

Looking Long: Demographic Change, Economic Crisis, and the Prospects for Reducing Poverty

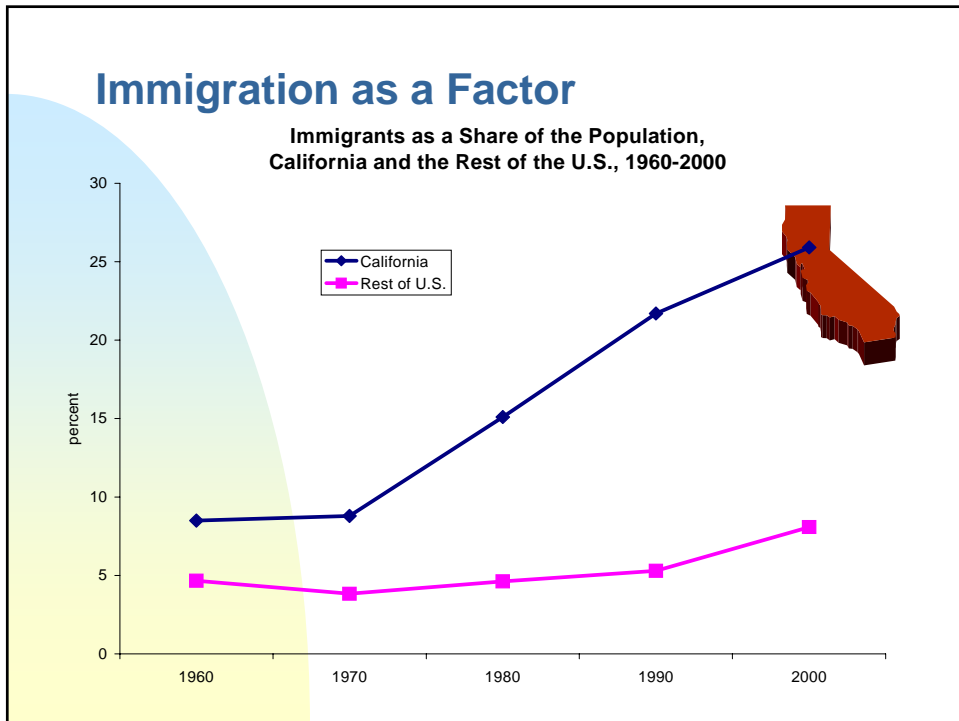
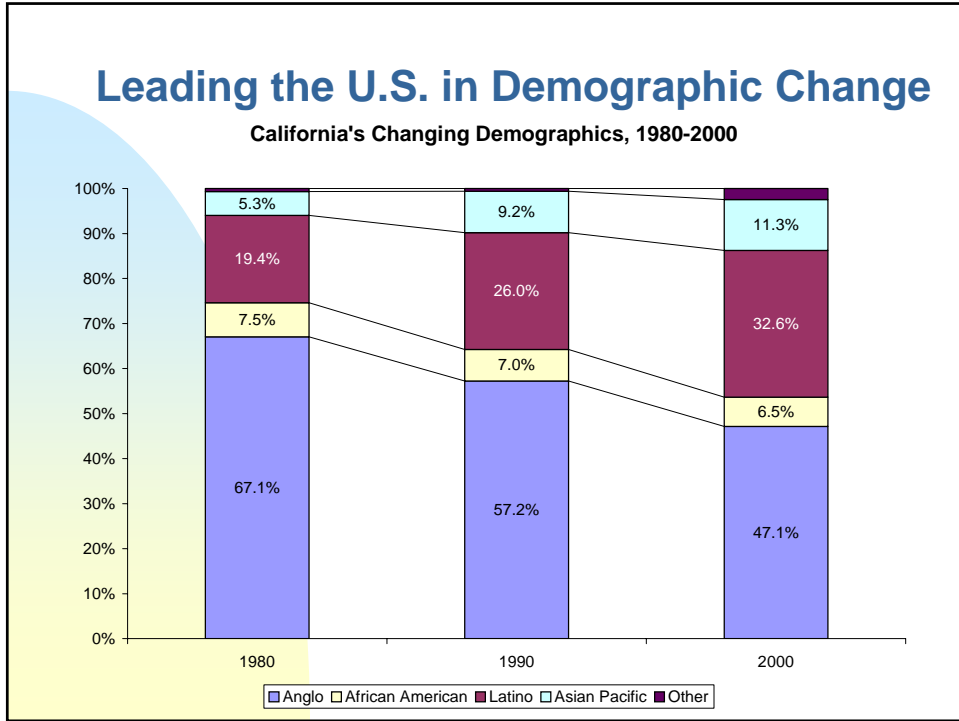
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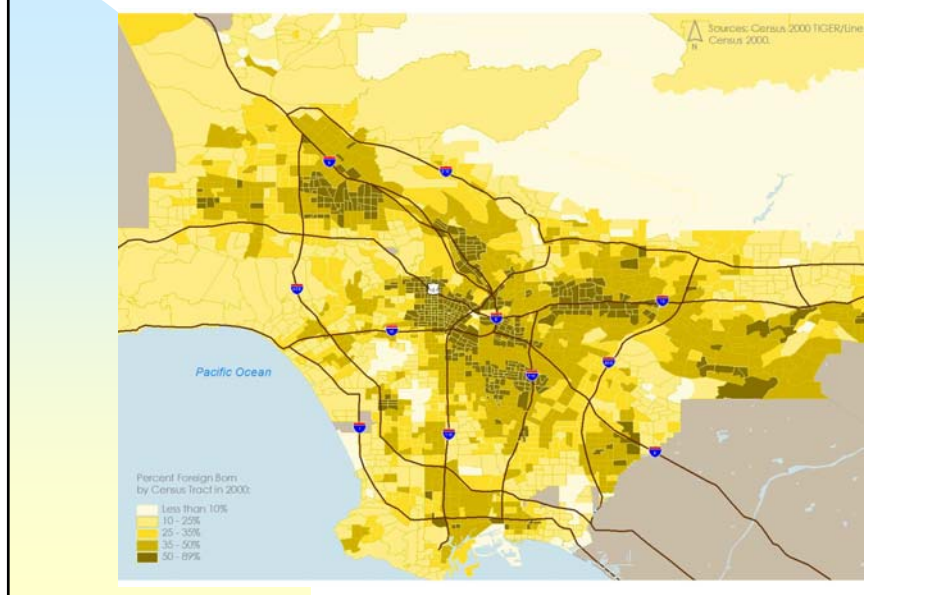
La Conyuntura vs. the Long-run

