

**SOCIAL
STRATIFICATION:
RACE & ETHNICITY**

Race: Myth and Reality

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- Myth 1 - Idea That Any Race is Superior
 - All Races Have Geniuses and Idiots.
 - Genocide Still Around
- Myth 2 - Idea that Any Race is Pure
 - Human Characteristics Flow Endlessly Together.

Ethnic Groups

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- Race Refers to Biological Characteristics.
- Ethnicity Refers to Cultural Characteristics.
 - Common Ancestry
 - Cultural Heritage
 - Nations of Origin



Minority and Dominant Groups

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- Minority Group - People Singled Out for Unequal Treatment
- Minority Group Not Necessarily Numerical Minority

Minority and Dominant Groups

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- Dominant Group - Group with Most...
 - Power
 - Privileges
 - Highest Social Status
- Dominant Group Does the Discriminating.



Emergence of Minority Groups

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Minority Groups Occur Because of...

- Expansion of Political Boundaries
- Migration

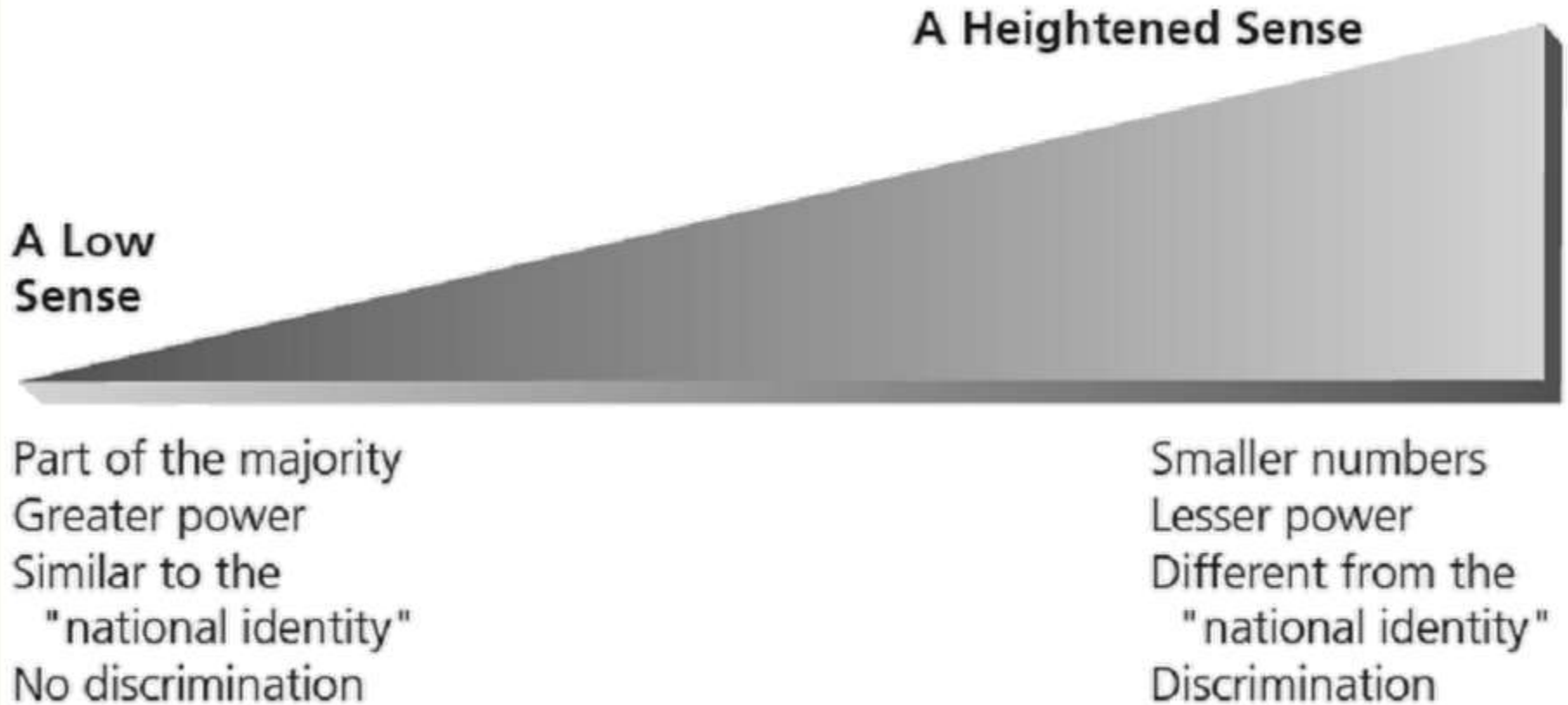


Constructing Racial-Ethnic Identity

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- Sense of Ethnicity
 - Relative Size
 - Power
 - Appearance
 - Discrimination
- Ethnic Work and the Melting Pot

Sense of Ethnicity



Prejudice and Discrimination

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- Learning Prejudice
 - Prejudice vs. Discrimination
- Discrimination is Action
- Learning from Association



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- Far-Reaching Nature of Prejudice
- Internalizing Dominant Norms
 - Media
 - Group Membership



Individual and Institutional Discrimination

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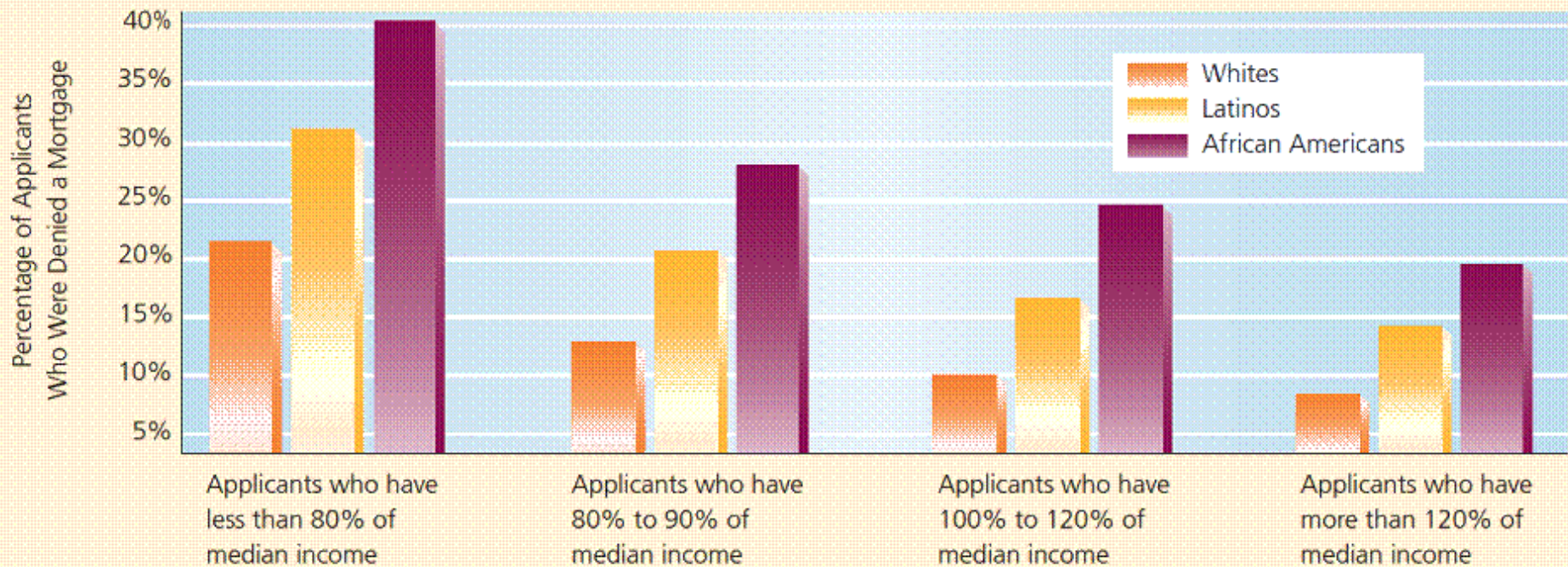
- Health Care
- Home Mortgage and Car Loans



Race-Ethnicity & Mortgages: An Example of Institutional Discrimination

The Federal Reserve Board gathered data on the loans made by 9,300 financial institutions (Thomas 1991). As shown here, loan applicants who had the same income did not receive the same treatment. Note how much more likely banks were to turn down minorities.

