When does ethnic mobilization or ethnic conflict occur? Why?

	Independent variable	Mechanism	Dependent variable	Type of explanation
Geertz	Fixed differences between groups	Want to control center	Mobilization or conflict	Primordialist
Bates	Competition over scarce resources from or benefits of modernization	Coalition-building to maximize goods	Ethnic mobilization	Instrumentalist
Posner	Relative size of ethnic group (on different sides of the border)	Potential for political power	Ethnic conflict	Instrumentalist
Jardina	Hierarchical arrangement of groups (white identity =/= white consciousness)	Status threat of immigration/demograph ic change/Obama election → white identity is chronically salient	White ethnic mobilization against social welfare spending, immigration, trade policy	Instrumentalist/social constructivist
Nagel	State institutions	Situational ethnicity	Mobilization	Social constructivist
Mamdani	Enforced hierarchy	Colonial state institutions	Ethnic conflict	Social constructivist