

BEYOND THE MELTING POT

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Beyond the Melting Pot was one of the most influential books published during the 1960's. This second edition includes a new 90-page Introduction, "New York City in 1970," in which the authors, with all their previous depth and verve, examine the turn of events since 1963, the date of the first edition. Their concerns are directed to such developments as the rise of militant black demands and the response to them from the city's peoples and political structures; the decline of Catholic power in Lindsay's New York and the rise in power of Jews and WASPs; the growth of a black middle class and the economic and political difficulties of the Puerto Ricans.

The authors note that events and further study have led them to change their views on several matters, and these points are pointed in the Introduction. Nevertheless, most of their perceptions and their central thesis (but, "melting pot" assimilation does not happen) remain as valid as ever. In the same way, these appraisals of the first edition remain fully in force:

Former Mayor Robert F. Wagner:
"Messrs. Moynihan and Glazer have written an important book which is made more so by the fact that it is eminently readable. It reflects both social-political scholarship and literary skill, telling difficult things in an easy way. It is indeed a pioneer effort to look in depth the story of the accommodation of the migrants of the 60's—the Puerto Ricans and southern Negroes—to life in New York, and New York City's reaction to this great wave. The book does an excellent, eye-opening and thought-provoking job. . . . This is a most valuable book."

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Oscar Handlin, *New York Times*: "They have put together a thoughtful analysis that will help Americans deal with one of the most pressing problems of the great cities. That itself is a substantial accomplishment."

Harper's Magazine: "... sure, it is grasp of relations between economic and social fact, cogent, complex, and brightly written."

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