



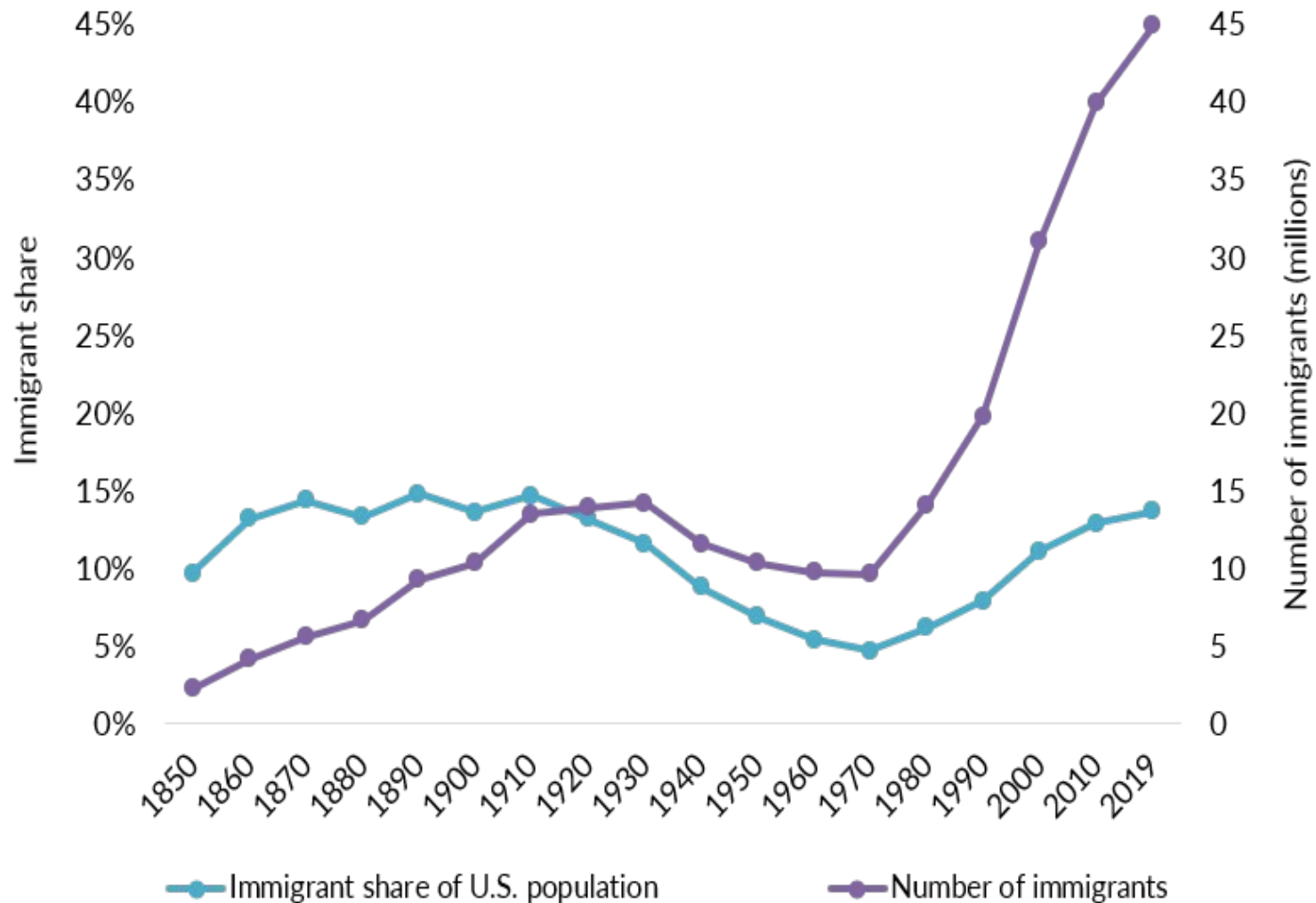
Immigration

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The immigration boom:



Shares of population (percent):

	<u>1965</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2065</u>
■ Hispanics:	4	18	24
■ Asians:	<1	6	14
■ Blacks	11	12	13
■ Whites:	84	62	46

Note: Native Americans are omitted.