This figure illustrates *institutional discrimination*. (Because the discrimination is part of the social system, it is also called *systemic discrimination*.) Being turned down for a mortgage is not due to discrimination by an individual banker here and there, but, rather, is a nationwide practice.



Theories of Prejudice

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Psychological Perspectives

- Frustration and Scapegoats
- The Authoritarian Personality



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Sociological Perspectives

- Functionalism
- Conflict Theory
- Symbolic Interactionism
 - Labels Create Prejudice
 - Self-Fulfilling Prophecy



Global Patterns of Intergroup Relations

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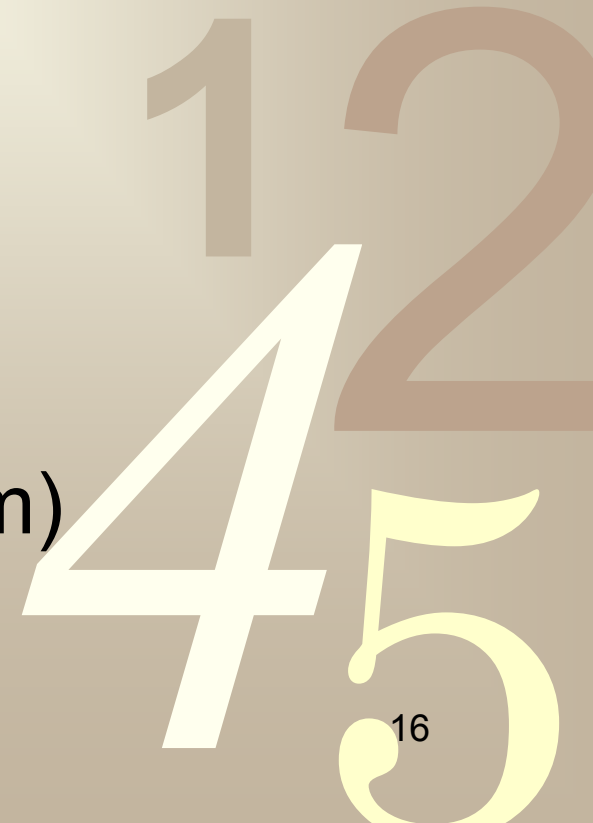
- Genocide
- Population Transfer
- Internal Colonialism