- We tend to think about short-term pressures and politics . . .
 - . . . So we better look long-term as well.
 - If we do, three trends – demographic, economic, environmental – are rocking California, and set the stage for leadership and action





Foreign Born Population by Census Tract

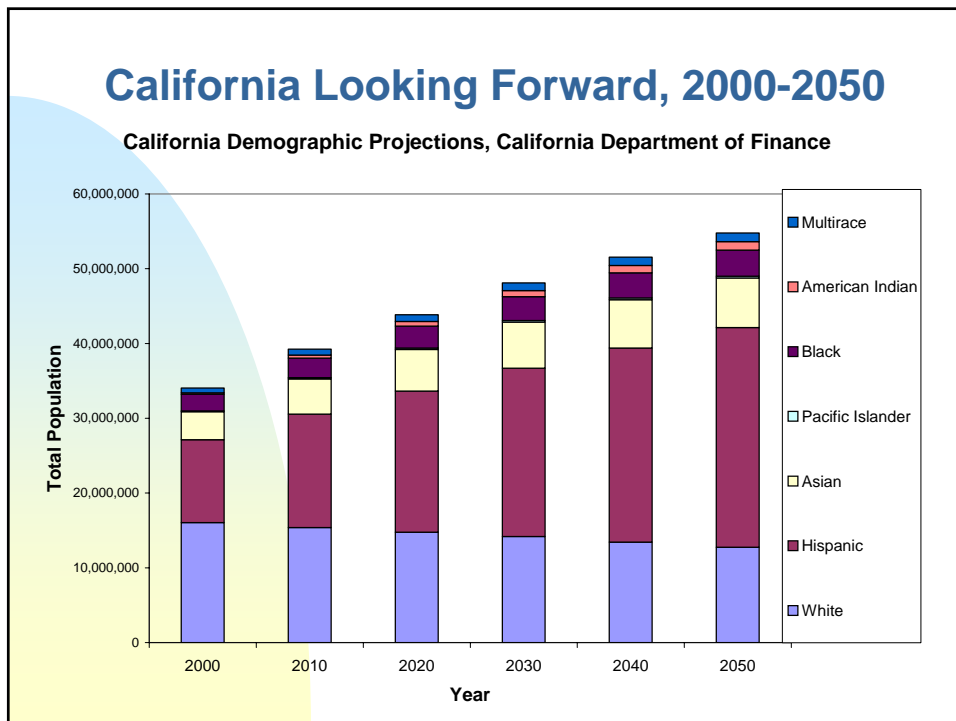
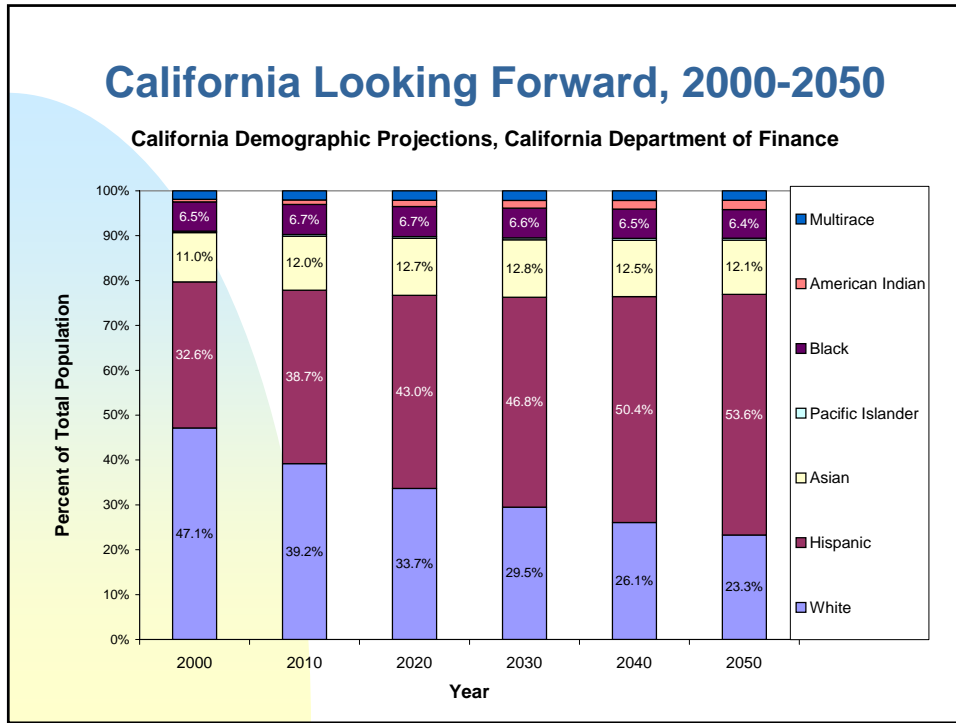


