





no church in the wild

toward a post-civil rights theology

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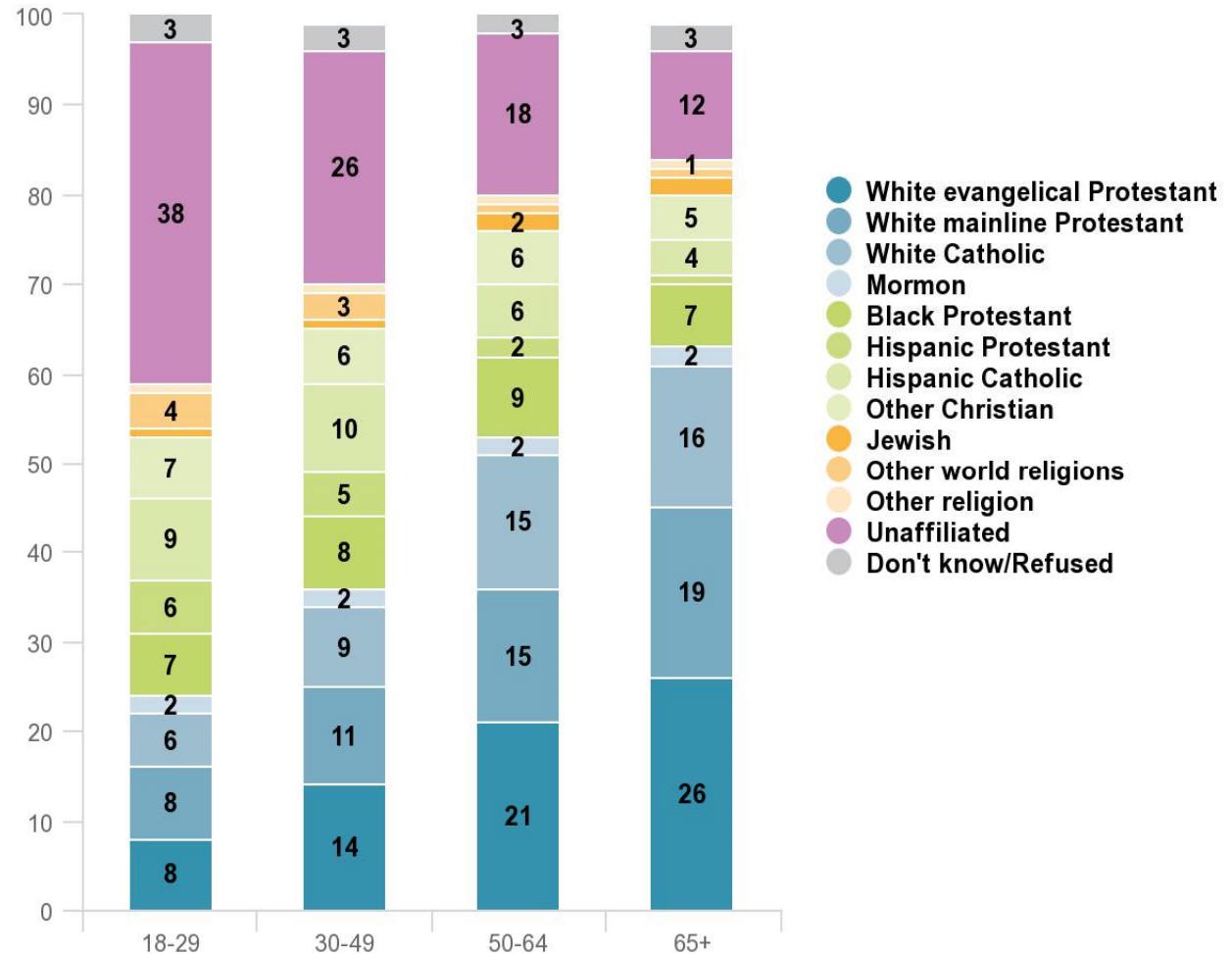
AMERICA'S CHANGING RELIGIOUS IDENTITY

