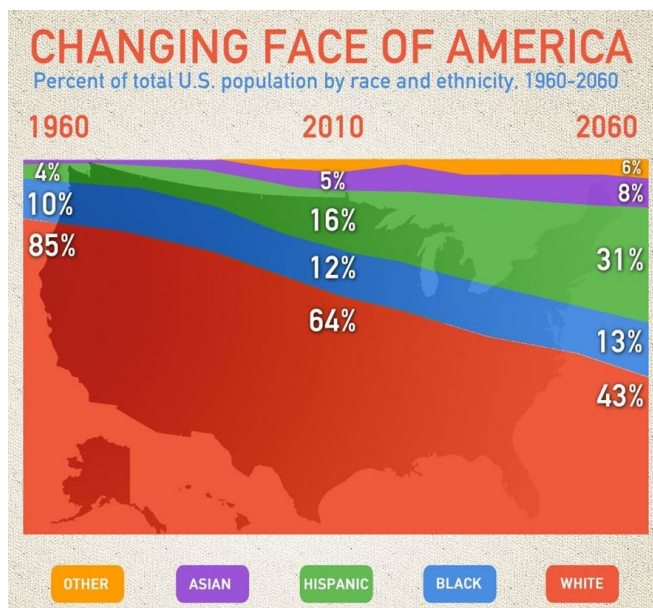


IMMIGRATION AND ETHNICITY



For most of U.S. history, the black/white boundary has been the fundamental racial division. Nevertheless, this once rigid racial system appears to be changing. Not only are racial attitudes seemingly softening, but also racial/ethnic intermarriage rates are rising and a growing number of individuals identify as “multiracial.” Further, new immigrants that do not quite fit into the old black/white paradigm, like Latinos, Asians, and Middle-Easterners, have increasingly migrated to the U.S. Though some predict that these newcomers will integrate into this binary racial system, others believe they will profoundly disrupt the U.S. ethnic/racial system.

We will explore the ever-evolving meanings of race and ethnicity both as analytical concepts but also as lived realities. We will examine how Latin Americans, Europeans, Asians, and Africans have confronted the U.S. racial/ethnic system and explore these questions: Where will these newcomers fit into the U.S. ethnic/race system? Are they incorporating into the old U.S. race paradigm or are they fundamentally transforming it? Is race declining in importance in the U.S. today or are new ethnic and racial lines emerging to replace old ones?

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