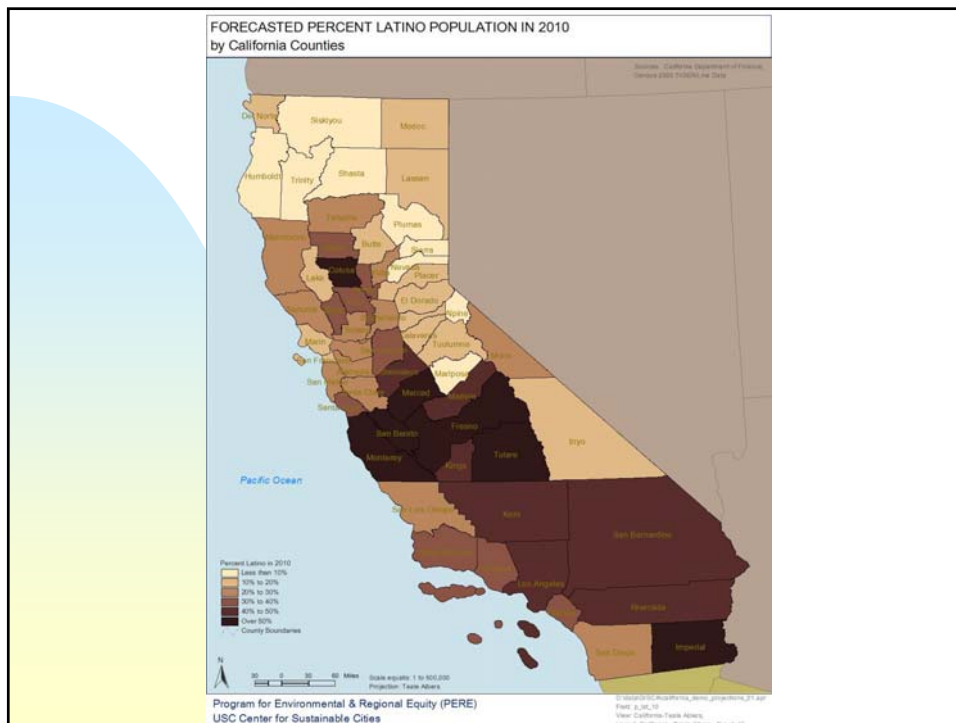
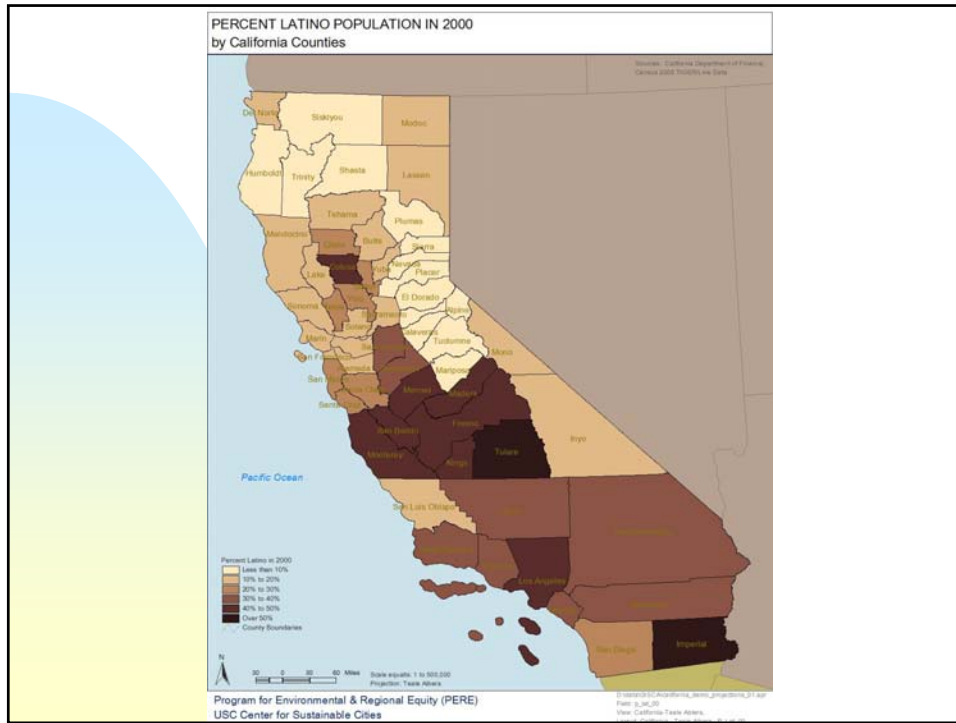
Immigration Trends at the County Level