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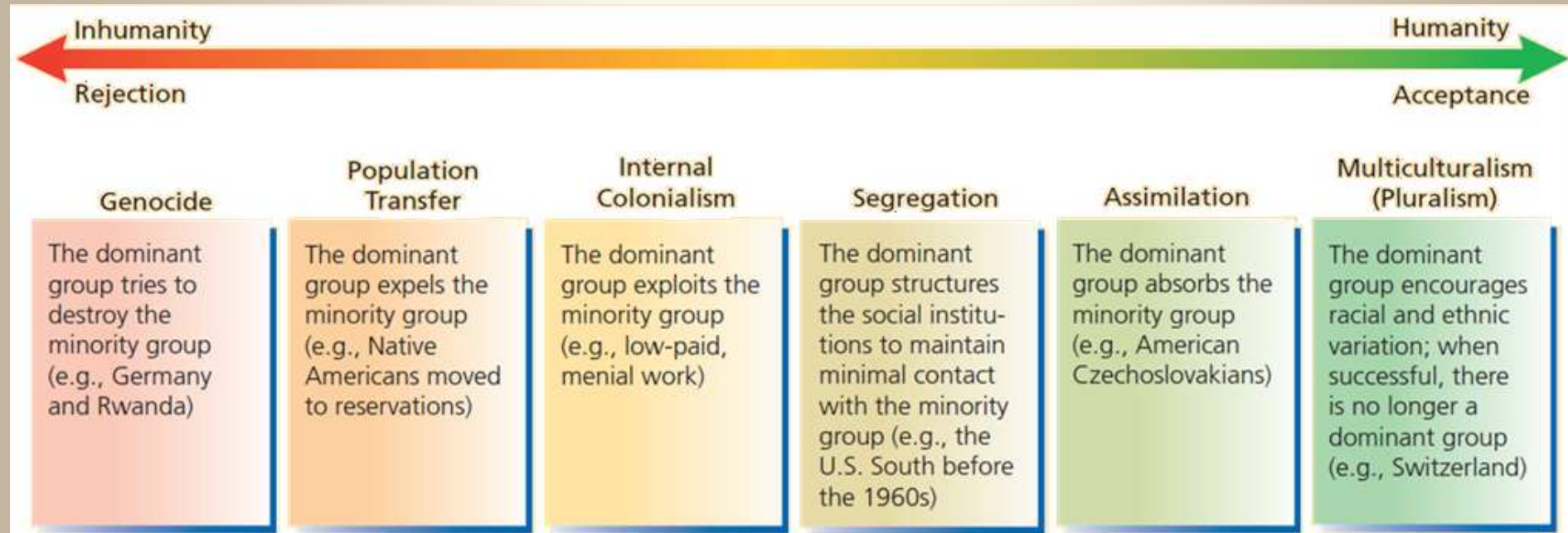
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- Segregation
- Assimilation
- Multiculturalism (Pluralism)



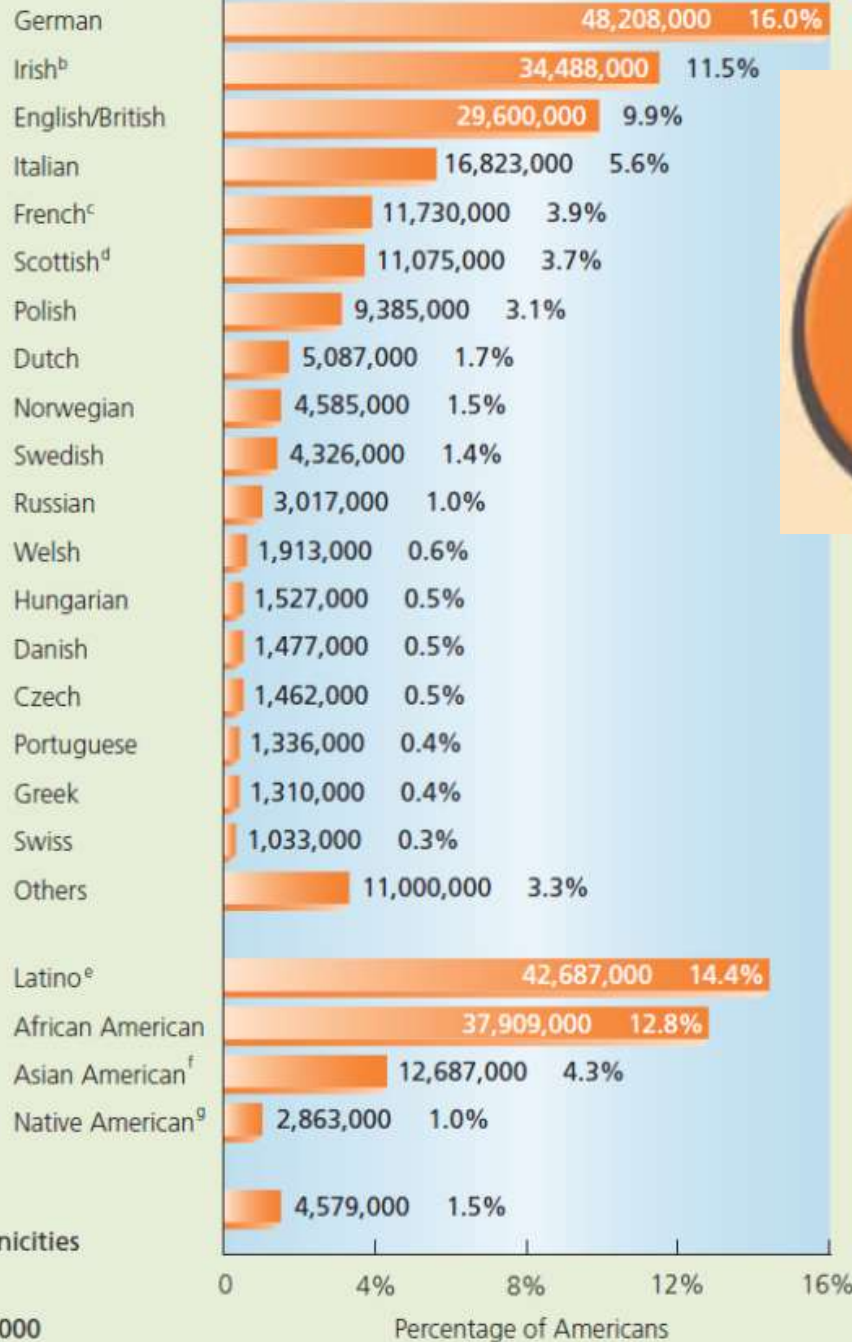
Global Patterns of Intergroup Relations: A Continuum

