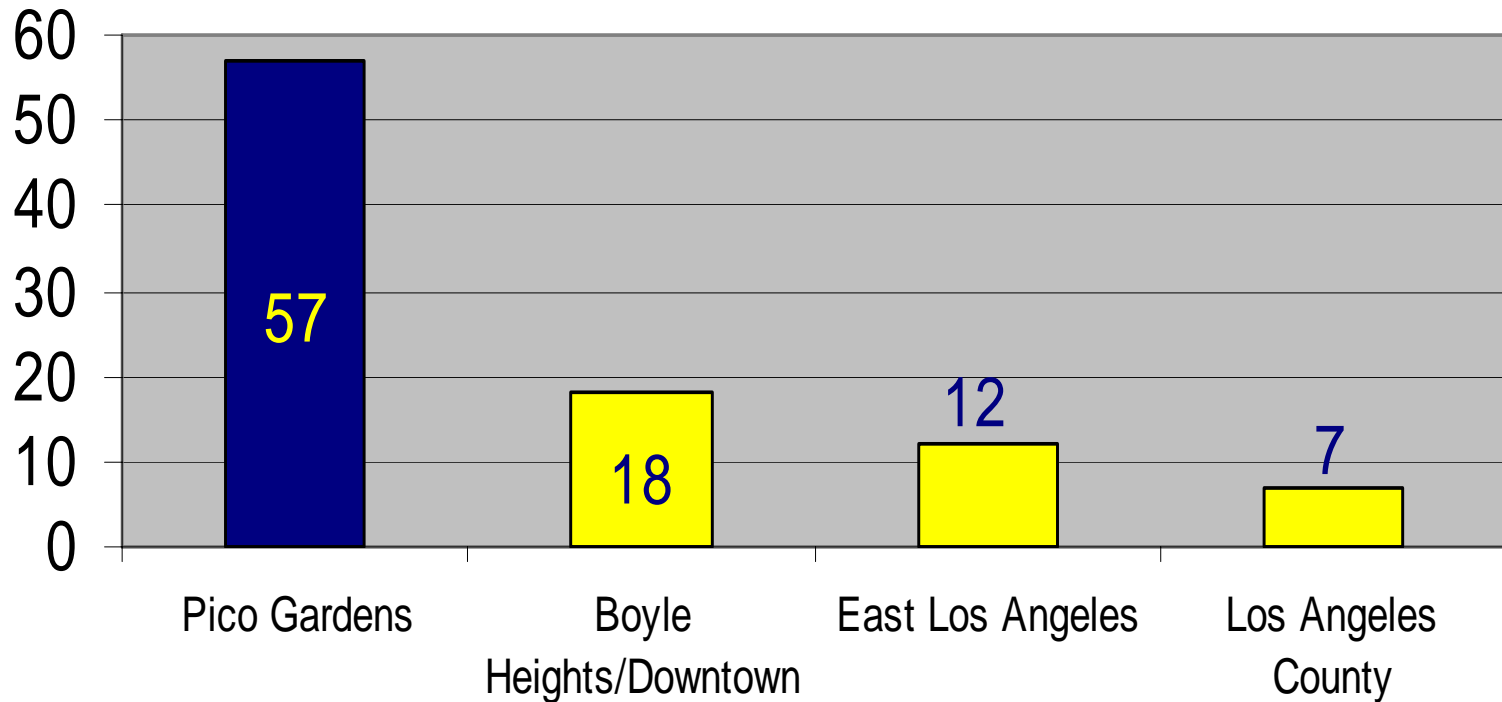
## Mean Number of Persons Per