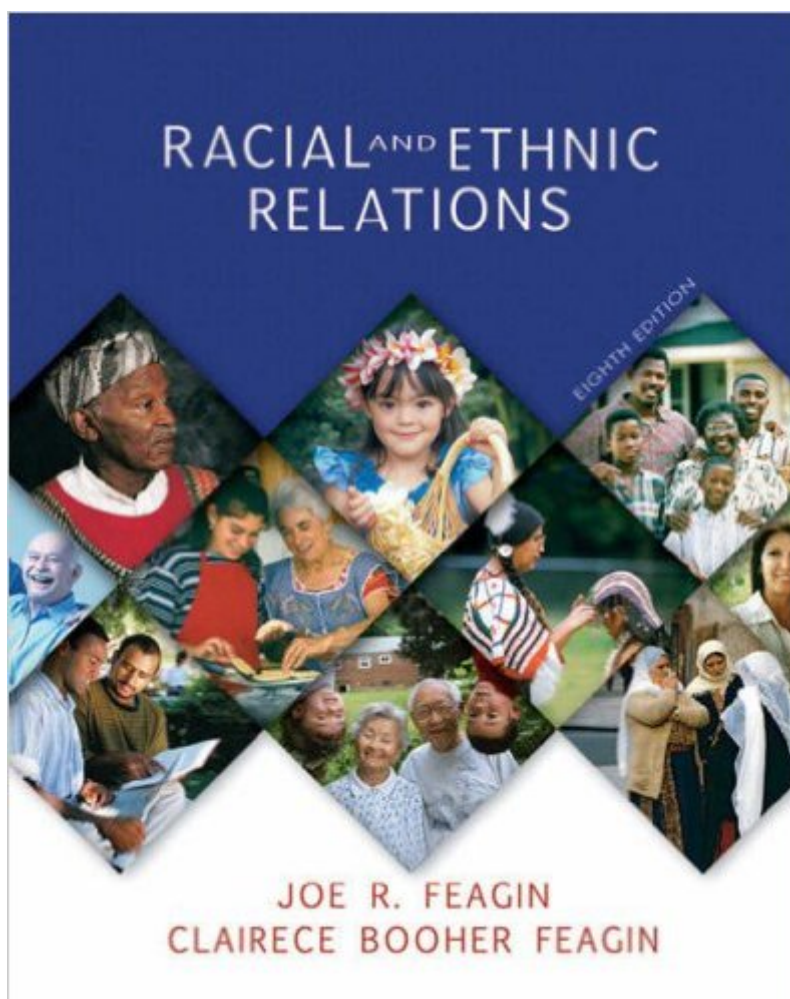


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# Racial And Ethnic Relations



## Synopsis

Drawing on a broad array of sources, *Racial and Ethnic Relations*, 8/e, examines the *what*, *why*, and *how* of racial and ethnic oppression and conflict. This book provides readers with access to important research and literature on racial and ethnic groups in the United States and, to a lesser extent, in certain other countries around the globe. Major racial and ethnic groups are examined with regard to their incorporation, economic circumstances, political development, and experience with exploitation. This textbook is designed for the numerous scholars, journalists, politicians, and people concerned with the racial and ethnic issues of discrimination, oppression, and conflict that exist in the U.S.

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## Customer Reviews

Joe Feagin is one of America's foremost scholars in the area of racial/ethnic conflict and inequality. His latest textbook, "Racial and Ethnic Relations," is a very informative book detailing the multicultural history of the United States and the populating of the country by various ethnic groups from colonial days up to the present. What do I like about this book? First off, Feagin provides an extremely detailed ethno-historical account for many different groups. You simply have to open up the book and read to see what I am talking about. Second, Feagin provides a very good, in-depth account of the early colonial era in America. He discusses the English/British migrations in the 17th and 18th centuries and how this colonizing population established the Anglo-Saxon cultural core which became the dominant, standard American culture that all other immigrant and ethnic groups