Findings from the 2016 American Values Atlas



PRRI

A Generational Shift in Religious Identity

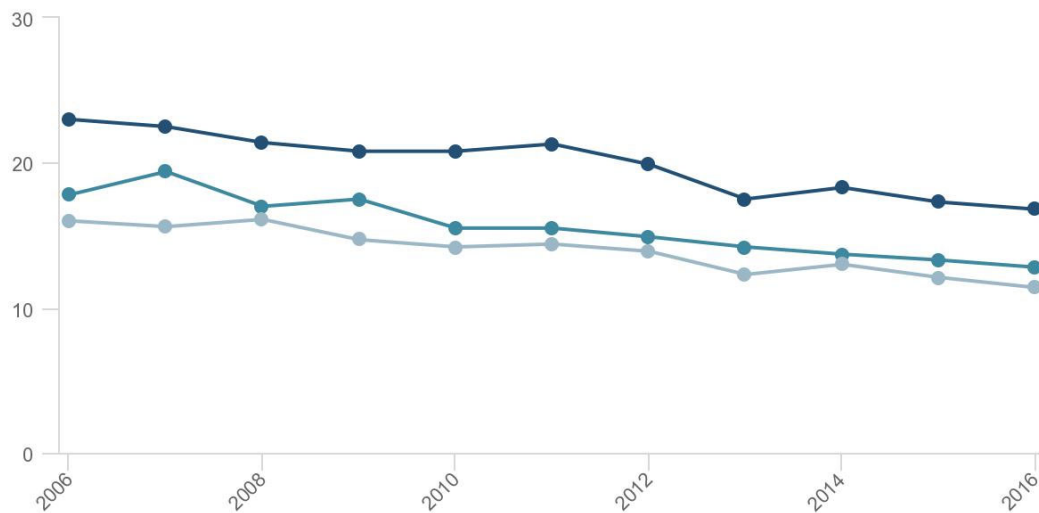


Source: PRRI 2016 American Values Atlas.

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The Decline of White Christians, 2006 - 2016

● White evangelical Protestant ● White mainline Protestant ● White Catholic

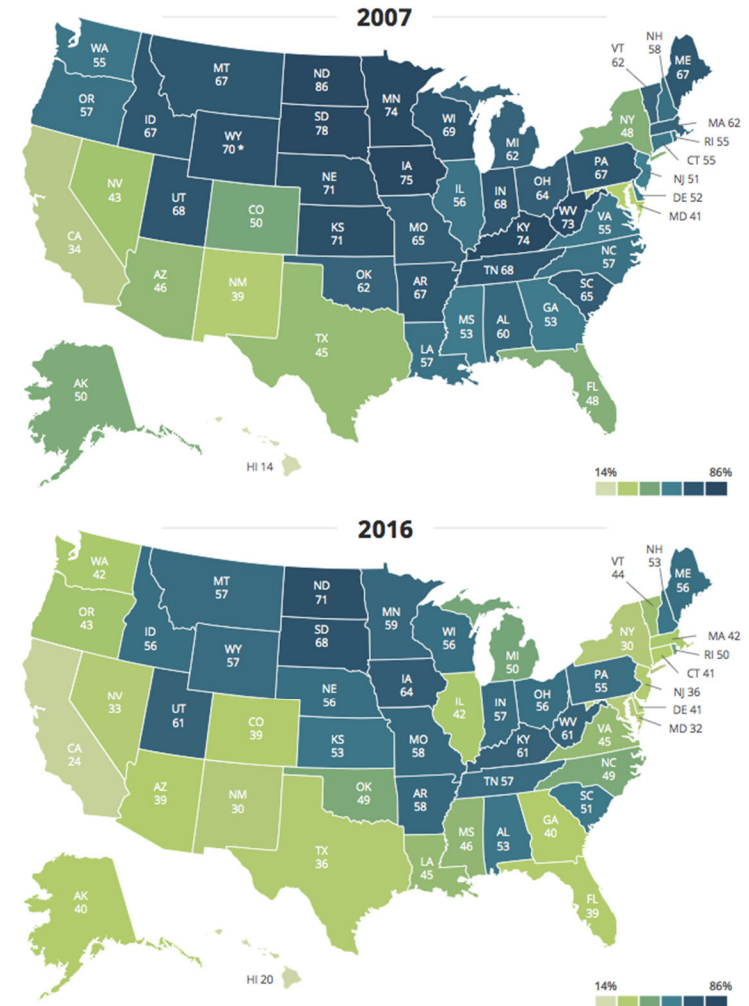


Sources: The Pew Research Center for the People & The Press and Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Religion and Public Life Survey, 2006-2009; PRRI 2010 American Values Survey; PRRI/Brookings 2011 Pluralism Survey; PRRI 2012 American Values Survey; PRRI 2013-2016 American Values Atlas.