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Race and Ethnic Relations in the United States

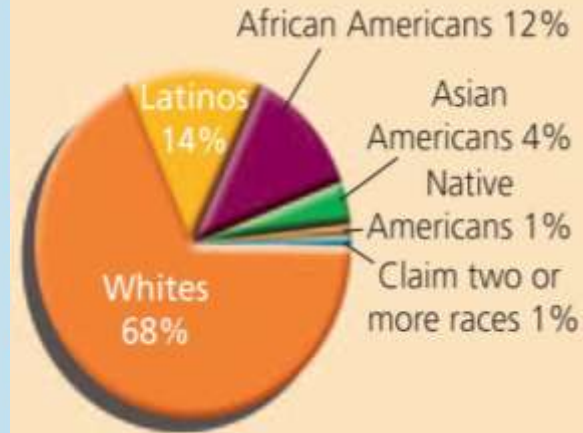
Americans of European Descent^a
198,700,000
66.3%



Americans of African, Asian, and North, Central, and South American Descent
96,146,000
32.1%

Americans Who Claim Two or More Race-Ethnicities
1.5%

Overall Total: 299,608,000



USA—the land of diversity

Notes:

^aThe totals in this figure should be taken as broadly accurate only. The totals for groups and even for the U.S. population vary from table to table in the source. Because the total of the individual white ethnic groups listed in the source is 10 percent above the total of whites, I arbitrarily reduced each white ethnic group by 10 percent.

^bInterestingly, this total is six times higher than all the Irish who live in Ireland.

^cIncludes French Canadian.

^dIncludes "Scottish-Irish."

