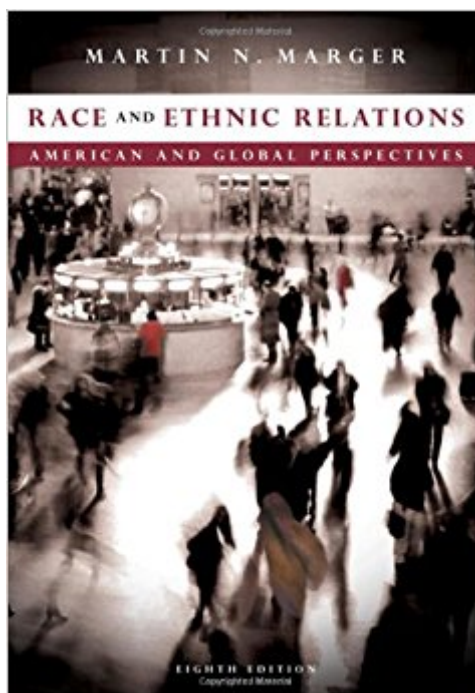


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Race And Ethnic Relations: American And Global Perspectives



Synopsis

RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS: AMERICAN AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, Eighth Edition, explores race and ethnic relations in a global context, while extensively covering groups and issues in the United States. The text's unique comparative approach is increasingly important and relevant in light of the growing ethnic diversity in a variety of societies, as well as the prominence of ethnic conflicts throughout the world.

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"(The writing style) is the best part of the project. The style of writing is more narrative in form and vastly easier to understand for students. Concepts and ideas are developed in such a way that students can retain them longer than more conventional styles." "I am impressed with two things. First, the emphasis on "white ethnics" especially Italian-Americans because they fit better the conflict paradigm in terms of their experiences with prejudice and discrimination. Second, the global coverage. I know of no other text that does this in such a complete way." "I received a copy of Marger's text and after a review of the book, I immediately knew it was the text I had been looking for. First, I found one of the major strengths of the book to be its organization, its very distinctive approach. Marger makes it very clear that his focus is to present the major concepts and theories grounding the study of race and ethnic relations and then apply these to various racial and ethnic groups. Part 1 "The Nature of Ethnic Relations" introduces the students to the basic concepts and theories, and as we know, for many students, dealing with the abstract can be quite challenging.

Marger, however, brings the abstract alive when in Part II, he applies these concepts and theories to specific racial and ethnic groups. This particular framework has provided me with a most productive pedagogical design in the classroom." "Marger's writing is very clear and precise with no room for anything extraneous. He succinctly gets to the point - no verbiage. Clearly, this text was written with teaching and students in mind." "There is a global perspective present in this book. It presents information that students need to understand for their careers." --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Martin N. Marger received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, his master's degree from Florida State University, and his doctorate from Michigan State University. In addition to his research and writing in the field of race and ethnic relations, his work includes studies in social inequality and political sociology. He is also the author of SOCIAL INEQUALITY: PATTERNS AND PROCESSES.

This book is mostly geared to the college sociology student and the instructor, and starts with chapters on sociological theories on race and ethnicity. Marger then goes on to treat major factors and histories of the major racial groups in the United states (White Ethnic Americans, native Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, African Americans and Jewish Americans). Marger comes across as a dedicated and enthusiastic scholar, he balances the prejudices, misconceptions, projections of the races with their histories in the United States. Whites have differential histories, as Irish, Germans, Russians, british, etc. He breaks down their entrance into the United states, the prejudices they have faced, their incomes and power relative to other whites and to other races, how they view themselves. Marger is strong on portraying that the United States has largely been dominated by WASP's (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants) though the dynamic has largely changed over the past few decades with the overwhelming influxes of immigrants and access to power. It is amazing how Marger refers to countless hundreds of sources! In the third part of the book, Marger examines race, ethnicity, socio-historically by examining the significant examples of South Africa (apartheid and majority rule, etc), then Brazil, then Canada(notably the Quebec-French issue). The very last chapter (16)gets into salient examples of conflict and change, notable Rwandan genocide, resurgencies of nationalism, breaking up of Yugoslavia, the Iraq conflict, and the issue of Northern Ireland. The magnitude of information packed in this 600 page book is unimaginable. The world is one of stereotypes, discrimination, assimilation; race and ethnic relationships are fluid and change everyday. How Arab-Americans, Hispanics, Jews, etc. are

portrayed and treated is all dealt with in this book. Marger walks you through easily readable details of the socio-histories, establishments, encounters, challenges, and privileges of the social groups in the United States and other notable regions of the world. This book is bound to be an enduring one, and should be upheld not only by the academic student and instructor, but by anyone who wants to walk through comprehensive theories and sociohistories of peoples all over the world from the past to the present. The reader attains a commendable grasp of what is happening in the world right now, as related to what had happened in the past! Once you start reading this book, your eyes will become opened to aspects you had never thought of, and that you had only heard of, naively. This is an exciting volume on global perspectives and reality, one that is hard to put down after you start reading it. This is bound to be an enduring text, and Marger likely revises every couple of years so as to be in tune with what is happening today...though he does not deprive us of what happened in the past! The book is worth every penny!

loved it

Interesting, but maybe a bit too verbose. The text is more ponderous at times than it should be, but there's a rich history outlined and analyzed, so that was good.

It was practically brand new

This book gave me insight on how every since WASP man could stand up right and grab items he has persecuted every type of people on the planet Earth; not because of race but in the pursuit of resources.

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