Household



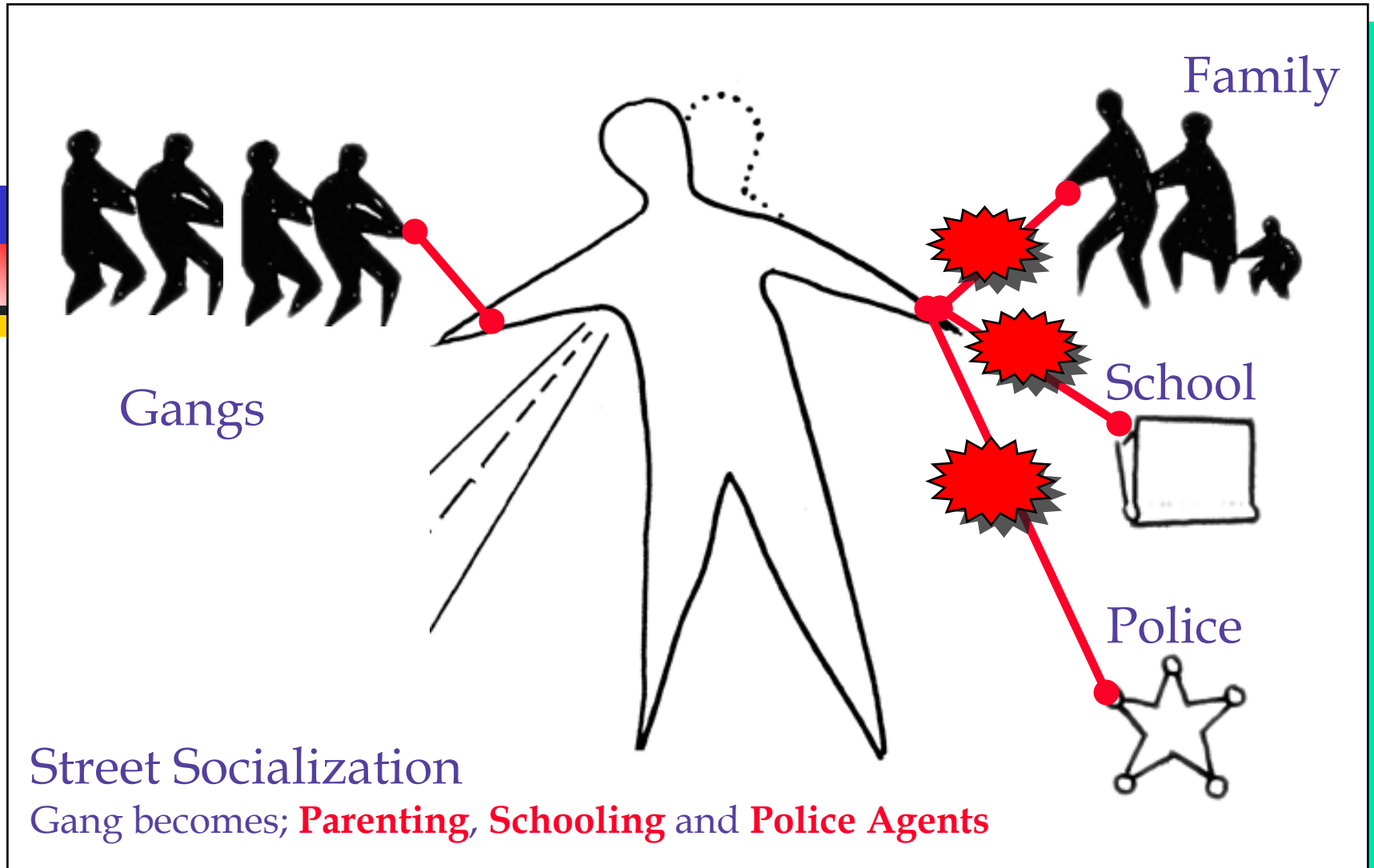
## Mean Age (Years)