were measured to. This is extremely important because far too often, sociology/anthropology courses on this subject matter ignore that social construction of racial categories and racial thinking - assuming, erroneously, that such categories are a priori. This is utterly wrong and historically inaccurate. The Irish in the 19th century and Eastern Europeans in the early 20th century originally were viewed as members of distinct races. During this period in history, the racial category "white" was used to denote White Anglo-Saxon Protestants; Jews, Poles, and Catholics were regarded as racially inferior and intellectual lessers than WASPs. It was not until after World War II that white ethnic Americans came to be incorporated as full members of the "white" race. Third, Feagin includes a chapter on Arab Americans. Few textbooks of this nature incorporate an extensive analysis of Arab Americans, but Feagin's book is an exception to this trend. In the aftermath of September 11, all courses on racial and ethnic relations should discuss the history and social experiences of Arab Americans. Few people, for example, are aware that 75 percent of Arab Americans are Christian and that the average Arab American has a higher level of education than the average American. Fourth, Feagin writes in a clear, easy to comprehend style. This book will be easily accessible and "user friendly" for undergraduate and intro-level sociology students. Now that I've praised the book, let me present some of my critiques. Feagin's section on racial/ethnic relations in other societies is rather lacking, and needs to be expanded. All he talks about is a few pages on Brazil, France, and South Africa. Additionally, I think Feagin needs to throw in a small chapter near the end of the book where he provides an analysis of the current state of racial and ethnic relations in America, particularly the trend over the past decade among some segments of society to characterize white, U.S.-born citizens as a "socially disadvantaged group" and an "oppressed majority." This "angry white backlash," as sociologists refer to this trend, is a prime example of "reactive ethnicity" (as defined by Alejandro Portes) on the part of some white Americans against phenomena such as affirmative action, immigration, multiculturalism and a rapidly changing American population. It is important to point out that this contemporary trend existed 100 years ago, when "hordes" of Jews, Poles, and Italians were perceived to be "destroying" America. Feagin should analyze and contextualize this current social trend. Also, I do think Feagin has a propensity to deviate from data and empirical evidence at times, and engage instead in preaching and advocating his personal views. I agree with almost all of what Feagin presents in the book, including sharing similar viewpoints, but even I noted his incorporation of viewpoints at the expense of data from time to time. However, I have encountered very few textbooks (regardless of discipline or subject matter) that have not done this.

item was like new. Received in excellent time. Will continue to purchase text books as long as I am in school. Graduate May 2013 Well written book. Awesome information. The author does an excellent job with the facts and great help in the papers I have to write. Some things I was not aware of came to light. EXCELLENT INFORMATION.

This is a fine text for a racial and ethnic studies course. It deals with major players and ethnic groups and provides in depth definitions.

I was required to read this book for a class and was very upset after every reading session. The authors breed hatred and contempt for other races regardless of the culture of the reader. There are NUMEROUS unsupported statements of fact, and countless radical opinions. Worst \$3.00 I have ever spent... seriously...

This book had a lot of very good facts and history about ethnic relations, however I found it very tedious and time consuming for my adult bachelor study. It is definitely a go to book for facts related to any race or ethnicity on every subject within but it is a little too detailed to have to read and take notes on for an intense bachelor program.

I had to purchase this book for class, but I really enjoyed it. I like how it gives you an overview of different ethnicity and their story when coming to America. I learned a lot about my self, so I recommend it!

This book is a good text book on the user in that there is a large amount of information worded well and is easy to understand and rarely hard to read. Yet at the same time the chapters have no end of chapter wrap up to allow for easy studying on the fly. Most sociology books I've used have had this in my college courses and it allowed you to study a few pages of concentrated information and read the rest of the text if I had a hard time grasping the concepts presented. What makes this worse is the book doesn't have key terms often in bold and the text is very very wordy and has too many examples and seems to go into recursive loops of examples of the same ideals the entire chapter. I can't really recommend this book, it's painful to read and I like to learn if it's handled correctly but this book doesn't.

The book is entirely highlighted, has scribbled notes everywhere and worn down. Although the

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