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Review

“Provides not only an excellent survey and analysis of prominent issues...but also offers sharp and empirically sound studies of the ethnoracial, gender, and other minority groups in the United States. One of the best texts in race and ethnic relations.”

Stanford M. Lyman, *Florida Atlantic University*

“A common word used in the assessment of this book by several sociologists is *comprehensive*....We are invited to read in the pages that follow the story of a resilient society that is struggling to achieve unity out of diversity and, at the same time, guarantee the right to be different....Of special value in this book are the sociological concepts and theories in Part I that are helpful in interpreting and understanding how and why strangers to these shores have adapted to the customs of this country the way they have....Professor Parrillo has made a major contribution to the study of intergroup relations.

Charles V. Willie, *Harvard University*

“Strangers to These Shores is...a comprehensive examination of the sharpest edges and more nuanced qualities of American pluralism. In its 15 chapters, Professor Parrillo provides students/readers—and those for whom it is not assigned!—with a well conceived, carefully constructed, and highly readable introduction to a very complex subject.”

Peter I. Rose, *Smith College*

“Parrillo effectively captures the creative energy and tension of the multiracial, multiethnic reality that is American reality—historically, theoretically, and empirically.”

Walda Katz-Fishman, *Howard University*

“A theoretically informed and historically rich account...with a comprehensive, up-to-date treatment [that] makes it an indispensable guide to the evolution and current state of minority-majority relations. I recommend it highly for classroom use.”

Richard D. Alba, *CUNY Graduate Center*

“How wonderful to find between the covers of a single volume the experiences of more than a hundred ethnic groups in America presented in concise fashion against a backdrop of major sociological themes.”

Betty Lee Sung, *CUNY*

“From its opening reflections on the stranger as a social phenomenon to its thoughtful conclusion on the nature and future of the American mosaic, *Strangers to These Shores* remains one of the best textbooks ever published on race and ethnic relations in the United States. Freshly updated with an eye for detail, engagingly written and a pleasure to read, this new edition practices what it preaches: Parrillo takes diversity in America seriously and seeks to understand it through historically-grounded analyses of the variety of patterns of majority-minority relations and with richly drawn portraits of scores of groups who have made this the world’s most ethnically diverse society. An excellent introduction to a challenging, complex, and ever-changing field of study.”

Ruben G. Rumbaut, *University of California, Irvine*

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From the Back Cover

This popular text on racial and ethnic relations in the U.S. covers theoretical issues and the experiences of over fifty minority groups. The author provides broad, comparative coverage of European Americans; racial and ethnic groups representing “visible” minorities; and other groups with minority status. To this last section, which includes women and religious minorities, he has added a new chapter (14) that discusses gays, people with disabilities, and the elderly.

The experience of each group is examined in a socio-historical context, followed by analysis of their contemporary situation. Boxed features expose readers to the first-hand accounts of immigrants to the U.S., and examples of immigrant and inter-group experiences in other societies. The final chapter, “The Ever-Changing U.S. Mosaic,” brings synthesis to the many groups and issues represented in the text.

The ninth edition is thoroughly updated and provides expanded discussions of many timely topics, including: discrimination against Muslim Americans in the post-9/11 era; minority-minority relations; diversity training in the corporate world; and arguments for and against slavery reparations.

About the Author

Born and raised in Paterson, New Jersey, Vincent N. Parrillo experienced multiculturalism early as the son of a second-generation Italian American father and Irish/German American mother. He grew up in an ethnically diverse neighborhood, developing friendships and teenage romances with second- and third-generation Dutch, German, Italian, and Polish Americans. As he grew older, he developed other friendships that frequently crossed racial and religious lines.

Professor Parrillo came to the field of sociology after first completing a bachelor’s degree in business management and a master’s degree in English. After teaching high school English and then serving as a college administrator, he took his first sociology course when he began doctoral studies at Rutgers University. Inspired by a discipline that scientifically investigates social issues, he changed his major and completed his degree in sociology.

Leaving his administrative post but staying at William Paterson University, Prof. Parrillo has since taught sociology for more than 30 years. He has lectured throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe and has regularly conducted diversity leadership programs for the military and large corporations. His keynote address at a bilingual educators’ conference was published in *Vital Speeches of the Day*, which normally contains only speeches by national political leaders and heads of corporations and organizations.

Prof. Parrillo was a Fulbright Scholar in the Czech Republic and Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Pisa. He was the keynote speaker at international conferences in Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Sweden. He has met with government leaders, nongovernment agency leaders, law enforcement officials, and educators in more than a dozen countries as a consultant on immigration policy, hate crimes, and multicultural education. He has done on-air interviews with *Radio Free Europe* and *Voice of America*, appeared on national Canadian television, and been interviewed by numerous Canadian and European reporters.

Prof. Parrillo's ventures into U.S. media include writing, narrating, and producing two PBS award-winning documentaries, *Ellis Island: Gateway to America* and *Smokestacks and Steeples: A Portrait of Paterson*. Contacted by reporters across the nation for his views on race and ethnic relations, he has been quoted in dozens of newspapers, including the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Cincinnati Inquirer*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Hartford Courant*, *Omaha World-Herald*, *Orlando Sentinel*, and *Virginian Pilot*. He has appeared on numerous U.S. radio and television programs.

Prof. Parrillo is also the author of *Understanding Race and Ethnic Relations*, third edition (Allyn & Bacon), *Contemporary Social Problems*, sixth edition (Allyn & Bacon), *Cities and Urban Life*, fourth edition (with John Macionis), *Diversity in America*, second edition, and *Rethinking Today's Minorities*. His articles and book reviews have appeared in journals such as *The Social Science Journal*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, and the *Encyclopedia of American Immigration*. He is General Editor of the *Encyclopedia of Sociology* for Sage Publications. Several of his books and articles have been translated into other languages, including Chinese, Czech, Danish, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, and Swedish.

An active participant in various capacities throughout the years in the American Sociological Association and Eastern Sociological Society, Prof. Parrillo has been listed in *Who's Who in International Education*, *Outstanding Educators of America*, *American Men and Women of Science*, and *Who's Who in the East*. In 2004, he received the Award for Excellence in Scholarship from William Paterson University. In March 2005, the Eastern Sociological Society named him its Robin M. Williams, Jr. Distinguished Lecturer for 2005–2006, and elected him as its vice president for 2008–2009.

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