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## The Changing Face of Houston and America: Tracking the Economic Inequalities, Demographic Trans- formations and Shifts in Environmental Concern through 31 Years of Houston Surveys

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The Houston region in Texas recovered from the collapse of the oil-boom in the 1980s to find itself in the midst of a restructured economy and a demographic revolution. These are the trends that are refashioning the social and political landscape across all of urban America, perhaps nowhere more clearly seen than in Houston. We review the findings from more than three decades of systematic survey research to explore the three most critical issues facing American cities today: (1) the need to counteract the growing income inequalities that are based above all on access to quality higher education; (2) the importance of environmental protection and other quality-of-life issues in attracting the talent that will grow the local economy; and (3) the challenge of building a successful, inclusive, equitable and united multi-ethnic society in the twenty-first century.

A graduate of Haverford College, with an M.A. from the University of Paris and a Ph.D. from Harvard, Stephen Klineberg is a Professor of Sociology at Rice University. In 1982, he and his students initiated the annual "Kinder Houston Area Survey," now beginning its fourth decade of tracking the remarkable changes in the demographic patterns, economic outlooks, experiences, and beliefs of Harris County residents. The recipient of twelve major teaching awards, including the Lifetime Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Piper Professor Award, Klineberg is featured in a new film on the 30 years of Houston surveys and is completing a series of reports on this research while also serving as Co-director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University.

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