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● reluctant

# SETTLED LIVES

- **Action** is constrained and shaped, however, by the limited cultural resources at people's disposal in settled cultures.
- People are **reluctant** to try new strategies of action as they prefer familiar strategies that they know and perform with competence.





# "CULTURE" OF POVERTY

- Swindler looks at a hotly-debated theory: the notion of a "culture of poverty."
- At heart, this notion maintains that poor people have different cultural values than wealthier people, a difference that explains why they do not perform the actions that would enable them to assimilate into higher socio-economic positions.
- Surveys of poorer people show that they often do share the same values as those of their economic betters.

