

# Ethnic Minorities Seek Equality

## Section Two/Chapter 23

### **Main Idea: Latinos faced various forms of discrimination.**

1. Latinos were denied equal opportunities in employment, education, and housing.
2. Latino students living in barrios attended crowded, run-down schools with high dropout rates.

### **Main Idea: Latino activists brought about significant progress in labor and politics.**

1. Migrant farm workers were among the most exploited labor in the United States; they formed a union that won the right to bargain collectively.
2. Voters elected several Mexican Americans to Congress, and new political groups formed to support Latino interests.

### **Main Idea: Asian Americans made some progress in their fight against discrimination.**

1. Congress paid some compensation for Japanese American losses suffered during wartime internment.
2. Asian Americans earned less than white Americans, but in the 1960's and 1970's they made economic gains faster than other minorities.

### **Main Idea: Native Americans faced unique problems, which they tried to fight against, but achieved only limited success.**

1. Native Americans were denied equal opportunities: they were victims of stereotyping; many communities suffered poverty and poor living conditions.
2. Some laws passed in the 1970's favored Native American rights.

**United Farm Workers (UFW):** Labor union of Mexican field workers. Example of Latino's exerting political power.

**American Indian Movement (AIM):** Activist organization that fought for the rights and welfare of Native Americans. Leaders: Dennis Banks, George Mitchell, Russell Means. In some ways similar to militant Black groups. Sought autonomy.

***La Raza Unida:*** A Latino political party that worked for better housing and jobs, and also backed Latino political candidates.

**Cesar Chavez:** Led Latino's in an effort to improve conditions for migrant workers. Led the formation of the UFW. Similar to King in that he followed Ghandi's model for nonviolent protest.

**Japanese American Citizens League (JACL):** Led the victory in the effort to gain reparations for those Japanese Americans that suffered through internment.