**Chapter 01 Objectives**

After reading this chapter, you should be able to:

* Define the issues surrounding race and ethnicity in the United States;
* Define concepts such as race, ethnicity, minority groups, multiculturalism, prejudice, and discrimination as they are used in the social science literature;
* Contrast the debate of whether multiculturalism is a valuable idea in American society;
* Understand how race and ethnicity play a role in the criminal justice system.