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Diminishing White Christian Presence in U.S.

Percent White Christian by State, 2007 vs. 2016



Note: The sample size of Wyoming in 2007 includes fewer than 100 respondents.

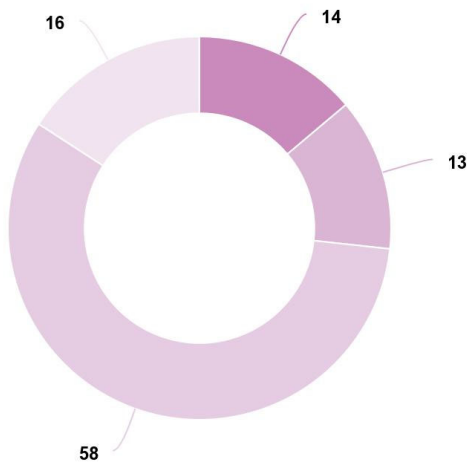
Sources: The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Religious Landscape Survey, July 2007; PRRI 2016 American Values Atlas.

Socio-Religious Shifts

Growth of the Religiously Unaffiliated, 1976-2016

Unaffiliated Americans: Mostly Secular

● Atheist ● Agnostic ● Secular person ● Religious person



● Percent of population



Sources: General Social Survey, 1976-2012; PRRI 2013-2016 Americans Values Atlas.

Racial Attitudes in the 2016 Election

Major, Brenda, Alison Blodorn, and Gregory Major Blascovich. "The Threat of Increasing Diversity: Why Many White Americans Support Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election." *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations* 0, no. 0: 1368430216677304.

- Factors contributing to trump's election:
 - Fears of new U.S. electorate
 - Immigration
 - Taxes/ economy
 - Mainline evangelical tropes= abortion, same gender marriage, LGBTQ bathrooms
 - Evangelical support 81.8%
 - Perception of Whites losing majority
 - A return to "American values"
 - A rise in hate for Blacks & feelings of Blacks already having too many privileges