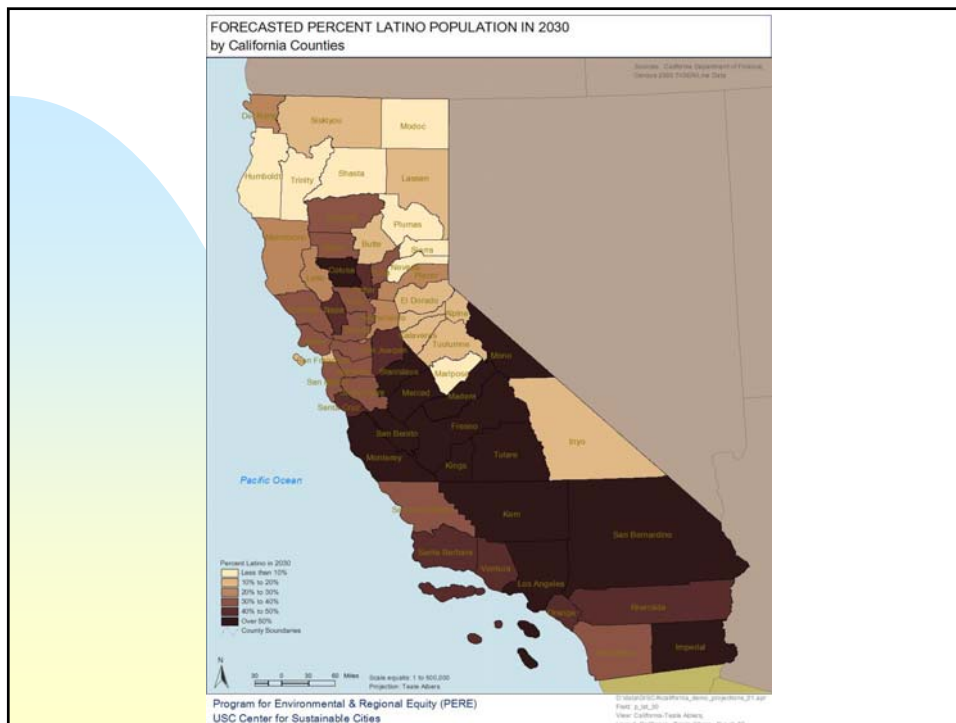
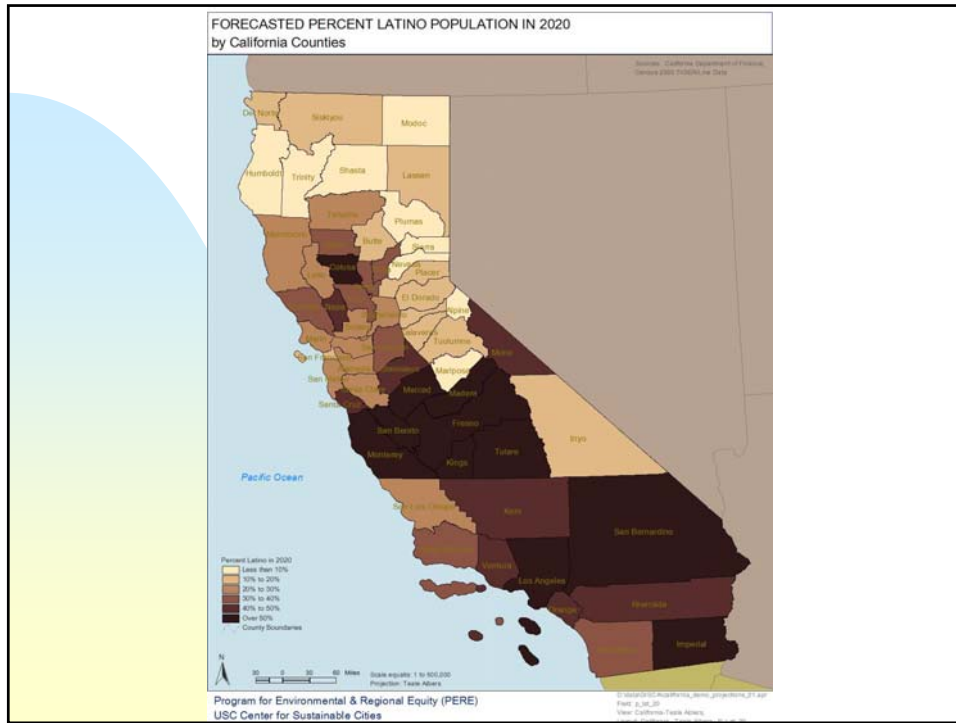
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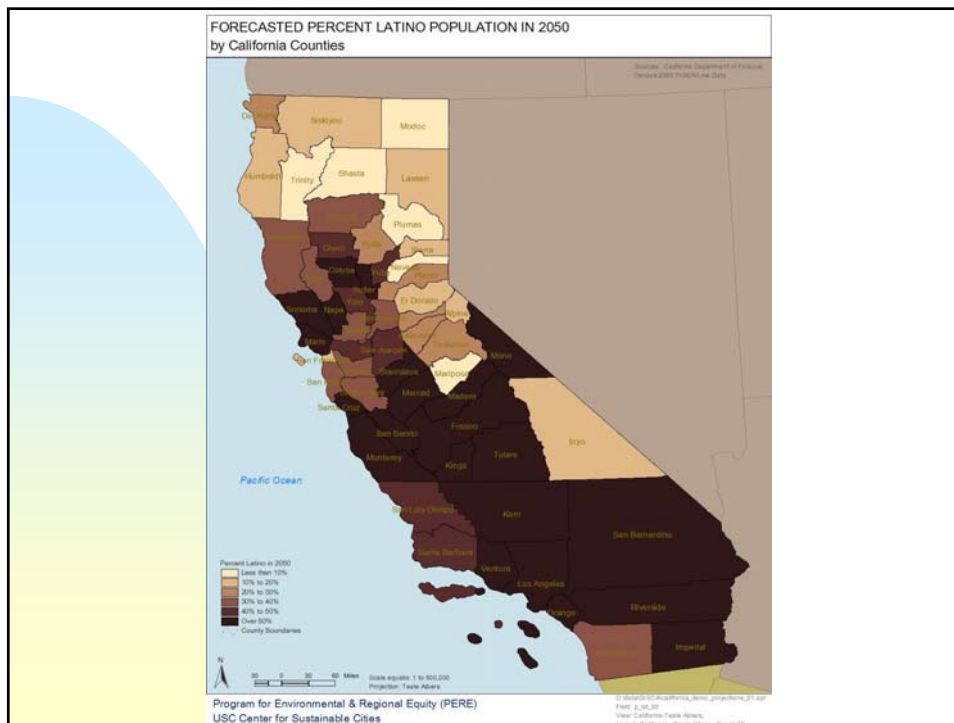
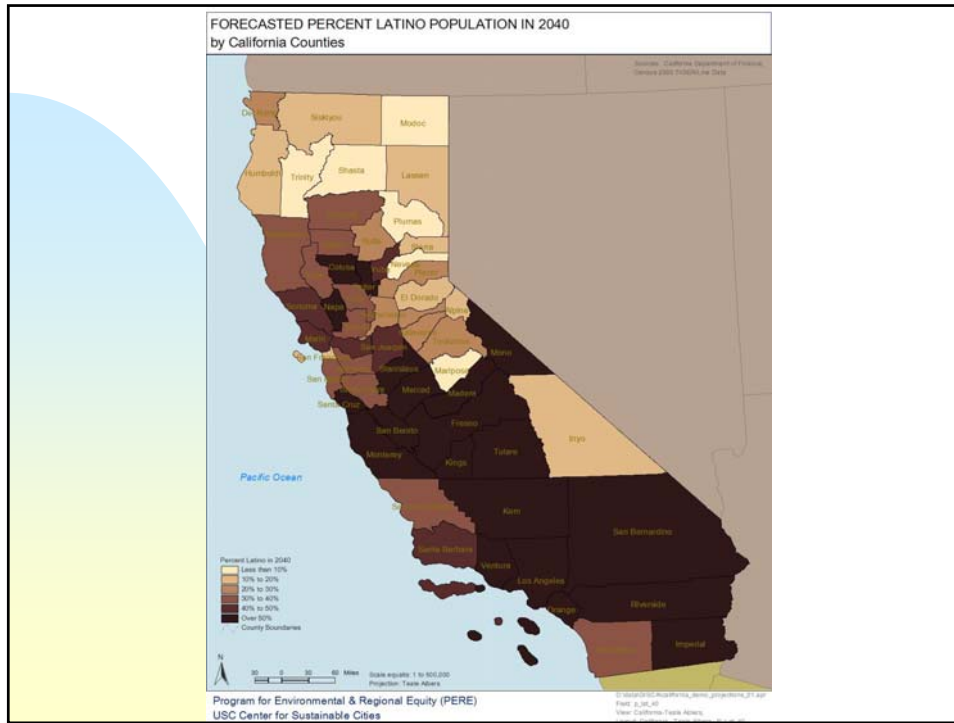
- One in three County residents
- 46 percent of the LA County workforce
- Children of immigrants are 64 percent of all LA County children
- Of the children of immigrant parents, nearly ninety percent are US citizens

