**Chapter 8: Race And Ethnic Group Stratification: Beyond "We" and "They"**

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**Recommended Readings**

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva**,** Racism without Racists: Color-blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in the United StatesThe author uses interview data to explore what he refers to as "the new racist ideology"—ignoring color and racial disparity.

Dalton Conley, HonkyConley details his experiences growing up in a mostly black and Hispanic neighborhood, and explains the race and class privileges that allowed him to become a professor.

Noel Ignatiev, How the Irish Became WhiteThe author explores how the Irish came to be treated as "whites" rather than racial minorities in the United States following the Civil War. Ignatiev claims that embracing racism was a path toward greater rights for Irish Americans.

Douglas S. Massey, New Faces in New Places: The Changing Geography of American ImmigrationIn this book, Massey explores the recent phenomenon of immigrants settling into small-town America, rather than just gateway cities. He explains the ways that small town residents are reacting to their new neighbors and the implications for the economy and family life.

Mary Patillo McCoy, Black Picket Fences: Privilege and Peril among the Black Middle Class In this ethnography on a black middle class neighborhood, McCoy explains that rather than moving to white suburbs, many black middle class Americans live in segregated suburbs just outside inner cities. Here, she explores the difficulties this group faces in maintaining its precarious class position.

Carlos Munoz, Jr., Youth, Identity and Power: The Chicano Movement, Revised and Expanded EditionThis book chronicles the history of Chicano radicalism and the political implications that resulted from the social movement.

William Foote Whyte, Street Corner Society: The Social Structure of an Italian Slum In this classic piece, Whyte explores issues of nativity, ethnicity, and social class through participant observation.

Frank Wu, Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and WhiteWu explores the supposedly positive stereotypes about Asian Americans and concludes that most are damaging to the “model minority.”

Richard D. Alba and Victor Nee, Rethinking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary ImmigrationAlba and Nee work to uncover the role of assimilation in the 21st century and ask readers to reconsider their beliefs that assimilation is a dirty word.

Conley, Dalton, Being Black, Living in the Red: Race, Wealth, and Social Class in AmericaConley examines the role wealth inequality plays in creating racial inequality in the United States. He ultimately explores whether racial or economic inequality primarily drives the inequality we see between Whites and Blacks in the Unites States

Ruth Peterson and Lauren Krivo, *Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide*

In this work, Peterson and Krivo show the strong relationship between race and social class by showing how residential segregation by social class is associated with neighborhood and racial crime patterns.

William Julius Wilson, *More than Just Race: Being Black and Poor in the Inner City*

Wilson, in this work, synthesizes the structural and cultural forces at work in the situation of the Black, urban poor.

Fergal Keane, *Season of Blood: A Rwandan Journey*

In this book, Keane recounts the Rwandan genocide. Keane illustrates the role socially constructed ethnic and political difference resulted in the 1994 murders of one million Tutsis at the hands of Hutus.

Parrillo, Vincent N. *Diversity in America*. Newbury Park: Pine Forge Press.

This book offers a sociohistorical perspective while providing sociological analysis into U.S. diversity. This book does not shy away from the most controversial of topics by asking thought provoking questions such as: Is multiculturalism a threat to us? Should immigration be more closely controlled? Are we no longer sufficiently “American” and why?

Scott Malcomson. *One Drop of Blood: The American Misadventure of Race*. A historical account of how race was and is defined in the United States.

Annie Barnes. *Everyday Racism: A Book for All Americans*. Drawing on her students’ experiences, a professor of sociology and anthropology recounts some middle-class African Americans’ encounters with racism.