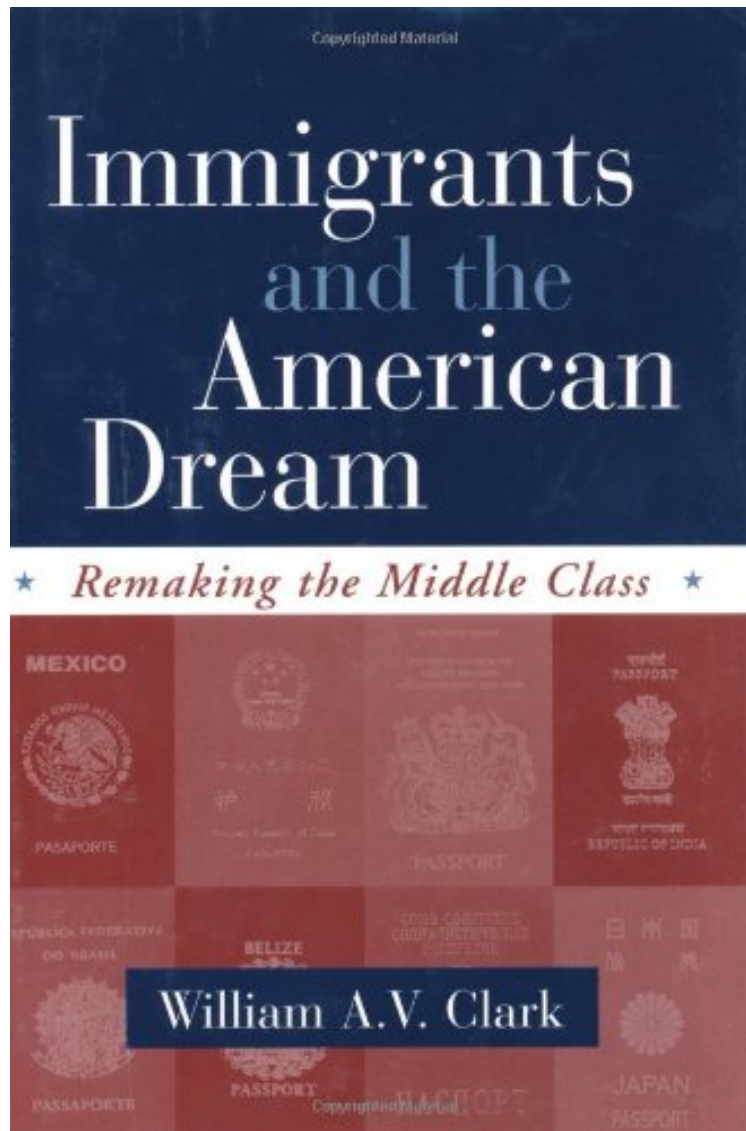


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"Clark gives us a preview of the future of the American middle class (an eighth of which is already composed of immigrant households), as well as a report on how immigrants are doing in the economy and the polity. He makes deft use of a wide range of techniques and perspectives: the cohort approach of the demographer, the sense of place and spatial variation of the geographer, and the journalist's appreciation for an illustrative story. The book deals with a range of questions about immigrant 'incorporation'--the issues of assimilation that will shape American society--without getting bogged down in the normative arguments about who should assimilate to whom. Readers are cured of the temptation to generalize about the immigrant experience in modern America: different groups in different states are making the transition at very different speeds. Because post-1965 immigration so profoundly affects the whole landscape, this book will be a useful addition to courses in economics, sociology, and postwar U.S. history, not just immigration studies narrowly conceived."--John Haaga, Domestic Programs, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, DC  
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