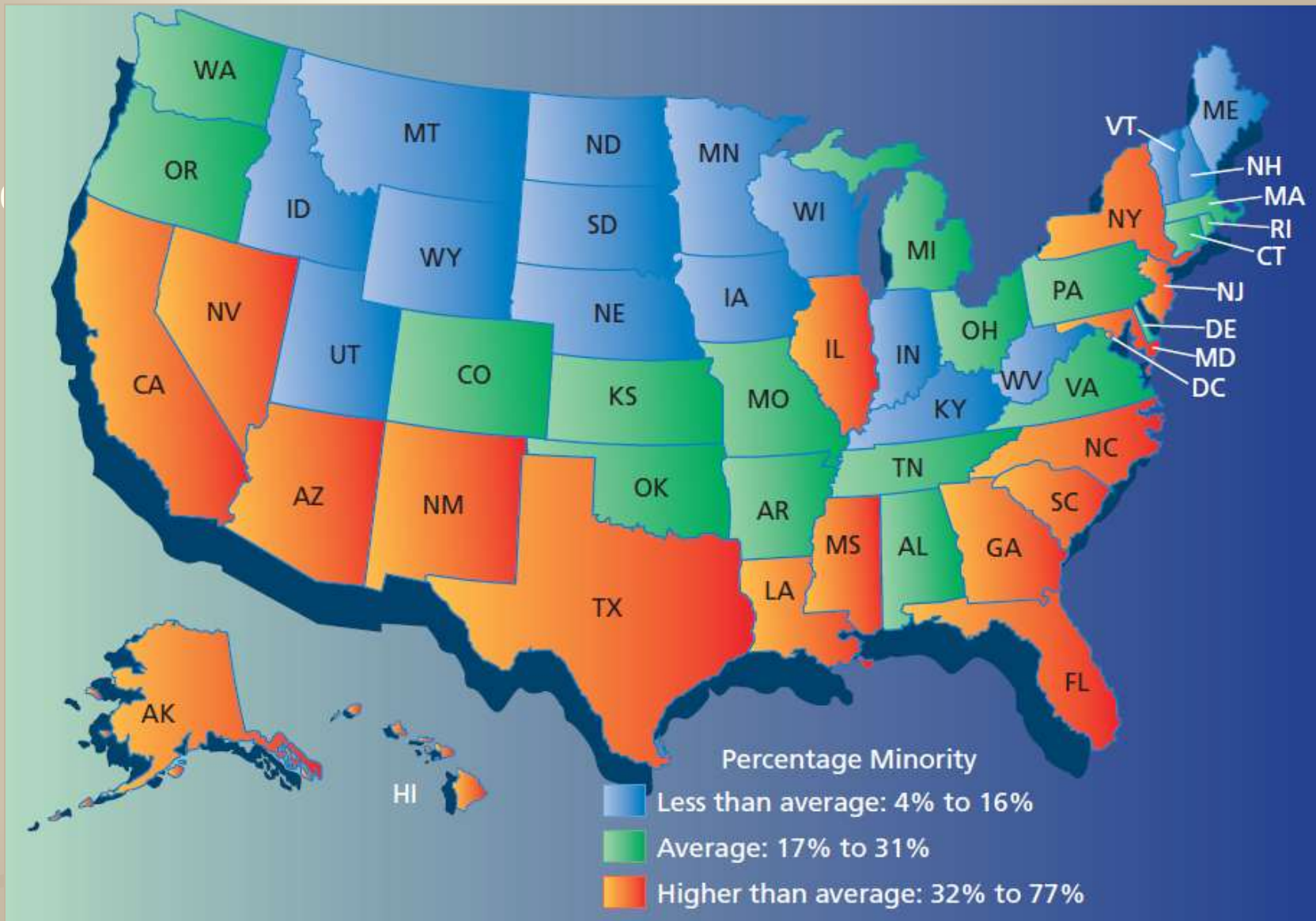
^eMost Latinos trace at least part of their ancestry to Europe.

^fIn descending order, the largest groups of Asian Americans are from China, the Philippines, India, Korea, Vietnam, and Japan. See Figure 12.10. Also includes those who identify themselves as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

^gIncludes Native American, Inuit, and Aleut.

Source: By the author. Based on *Statistical Abstract 2007:Table 50*.

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0011 0010 1010 1101 0001 0100 1011 Europeans Americans

- Nation's Founders Included Only
Those from England (WASPs)
- Other "White" Europeans Inferior

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Latinos (Hispanics)