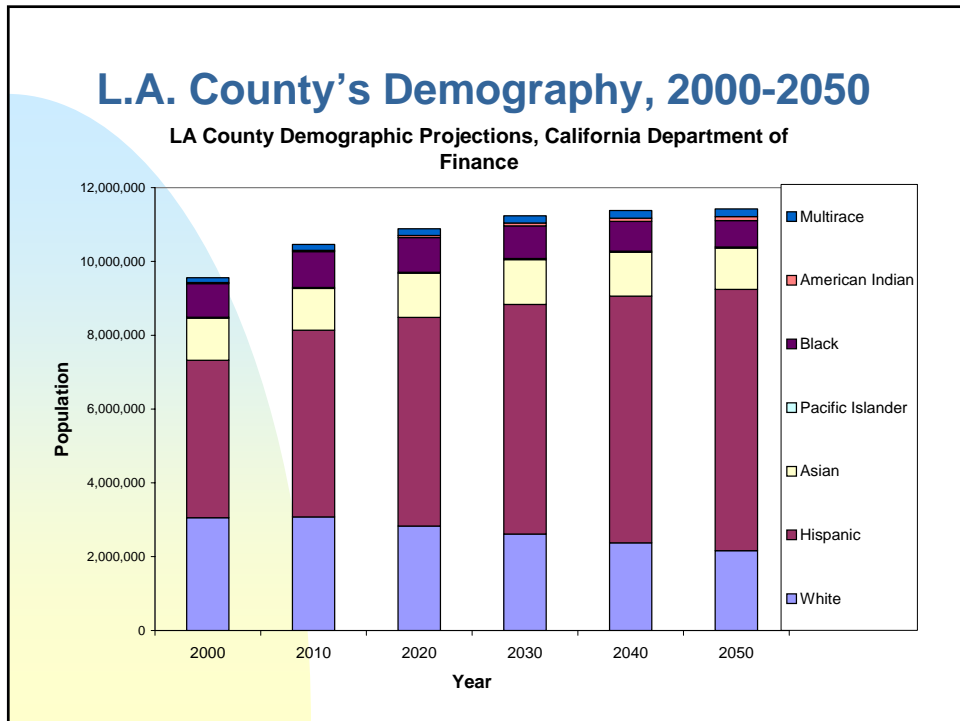
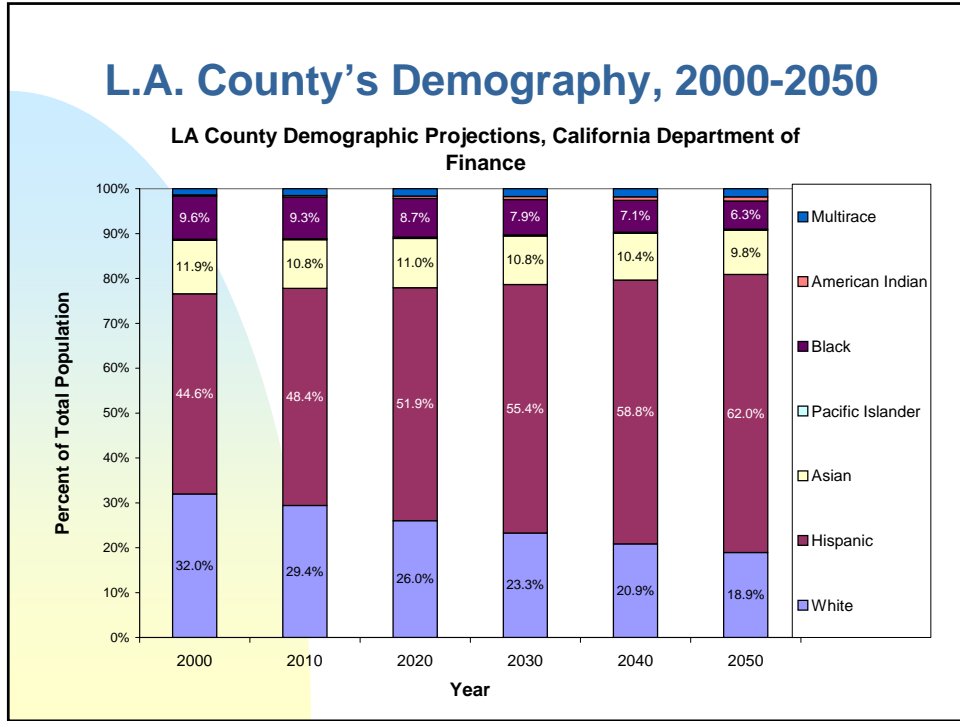


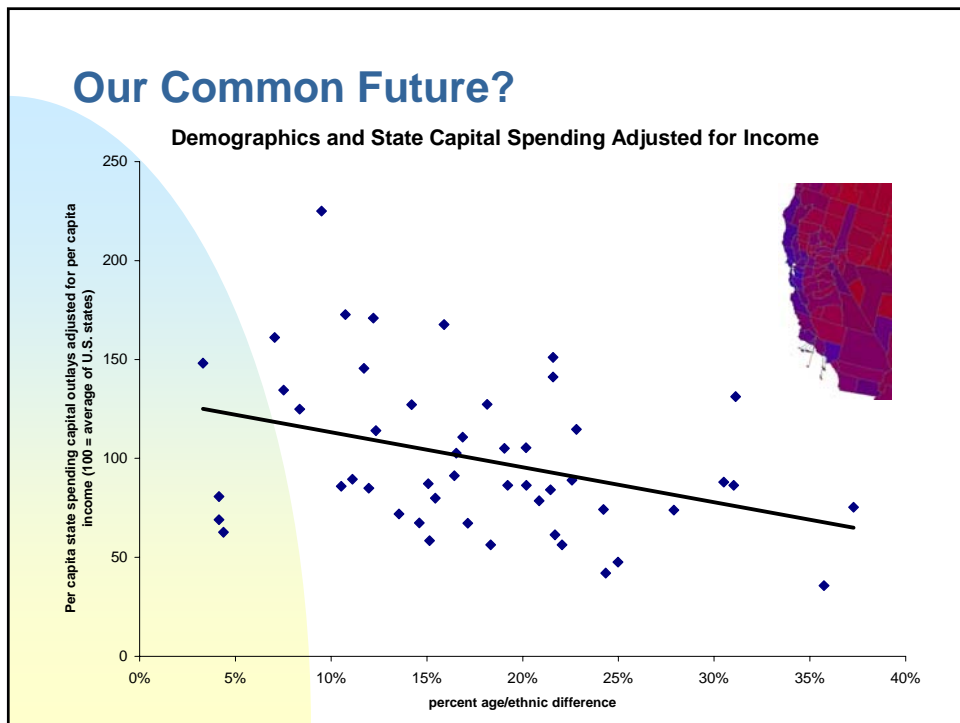
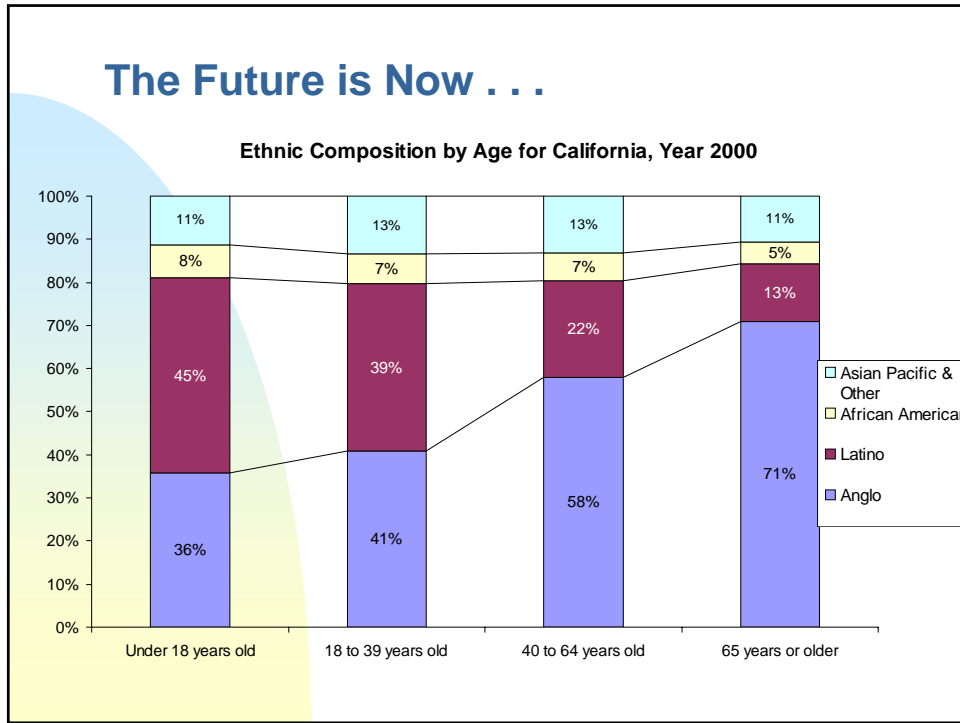