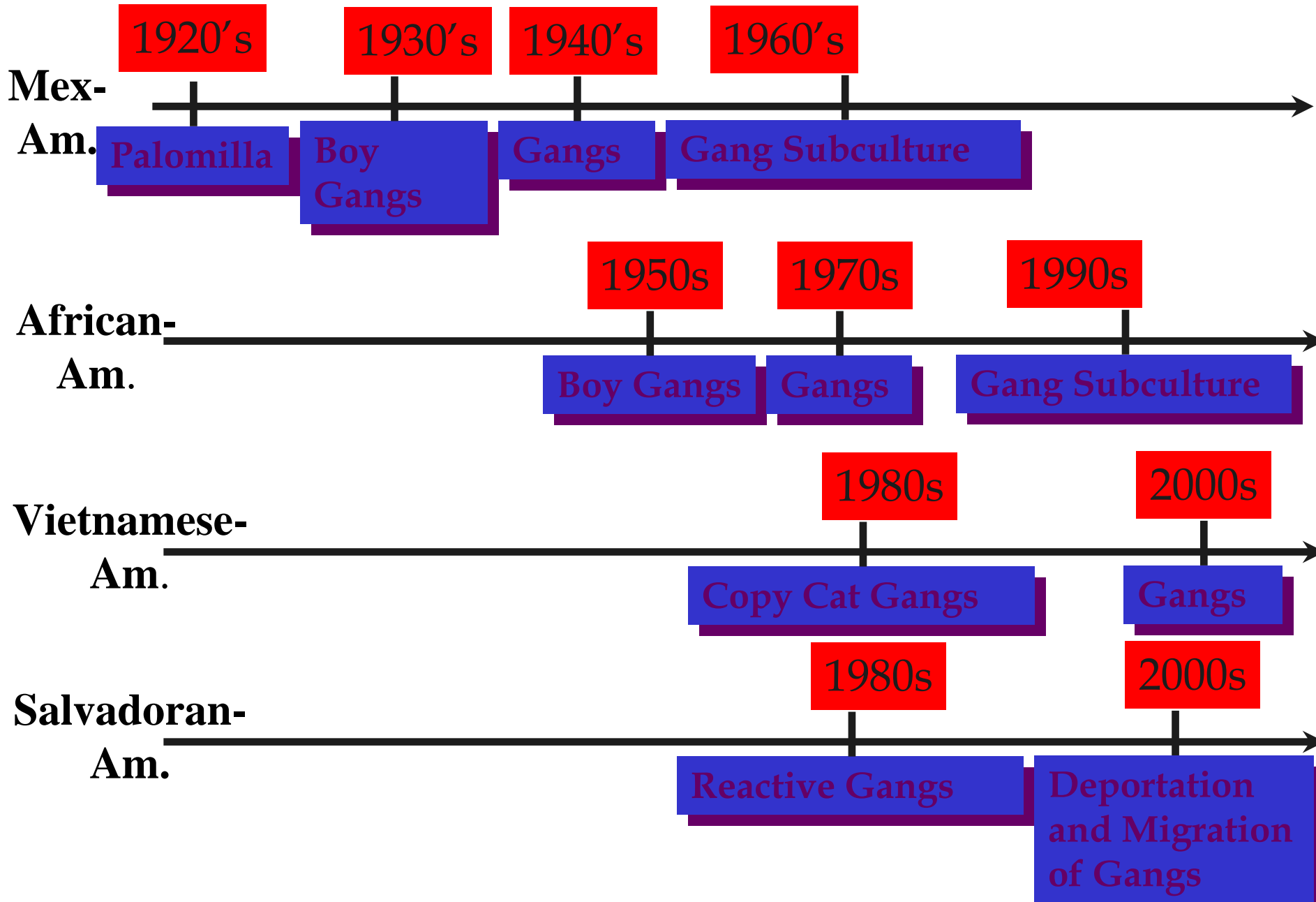
## Percent of Households Receiving Public Assistance