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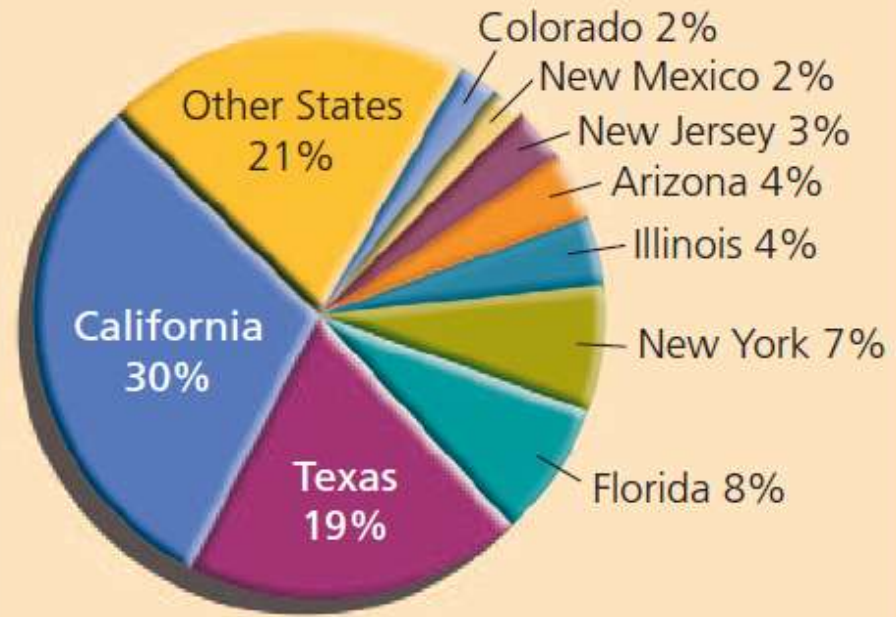
- Numbers Origins, Location



Origin of US Latinos



Where US Latinos Live



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Latinos (Hispanics)

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- Numbers Origins, Location
- Spanish Language
- Diversity
- Comparative Conditions

Race-Ethnicity & Comparative Well-Being

Racial-Ethnic Group	INCOME		UNEMPLOYMENT		POVERTY		HOME OWNERSHIP	
	Median Family Income	Compared to Whites	Percentage Unemployed	Compared to Whites	Percentage Below Poverty Line	Compared to Whites	Percentage Who Own Their Homes	Compared to Whites
Whites	\$59,907	—	3.5%	—	7.7%	—	76.3%	—
Latinos	\$36,820	39% lower	4.8%	37% higher	21.9%	184% higher	49.4%	35% lower
Country or Area of Origin								
Cuba	NA ²	NA	2.0%	57% lower	14.5%	88% higher	61.3%	20% lower
Central and South America	NA	NA	NA	NA	17.8%	131% higher	39.2%	49% lower
Mexico	NA	NA	4.2%	20% higher	23.8%	209% higher	51.4%	33% lower
Puerto Rico	NA	NA	4.7%	34% higher	22.9%	197% higher	39.7%	48% lower
African Americans	\$34,851	42% lower	7.5%	114% higher	24.5%	218% higher	49.5%	35% lower
Asian Americans ³	\$65,132	9% higher	3.5%	The same	11.7%	52% higher	57.6%	25% lower
Native Americans	\$35,981	40% lower	NA	NA	24.6%	219% higher	55.5%	27% lower

Race-Ethnicity & Education

Racial-Ethnic Group	EDUCATION COMPLETED				DOCTORATES		Percentage of U.S. Population
	Less than High School	High School	Some College	College (BA or Higher)	Number Awarded	Percentage of all U.S. Doctorates ¹	
Whites	9.7%	33.4%	28.0%	28.9%	28,214	81.0%	66.3%
Latinos	41.1%	27.3%	19.6%	12.1%	1,662	4.7%	14.4%
Country or Area of Origin							
Cuba	26.5%	30.4%	18.4%	24.7%	NA	NA	
Puerto Rico	27.8%	33.7%	24.7%	13.8%	NA	NA	
Central and South America	37.6%	25.6%	18.3%	18.5%	NA	NA	
Mexico	47.7%	26.6%	17.4%	8.3%	NA	NA	
African Americans	19.4%	36.0%	27.0%	17.6%	2,900	8.1%	12.8%
Asian Americans	15.1%	17.2%	19.3%	48.2%	2,632	7.4%	4.3%
Native Americans	23.3%	31.3%	31.1%	14.1%	217	0.6%	1.0%

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African-Americans

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- The Struggle for Civil Rights
- Rising Expectations and Civil Strife
- Continued Gains