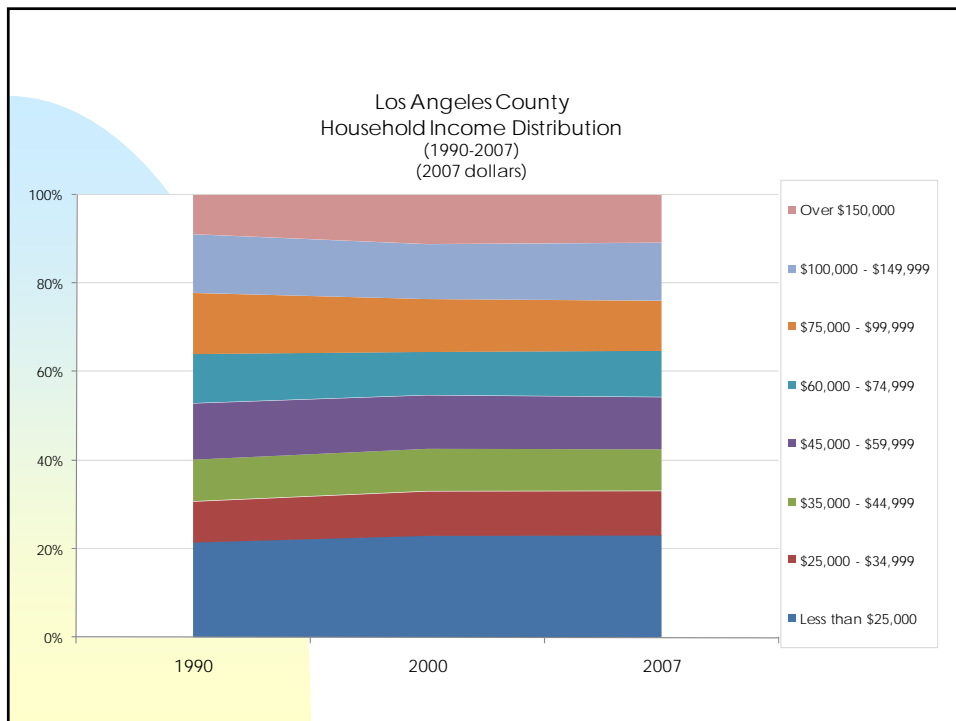


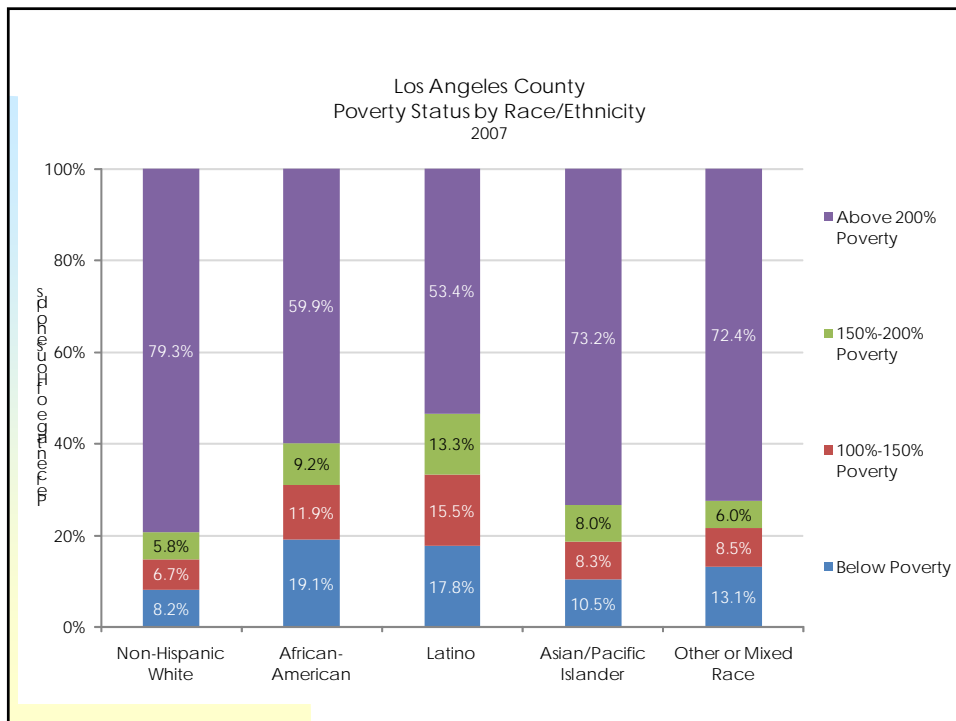
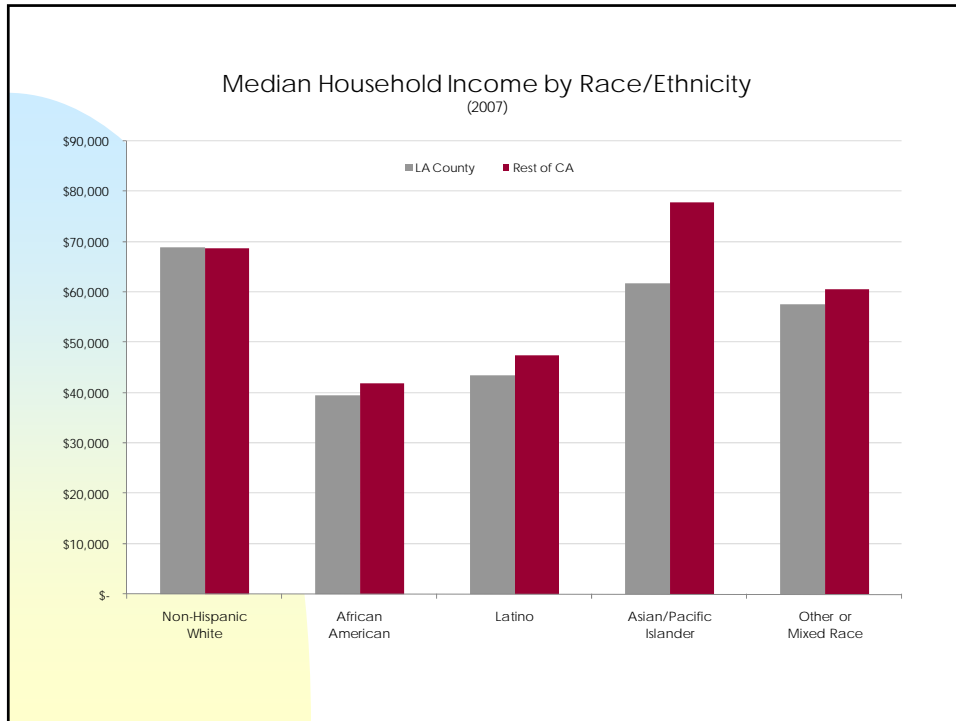


