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# Racial And Ethnic Groups (12th Edition)



## Synopsis

Grounded in a socio-historical perspective with engaging stories and first person accounts. Racial and ethnic relations in the United States are at a dynamic and exciting time. Major events are shaping our society, such as population and immigration changes, the election of the first African-American president, and increasing diversity throughout our society. Racial and Ethnic Groups, 12th edition helps students understand the changing dynamics of the U.S. population. By using a socio-historical perspective, the author frames issues by examining our history, exploring the current situation, and discussing the concerns for the future. Filled with first person accounts, such as “Listen to Our Voices,” brief story chapter openers, and “Student Voices” questions, Schaefer’s Racial and Ethnic Groups actively engages students in the study of racial and ethnic relations. Major changes include the introduction of “Global View” boxes, and new discussions of high-interest topics, such as African immigration and color-blind racism.

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General Thoughts “This text is very well researched, thorough, informative, and comprehensive. I have not yet seen a book that is better than this text. It covers all the areas of concern for a course on race and ethnicity in the U.S.”

“Most of my students thought that the book was good and easy to

comprehend. - Professor Sangeeta Jha, St. Cloud University  
"Racial and Ethnic Groups is a very good scholarly work. Especially the historical perspectives on American racial minorities."

- Professor Kebba Darboe, Minnesota State University  
"I have already adopted this book for more than five years, and I recommended it to other colleagues who have also adopted it at another university."

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"This is still the best college text that overviews the racial and ethnic diversity in the United States within a socio-historical framework. It has become a more attractive text in both its format and aesthetic

qualities." - Professor Jac Bulk, University of Wisconsin  
"This book is superior to all its competition."

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"This text is my choice because it appears to be scholarly, and providing a balance of necessary historical context and current information."

- Dr. Karen Hardin, Mesa Community College

Features  
"The marginal glossary is one of the best features in the book. It is very helpful to the students and the terms that are defined are the ones that I think are the most important."

- Professor Dale Lanigan, Lourdes College  
"Ask Yourself" is a beneficial feature to engage students in critical thinking and self-reflection."

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This best-selling Race & Ethnic Relations text is grounded in a socio-historical perspective with engaging stories and first person accounts. Racial and Ethnic Groups helps students understand the changing dynamics of the U.S. population. By using a socio-historical perspective, the author frames issues by examining our history, exploring the current situation, and discussing the concerns for the future. Racial and ethnic relations in the United States are at a dynamic and exciting time. Major events are shaping our society, such as population and immigration changes, the election of the first African-American president, and increasing diversity throughout our society.

I would give the book itself two stars but I'm adding two more out of fairness to the entire experience of the transaction. So, two stars for Schaefer and more stars for . This textbook was required for my

Sociology class so I was stuck with having to buy it. I decided to get it in kindle version so I didn't have to schlepp a textbook around. There were many things about the book itself that I did not like. I did not find the book to be objective. To me, the book was more biased than a textbook for a course should be. I feel that Schaefer presents too many of his opinions and viewpoints as hard factual information. At one point he cited his own book as a reference. That being said, if you are forced to get this book for required reading, is - reliable through and through. If you can work and study comfortably with e-books I would definitely recommend renting it. Shell out as little money as possible because you probably won't care to add this book to your permanent collection. I wasn't good at studying from the kindle book format so I ended up having to get a paper version as well. If you are like me and need a tangible book for highlighting and taking notes in the margins and such, I was able to get an unbound version with the holes for a 3-ring binder from my University's bookstore. I was able to take out the chapters that I was working with and put them in a skinny binder so I didn't have to cart around a textbook. The unbound version was about one-third of the price of the text. The pages were a bit thinner than the pages in a hardcover textbook but not enough to matter. Just don't go whipping the pages around or the holes will rip. I am done with my semester and only accidentally ripped three or four pages. Good Luck!

The book itself is fine. The condition is good. The issue I have is that I specifically chose a book that said "Racial and Ethnic Groups Plus NEW MySocLab with eText -- Access Card Package" because I needed the eText and access card. I realize the book is used, but that's why I chose one that said with access card. The book came without the access card, so I still had to pay over \$80 to purchase access online. VERY FRUSTRATING!!! Please, do not label something has having the access card if it does not, in fact, have the access card. A disclaimer somewhere obscure that used items "may not" have access card is not helpful when the description specifically says it has it.

Expected more up-to-date stats! Too many statistics remain the same a year later. For example, the same scenario of immigrants are discussed as being 48 or 54 years old in Chapter 4 one year in the 2011 edition and the same age a year later. There are also typos in Chapter 4 in the section entitled Population Growth, which shows insertion of a clause or two while statistics remain the same or are generalized. My university uses the 2011 twelfth edition of this book, I purchased the 2012 thirteenth edition thinking there would be more up-to-stats. My fault I am sure. Perhaps, I should have purchased the fourteenth edition.

I regret purchasing the KINDLE edition of this book. The book its self is a great book for understanding the concepts of Racial and Ethnic Groups for my Cultural Diversity course. I should have ordered the hard copy and not the e book within kindle. This was my first e book purchase through the kindle app for pc and I do regret it. The reason I gave it two stars was for the convenience. I was in need of the book right away and could not wait for shipping. On my PC the font is hard to read and it does not give options to help this issue as other books off the kindle allow. Also navigating through the chapters and pages of this e book is not as seamless as other books on the kindle.

Purchased for a class at Troy University during my undergraduate studies and then sold (as most textbooks are) once finished with it. During my graduate studies I realized that much of this information was still pertinent and useful as sources so i purchased it all over again and now have almost all of the books that I used during my collegiate studies. This is a very informative book and an easy read.

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This text baffled me in how small it was and how much was skimmed over for the sake of being so short. While it gives a good primer on overall issues of prejudice and discrimination, as well as including statistical data (now mostly out of date) on different minority groups, its size doesn't leave much room for in-depth evaluations. I suppose it's all in perspective: as a high school text, I'd have rated it highly. As a 300-level college course text, I found it ridiculous. That's not the fault of the author so much as my professor for choosing it, but it also serves as a warning for those who encounter this text in college: you will likely know much of what is in here, and what you don't know will likely be out-of-date statistics. Hopefully college professors will stop using this out-of-print, abecedarian text.

I took a race and ethnicity class and I would say that this is pretty detailed and the author definitely shares facts and is considerate of each race stated. Definitely worth a read if you're not quite "in the know" of things, which is important to function period. I feel as though we all know "information" but

don't know how to properly explain things or just need another outlook, this could really help.

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