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Explain the growing salience of ethnicity in the contemporary world with illustrations.

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Barth

Ethnic groups are defined by maintained boundaries in interaction, not by a fixed culture list.

Weberian closure

Status groups restrict association and economic chance; ethnicity often works this way.

Instrumentalism

Elites organise ethnic symbols for power and jobs; Brass is a key Indian-facing statement.

Primordialism

Geertz: deep givenness of assumed blood, language, and ritual that politics can still ignite.

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