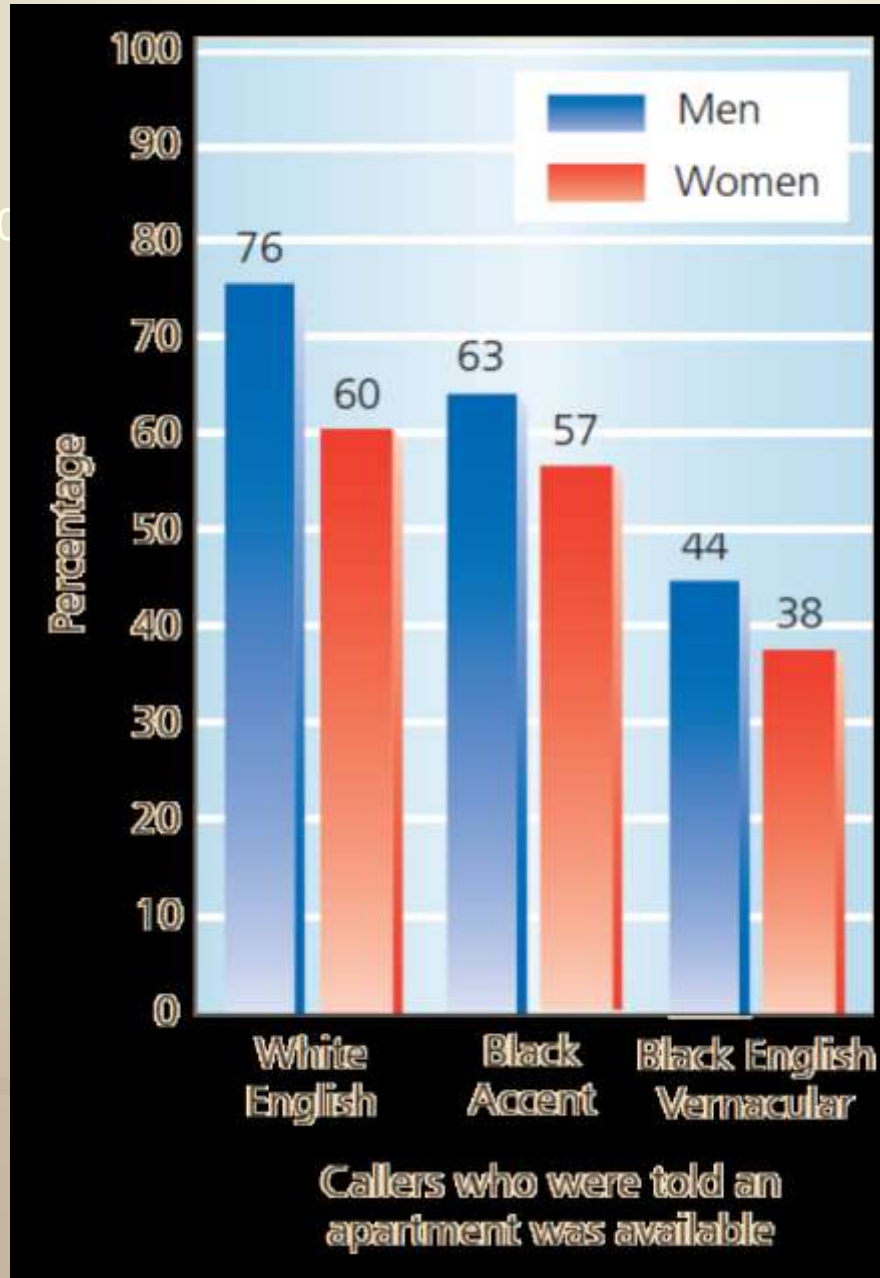
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African-Americans

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- Current Losses
- Race or Social Class?
- Racism as an Everyday Burden

Cloaked Discrimination in Apartment Rentals



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Asian-Americans

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- Background of Discrimination
- Diversity
- Reasons for Success

Country of Origin of Asian Americans



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Native Americans

- Diversity of Groups
- From Treaties to Genocide and Population Transfer
- The Invisible Minority and Self-Determination
- Pan-Indianism

Looking To the Future

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- The Immigration Debate
- Affirmative Action
- Toward a True Multicultural Society

Projections of the Racial-Ethnic Makeup of the US Population

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