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Diversity Explosion: How New Racial Demographics Are Remaking America



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Synopsis

At its optimistic best, America has embraced its identity as the world's melting pot. Today it is on the cusp of becoming a country with no racial majority, and new minorities are poised to exert a profound impact on U.S. society, economy, and politics. The concept of a "minority white" may instill fear among some Americans, but William H. Frey, the man behind the demographic research, points out that demography is destiny, and the fear of a more racially diverse nation will almost certainly dissipate over time. Through a compelling narrative and eye-catching charts and maps, eminent demographer Frey interprets and expounds on the dramatic growth of minority populations in the United States. He finds that without these expanding groups, America could face a bleak future: this new generation of young minorities, who are having children at a faster rate than whites, is infusing our aging labor force with vitality and innovation. In contrast with the labor force-age population of Japan, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom, the U.S. labor force-age population is set to grow 5 percent by 2030. Diversity Explosion shares the good news about diversity in the coming decades, and the more globalized, multiracial country that the U.S. is becoming.ContentsA Pivotal Period for Race in AmericaOld versus Young: Cultural Generation GapsAmerica's New Racial MapHispanics Fan Out: Who Goes Where? Asians in America: The Newest Minority SurgeThe Great Migration of Blacks—In ReverseWhite Population Shifts—A Zero-SumMelting Pot Cities and SuburbsNeighborhood Segregation: Toward a New Racial ParadigmMultiracial Marriages and Multiracial AmericaRace and Politics: Expanding the BattlegroundAmerica on the Cusp

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An excellent, very authoritative guide on the demographic changes sweeping America, by a top expert in demographics (William H. Frey). In particular, he explains some consequences of these trends, such as why whites tend to Republican these days, and other interesting facts. His general approach is that diversity is a good thing, and there are some politically correct (PC)/left-leaning opinions expressed here and there, but he's also very frank about the problems faced by some groups; for instance, he doesn't shy away from discussing that Hispanics are uneducated as a group. Overall, the book is very objective; don't be put off by the occasional polite PC language (Frey argues that diversity is critical for economic growth in the future). Any left-leaning conclusions like that are well-supported, but the criticism/concerns are aired as well, so he does maintain an objective stance.

Review â " The Diversity Explosion William Freyâ œThe Diversity Explosion: How New Racial Demographics are Remaking Americaâ • by William Frey is a detailed, thought provoking discussion of how the racial and ethnic lines of society in the USA are changing. The book is chuck full of numbers, graphs, charts, lists all comparing racial and ethnic divisions in the USA. Frey makes forecasts based on the projections of the US Census Bureau.Frey spends lots of pages discussing the movement of the various peoples to the South and the Southwest, away from the Midwest and Northeast. More pages are spent on the ethnic and racial divisions of many of the major cities and areas in the USA.The book is well written, but far too many numbers and facts to be easily read. It is better as a reference text on ethnic and racial predictions for politicians and city planners. I found it fascinating, but ended up skimming quite a few pages due to the detailed numeric descriptions.For those interested in a detailed analysis of changing demographics of the USA, this is a must read.Mostly Frey feels the growing diversity of the United States is a good thing and a certainty of our future.

The author presents what could be bone-dry demographic statistics in a refreshingly readable text, organize along themes which make each chapter a useful primer on a particular subject related to diversity.

A concise and easy to absorb summation of America's most significant cultural pivot toward our

American neighbors. Time to start our pivot south, and this book paints an optimistic path forward

great new way of looking at or american demographics - maybe some signs of hope.

Extremely interesting and definitely gives food for thought. We will soon be a majority minority nation

The book offered key insights into the driving forces behind the changing demographics of the U.S.

Great up to date piece. Information crucial as a resource for classroom discussions.

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