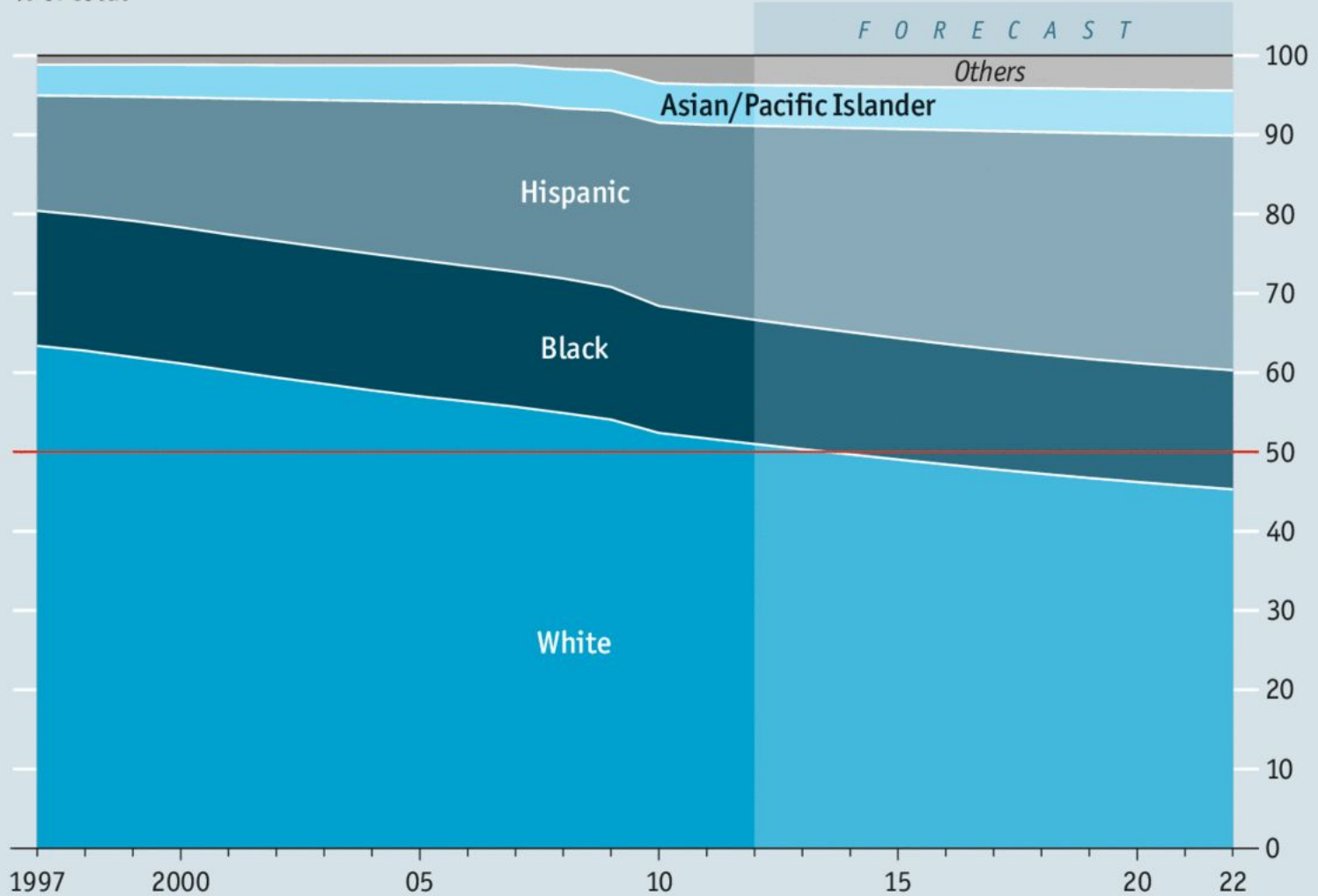
Source: “Modern Immigration Wave Brings 59 Million to U.S., Driving Population Growth and Change Through 2065” (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center, September 28, 2015).

Resulting social problems:

- Hispanics from Mex and Central America:
 - Rising national poverty rates.
 - Rising unwed pregnancy, 2nd only to blacks.
 - Violent crime, 2nd only to blacks.
 - Severe problems in public schools, now dominated by blacks and Hispanics.
- Asians: less successful than they appear.