# Social Control



# Evolution of Street Subcultures





# 1995

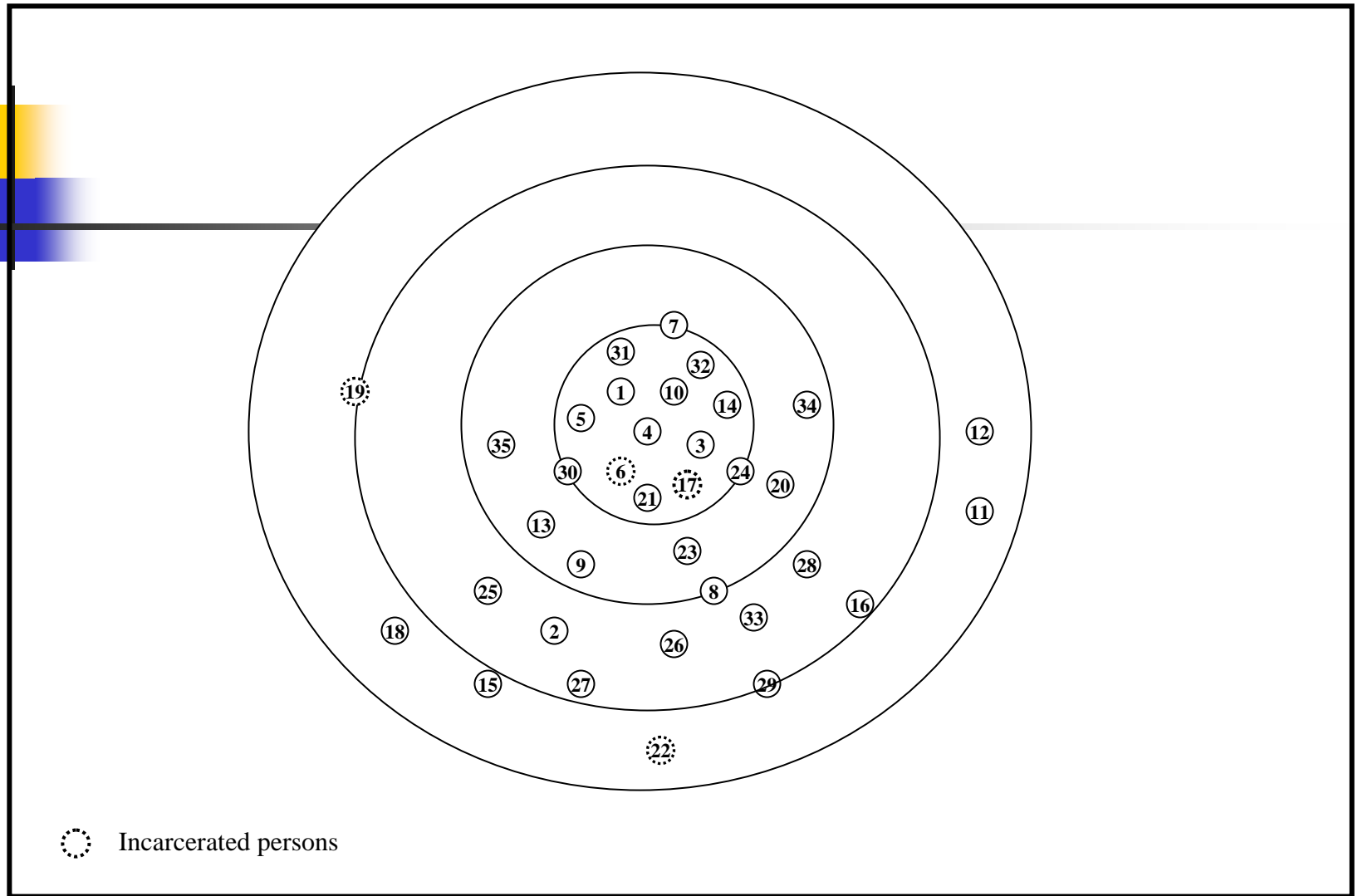


Figure 5.1

# 2005

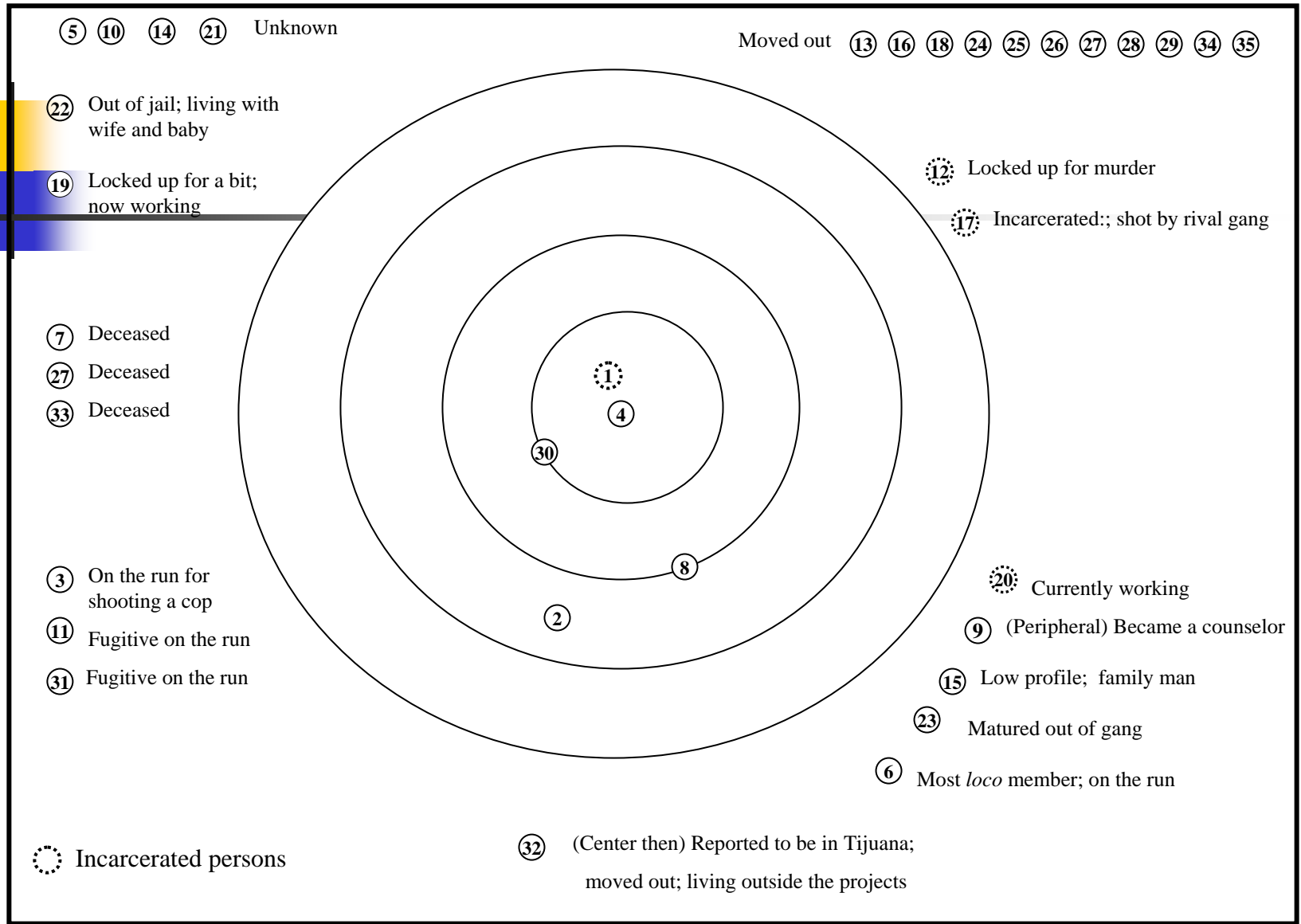


Figure 5.2

# EGO • Development

Nature: Heredity

Fragile



Nurture: Social Ecology

**What?** Others say it is  
**How?** It was put together  
**When?** Was it formed  
**Why?** This and not that part developed  
**Where?** Is it going