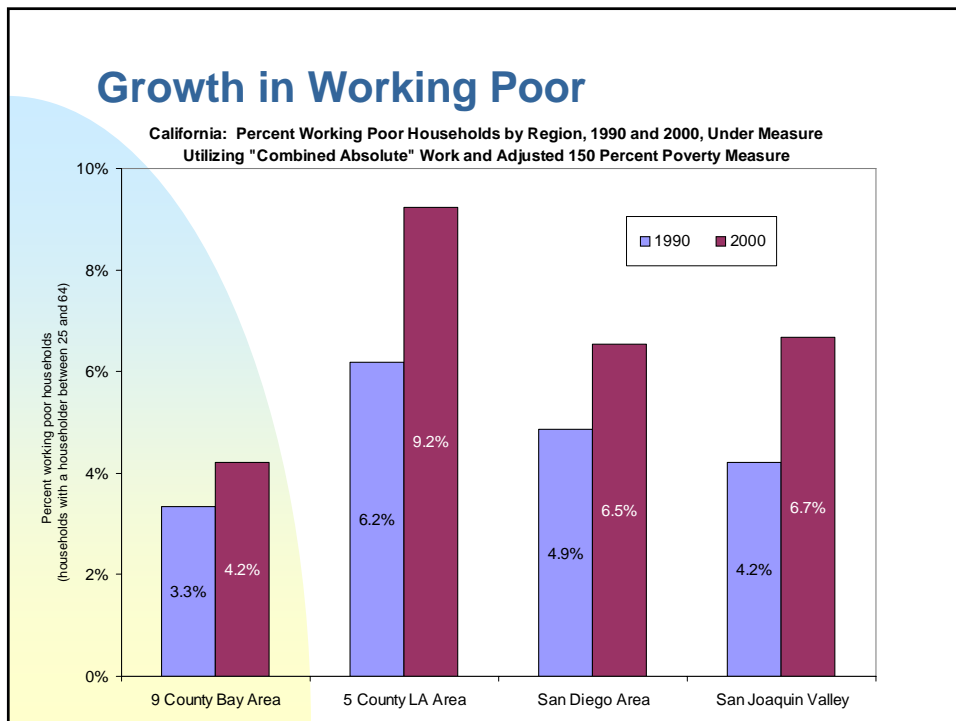
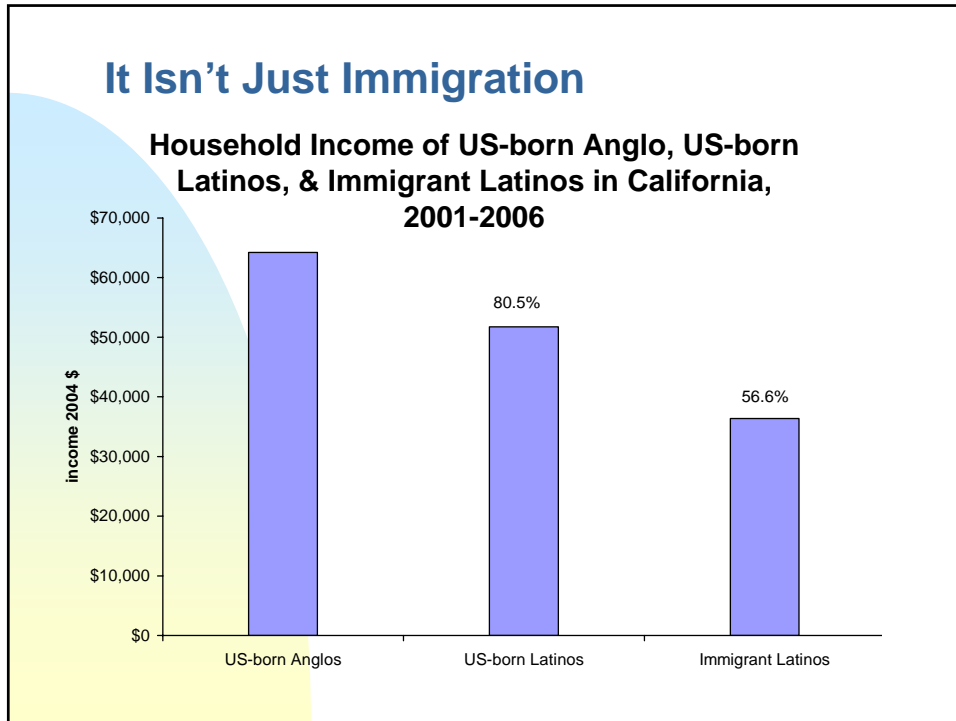


California Also Leading in Inequality . . .

- Considering the ratio of the top fifth of families to bottom fifth of families, we are the **sixth most unequal** state
- Considering the ratio of the top five percent of families to the bottom fifth of families, we are the **eighth most unequal** state
- And we are becoming **more unequal faster** than thirty-two other states.