Share of enrolment in public elementary and secondary schools

% of total

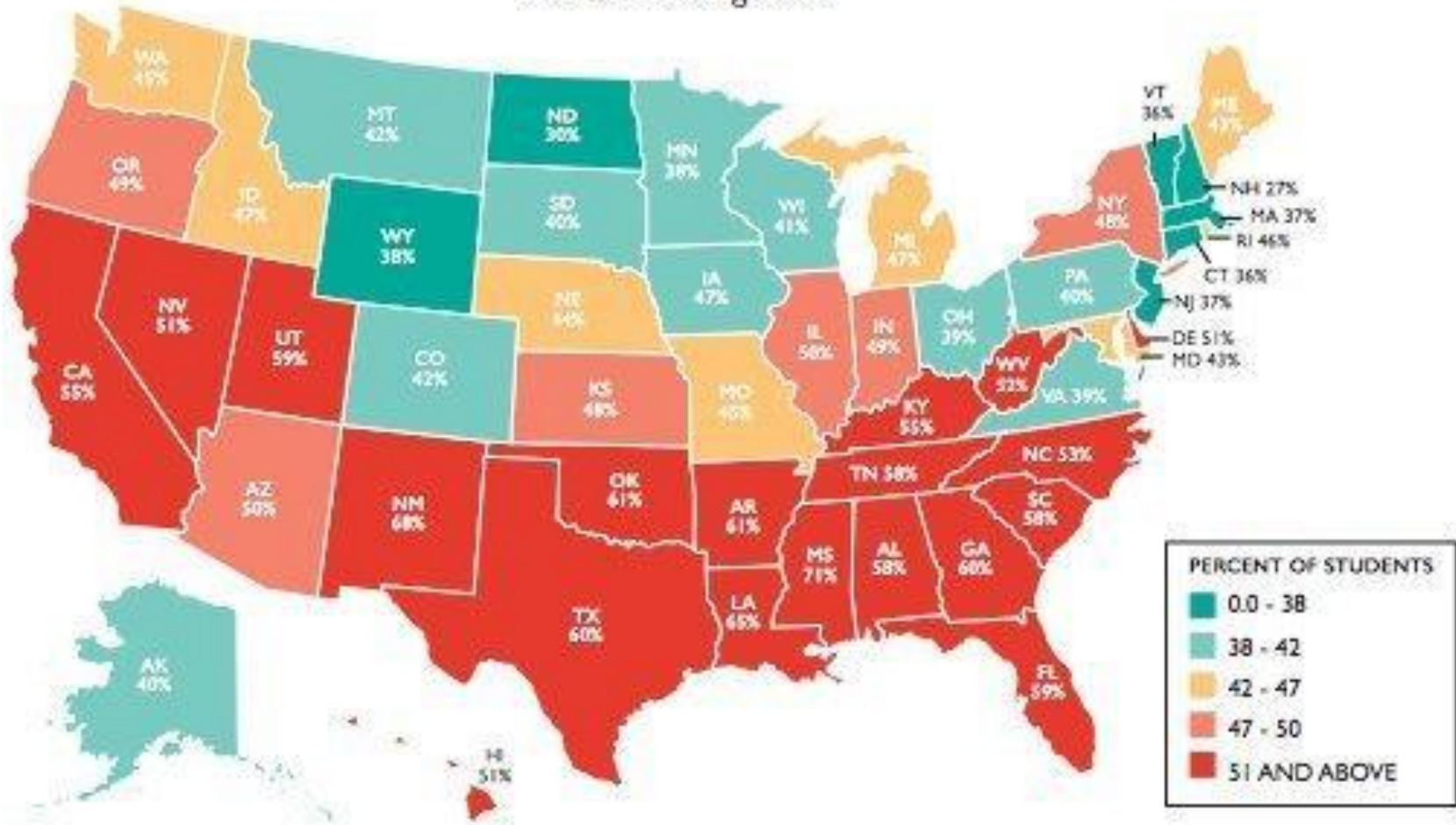


Source: Department of Education

“The new white minority,” *The Economist*, August 23, 2014, p. 22.

PERCENT OF LOW INCOME STUDENTS IN U.S. PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013

National Average: 51%



Motoko Rich, "Percentage of Poor Students in Public Schools Rises," *New York Times*, January 17, 2015, p. A13

The cultural issue:

- America was created chiefly by Europeans.
- Their culture was individualist and moralistic, promoting dynamism and strong government.
- The non-West is more conformist and less moralistic, hence more passive, less civic.
- Cultural differences are unrelated to race.
- Until 1965, immig was largely from Europe and thus preserved America's original culture.
- But today immigration is largely non-Western.
- It must be reduced to preserve a dynamic and civic America.

Curbing immigration:

- End illegal immigration: E-Verify.
- Reduce legal immigration: asylum, family reunification, temporary protected status.
- Promote assimilation, especially through more demanding schools, social programs.



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