Fragmented



School

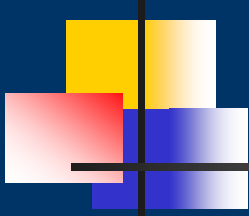


Home



Street

# Psychological Strain: Different Types of Identities



**IDEAL:** What I would like to be!



**CLAIMED:** What I would like others to think I am!



**FEARED:** What I would not like to be!



**REAL:** What I am!

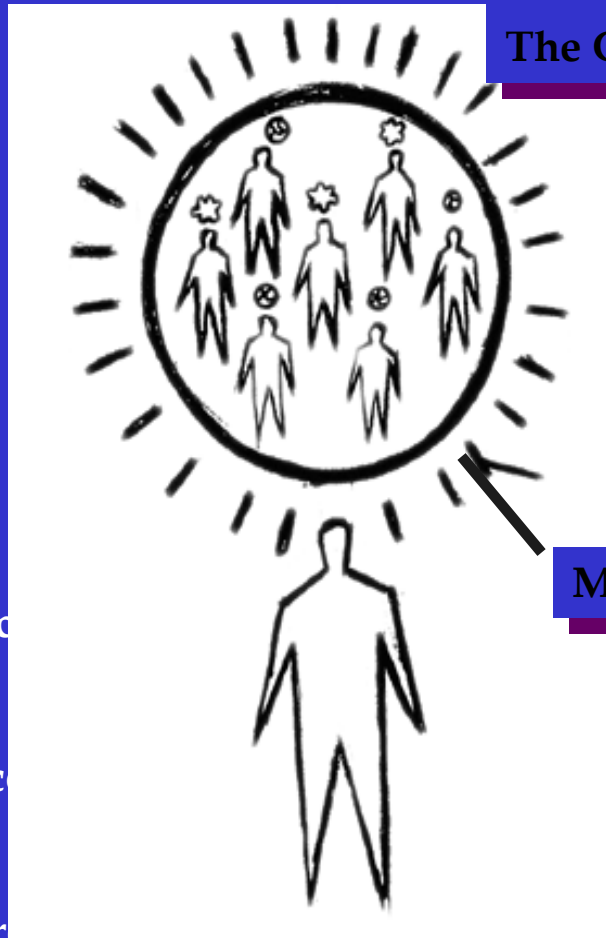
# Group Psychology

## A. The Group As Ego Ideal

## B. Psycho & Social Moratorium

*Scheidlinger, 1952-EGO-Supportive outlets in group*

- Protection, Security, and Affection
- Positive Personal Ties
- Shared Ideal and Interest
- Climate of Equality and Justice
- Symbolic Group Ceremonial Activities
- Common Enemies Outside Group



**Mi Barrio:  
The Group As EGO Ideal**



**Monster EGO**

A collection of  
fragmented  
ego's to make a  
monster ego



Louie "The Lump"



Biff Ellison



"Red Rocks"

Farrell



"Kid" Twist



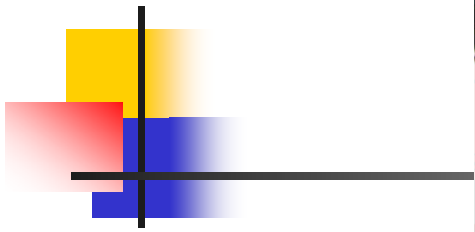
"Googy"  
Corcoran



Piker Ryan















# Multiple Marginality;

# Otherwise known as Marginalized!

## Ecology (SES)

- History (racism) and Immigration - .▶ P O
- Isolated, - .▶ V
- visual difference - .▶ E
- Family stress, strains R
- Underclass - .▶ T
- Culture Change - .▶ Y

## Social

- Crowded home - .▶
- Unsupervised - .▶ S L
- Older guys, ex-cons, unemployed: T I
- group runs it; R F
- must adjust - .▶ E E
- Patterns to adopt - .▶ E
- Manage Fear - .▶ T



## CULTURE

- Dress, appearance - .▶ **S**
- Signs and symbols - .▶ **T**
- Cliques - .▶ **R**
- Language - .▶ **E**

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## PSYCHOLOGY

- Psychosocial Moratorium: Age/sex clarification - .▶ **I**
- Initiation ritual - .▶ **S** **D**
- Ego. Group and role facets - .▶ **T** **E**
- Fear management syndrome - .▶ **R** **N**
- Locura - .▶ **E** **T**

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