Definitions

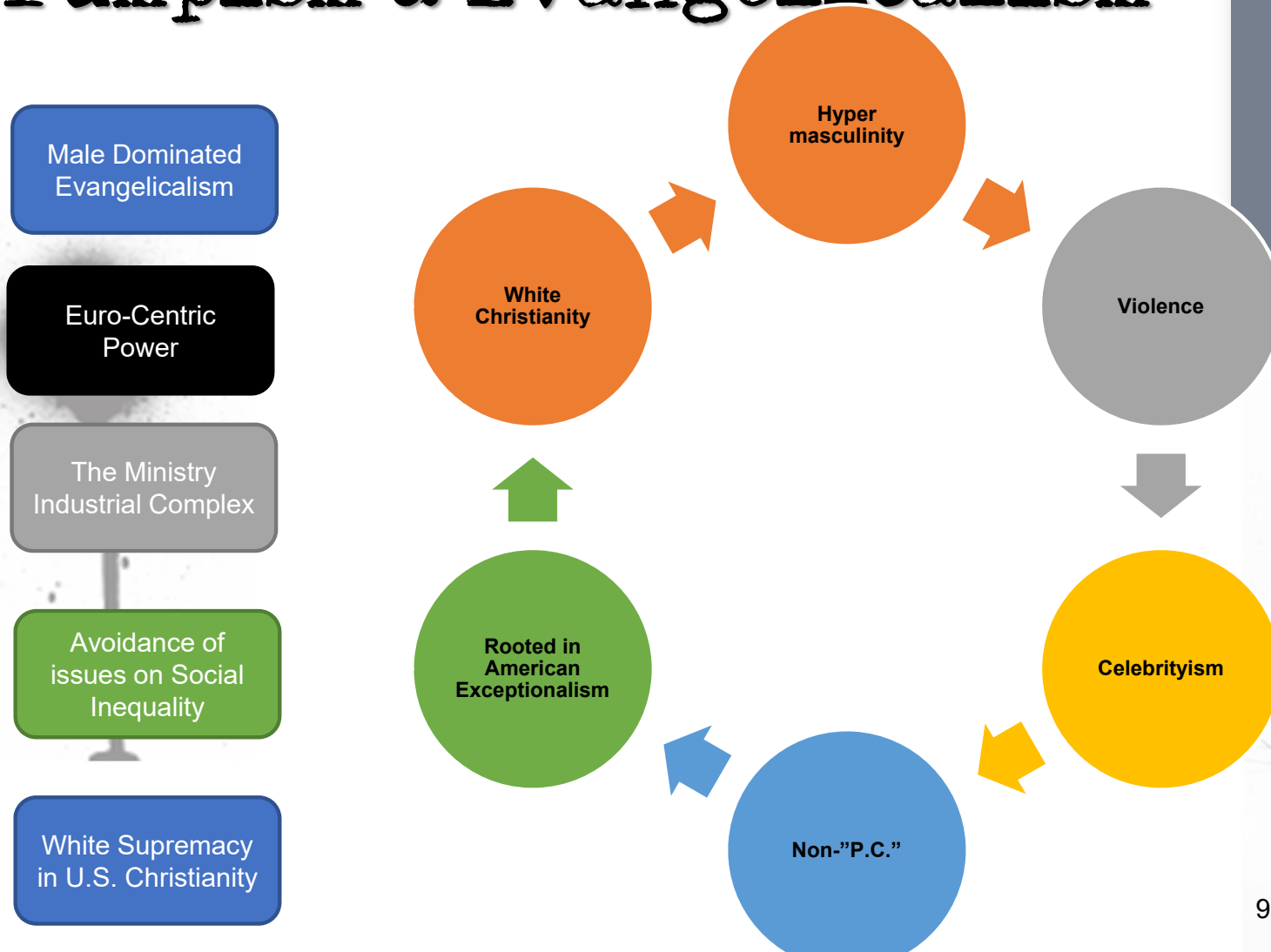
•White Supremacy is:

- The subconscious promotion of White Culture as the “best” or “White is right”
- The denigration of minorities through subtle racism & passive discrimination
- Good, well intentioned, “moral,” ignorant White people
- The projection and shifting of social inequality and racism back onto people of color and minorities; “blame the victim” worldview

Societal Shifts



Trumpism & Evangelicalism



Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas



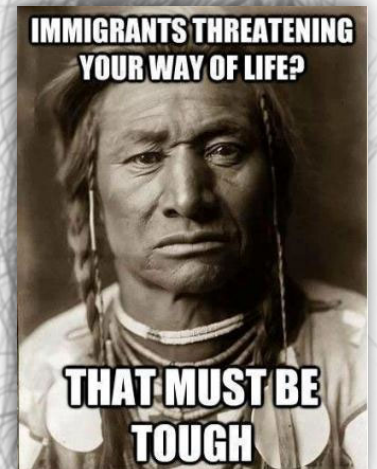
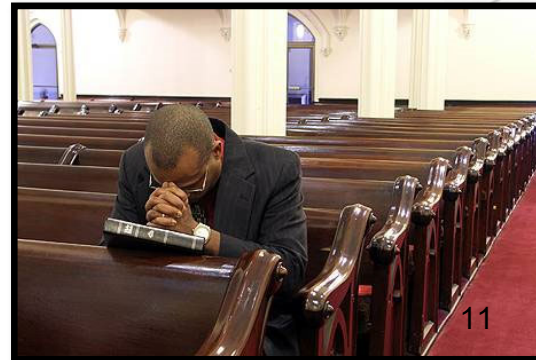
Today, the Manifest Destiny stand-your-ground-culture war is fueled by the presence of a black man living in the White House. There is no greater challenge to America's grand narrative of Anglo-Saxon exceptionalism than a black president. This represents a compete encroachment upon the space reserved for cherished white property. It is no surprise, therefore, that stand-your-ground culture has asserted itself in an aggressive and unrelenting manner.

Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God

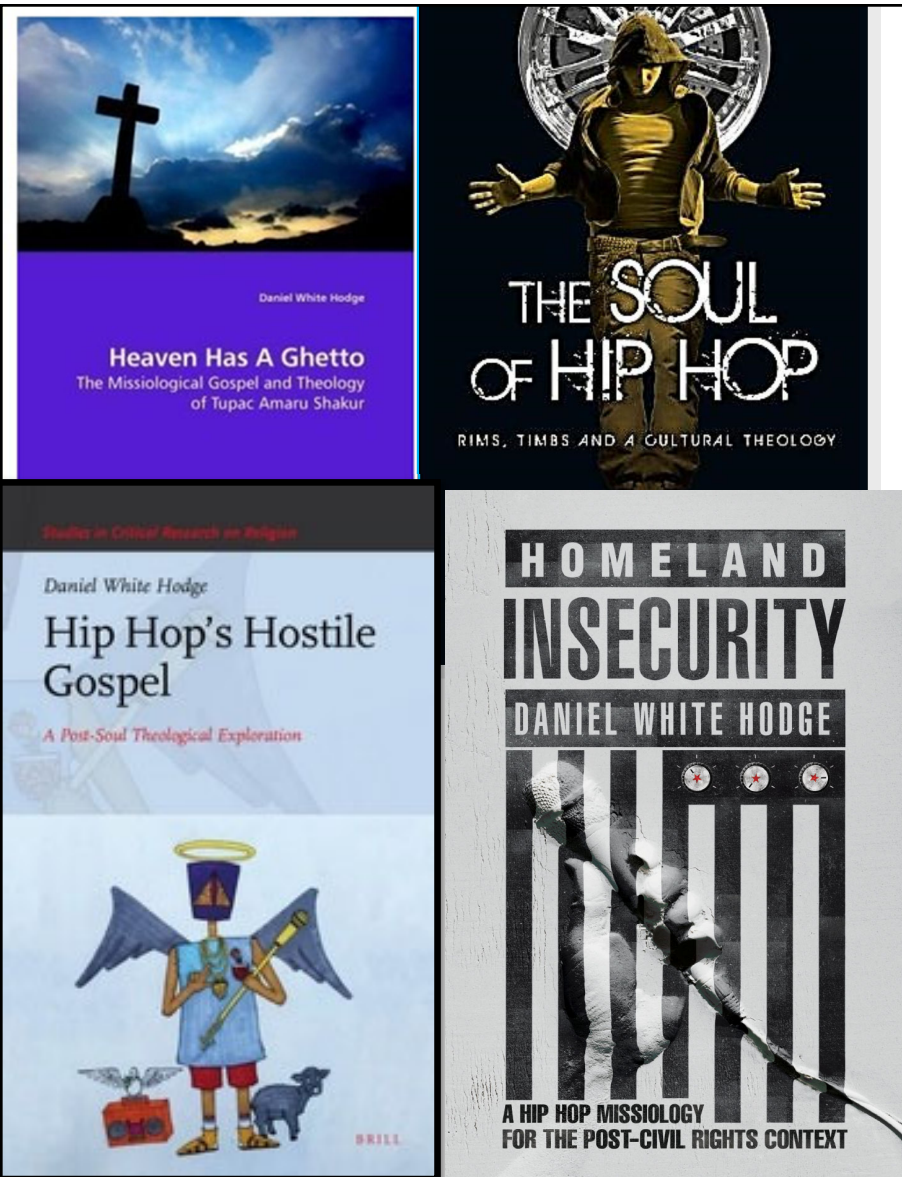


Moving Forward in The Tension

- 1) Beyond “Good Intentions”
- 2) Engaging & dismantling the “Great White Hope” worldview
- 3) Embracing the Multi-Ethnic Jesus
- 4) Deconstruction of a neo-colonized Christian ideology
- 5) Prepare for the shit; develop curriculum with it in mind







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