

Transformations: The Post-Immigrant Generation in an Age of Diversity

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ABSTRACT

This research report focuses on discussing the post-immigration trends in the United States. The report uses data from the 1997 Current Population Survey from the Census to show immigration trends and uses data from the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study (CILS) to examine how children of immigrants fair in the United States. The use of descriptive data, the report highlights the several characteristics of children of immigrants. The dimensions this report focuses on are: immigrant family composition, language shifts, identity and discrimination, views of the U.S., predictors of ambition and achievement and peer groups, self-esteem and pan-ethnic self-identities. The report finds that children of immigrants have different language preferences, have career and educational ambitions and developed pan-ethnic identities arising from discrimination in the United States. In short, this report displays the role assimilation plays among children of immigrants and how this impacts several of their outcomes as time passes with their residence in the U.S.