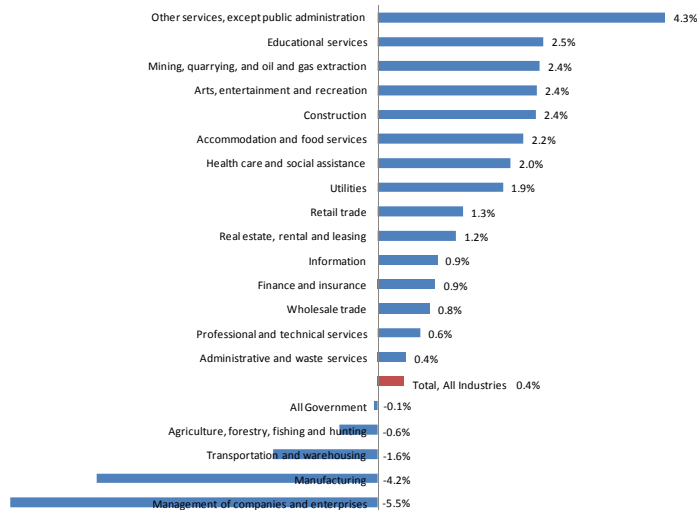
How Can We Narrow the Divide?

- Insure sustainable economic growth
 - Provide education and training for workers of today and tomorrow
 - Create labor and community standards that set new floors
 - Restore both our fiscal sense and our common sense



Sustainable Economic Growth?

Employment Change 2001-2007
Annual Average Growth Rate



Changing Returns to Education

Regression Results on Hourly Wage for Two Time Periods in California

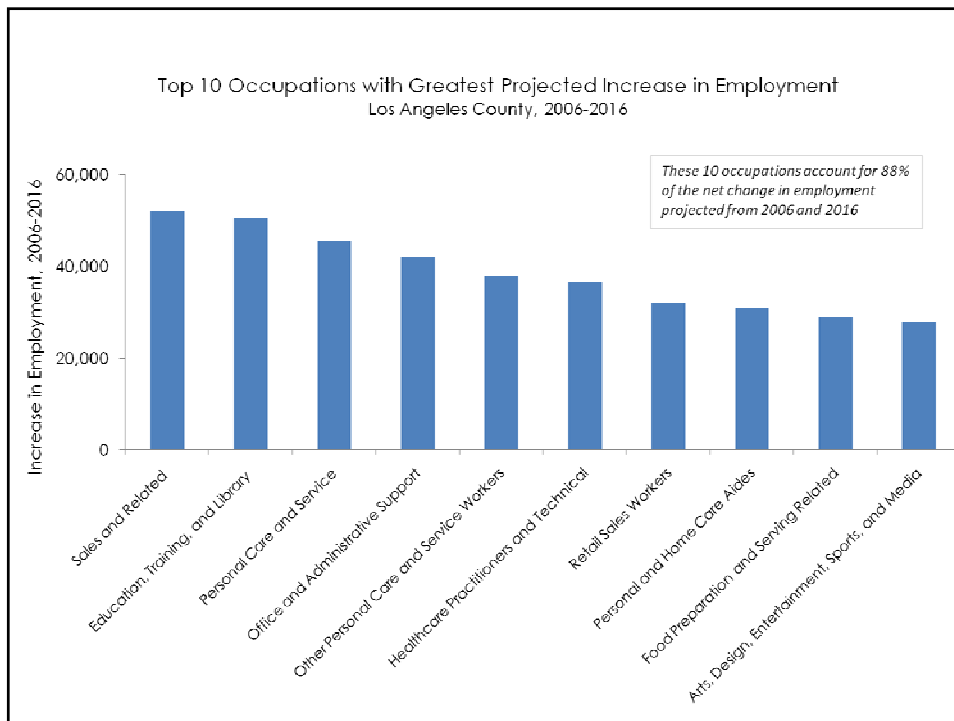
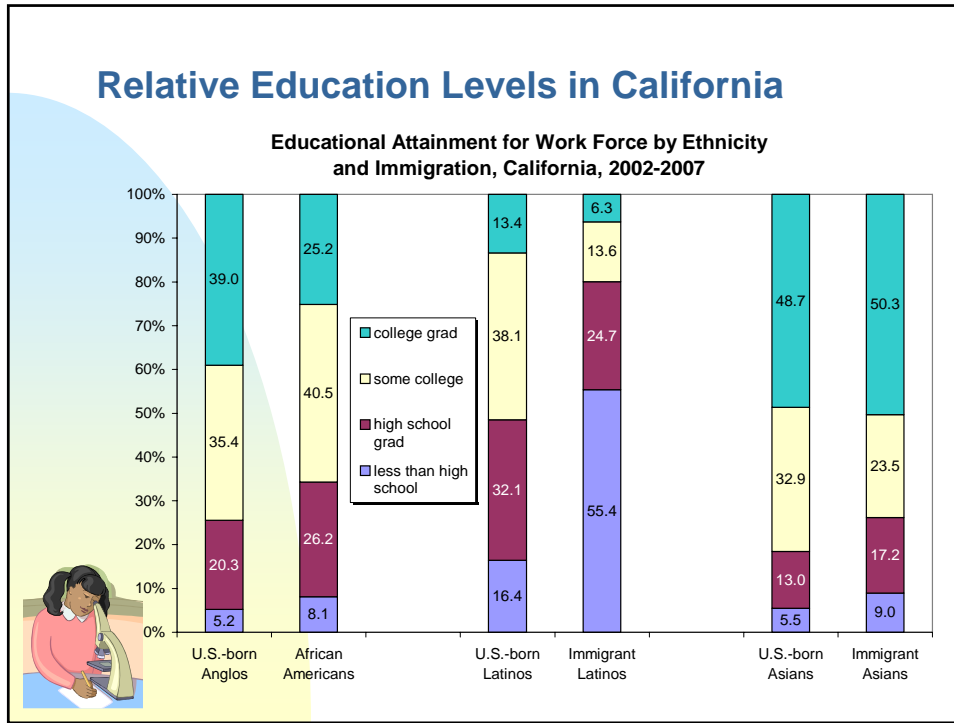
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Asian	-0.133	***	-0.089	***
Married	0.084	***	0.057	***
Female	-0.129	***	-0.082	***
Employed in large firm	0.091	***	0.074	***
Union member	0.297	***	0.224	***
Full-time, year-round	0.167	***	0.130	***
Adjusted R-squared	0.394		0.320	
Number of observations	4011		4935	

*** means significant at the .01 level; ** significant at the .05 level

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Can We Meet Our Challenges?



A New Story, A New Hope



- Preparing for a new generation
- Understanding and developing a new narrative that connects us