

Living in our Globalized World: Notes 12
Barriers to incorporation: Chavez Chapter 4

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- Chavez: Shadowed Lives: Chapter 4, Life on the Farm, pp. 67-85
 - Some descriptive content:
 - Describes the harsh living conditions of many undocumented farm workers
 - why do they live this way?
 - other options? (pp. 73, 82-83)
 - what are the effects of living this way?
 - on health? (pp.73, 78)
 - financial effects (see pp.81-82)
 - on integration (or not integrating) into the host society?
 - responses to their walking on streets to reach a store (p. 74)
 - fear of crime, calls for city and police to prevent it
 - effect on integration?
 - attacks by local teenagers, off-duty Marines, Mexican-American gang members (pp75-76)
 - effects on behavior and integration?
 - “discardable” temporary contract workers (pp.77-78)
 - psychological effects?
 - practical effects?
 - most employers will take them to medical treatment for an accident (p.78)
 - what do you make of this?
 - camps destroyed by landowners (p.79)
 - why?
 - The general theme here: “marginality and incorporation” (p.83)
 - what does “incorporation” refer to here?
 - the “rite of passage” metaphor
 - what stage of the “rite of passage” are migrants generally in?
 - separated from home society
 - suspended obligations (well, some... explain)
 - separated from host society
 - interact with host society only at work
 - how does not having incorporated affect them?
 - direct effects on health, safety, finances, mental states...
 - effect on the host community, which in turn affects them...
 - do all immigrants want to incorporate?
 - why and why not?
 - what changes their minds?
 - what inhibits them from incorporating (barriers to incorporation)
 - infer from descriptions above
 - what encourages them to incorporate?
 - experiences that encourage incorporation (p.85)
 - bring family

- permanent employment
- job with responsibility
- kids in US schools
- learning to operate in the host society
- is incorporation the goal or the ideal in other cases of cultures in contact due to globalization?
 - which, how, etc.?
 - if not, why not?
 - what alternatives are there?
- does incorporation differ from assimilation?