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We will discuss Lackenby's notion of  $f$ -congruence of 3-manifolds and its relation to  $f$ -similarity. Both are equivalence relations based on surgery. We discuss consequences for cohomology and quantum invariants. (Received January 23, 2007)