
U.S. Decadal Growth Rates for Population by Race/Ethnicity, 1980-2010









## IMMIG RATION ASA (NON-) FACTOR

A Leveling Off: Immigrant Share of Total Population California, Los Angeles, and the U.S.


## A MUCH MORE SEITLED IMMIG RANTPOPULATIO N

Percent of Immigrant Population in U.S. Since 1999









Portrait of America: The Changing Suburbs







South Los Angeles with 2000 U.S. Census Tract Bounda ries


South Central Los Angeles High School Demography, 1981-82 School Year


South Central Los Angeles High School Demography, 2008-09 School Year



## the Challenge of inequality



## WE USED TO BE OPPORTUNITY-RICH . . .

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## THE CHALLENGE OF INEQUALITY

Figure 3-1. U.S. Resident Median Family Income 1947-2011
(in 2011 Dollars)





## THINKING Ob: EQUITY VS. EFFIC IENCY

- Conventional wisdom in economics
- Need for large-scale investment
- Shift from low to high productivity
- Incentives and motivation
- But new equity and growth synergies?
- Countries in the global south
- Regions in the U.S.
- Recent financial crisis



## FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE

- Federal Reserve of Cleveland studies almost 120 mid-size regions, looking for factors that predict regional prosperity
- Usual suspects: skilled workforce, quality of life, industrial decline
- Unusual suspects: income inequality, racial exclusion, concentration of poverty - and they're highly significant


PUNCHLINES FROM REGRESSION WORK

- Largest and most significant factor associated with shortened growth spells is levels of inequality

- Residential segregation and political diffusion also associated with shortened growth spells
- Other factors include education levels and economic structures


## ITSA BROADER STO RY



- Underinvestment in each other makes us less competitive as a nation

- Social tensions over who will gain and who will lose make us less likely to cohere on what we need to do to thrive


## OUR STAKE IN IMMIG RATIO N REFORM

Immigrants are:

- One in three County residents
- 46 percent of the LA County workforce
- Children of immigrants are 64 percent of all LA County children

- Of the children of immigrant parents, nearly ninety percent are US citizens


## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENG AG EM ENT



## LOO KING TO THE FUTURE . . .



- Diversity is driving population change - and is occurring everywhere
- If we don't address inequality, the future is more challenging
- Understand that our gaps are partly about bridging generations and geographies


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- Emphasize that Latino issues are America's issues; America's issues are Latino issues


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