

The New Demographic Reality Raises the Priority on Education in California

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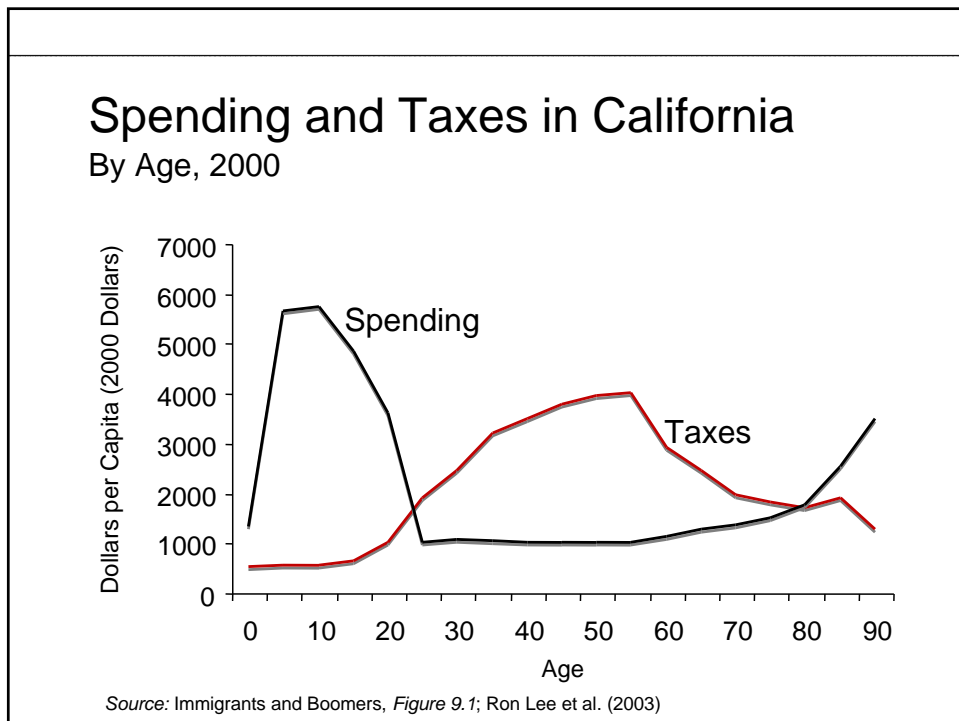
Why the Breakdown of California?

The Intergenerational Solution

Getting People on the Same Page

Steps to the Repair of California

Why the Breakdown of California ?



Two Narratives of Population Change

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- Whites Losing Their Majority
- Accelerating Immigration
- Not Invited

- Not Assimilating

- Not Needed

- Too Much Population Growth

Are Immigrants a Burden or a Benefit?

Percent of White Voters who Believe Immigrants a Burden

	1998	2004	Change
Liberals	40	29	-11
Conservatives	54	64	+10
Gap (L – C)	-14	-35	+21

Source: Immigrants and Boomers, Chapter 7 & Table B.3; PPIC Statewide Survey

Perceived Immigrant Burden Undermines Tax Support for All

Prop 55 Statewide School Bond Issue in 2004

If Conservative rather
than Liberal 18% LESS support

plus

If believe taxes are
wasted a lot 8% even LESS support

plus

If believe immigrants
are a **burden** 9% even LESS support

Holding all other factors equal: controlling for differences in race, age, gender,
children present in the family, nativity, education, income, and homeownership
Source: *Immigrants and Boomers*, Chapter 7, Table B.5

Rediscovery of Hope About Immigration....

The end of immigration acceleration

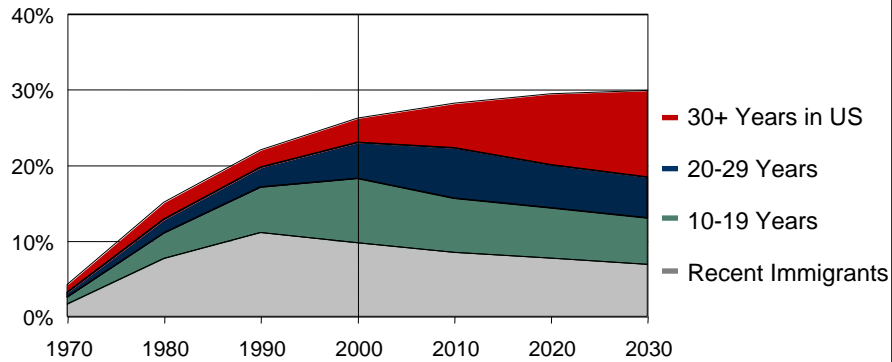
More **long-settled** immigrants

Upward mobility after longer residence

Rediscovery of immigrant contributions

The Longer Settlement of California's Immigrant Population

Percent of Total California Population



Source: Decennial census to 1970-2000; CDF 5.0 California Demographic Futures

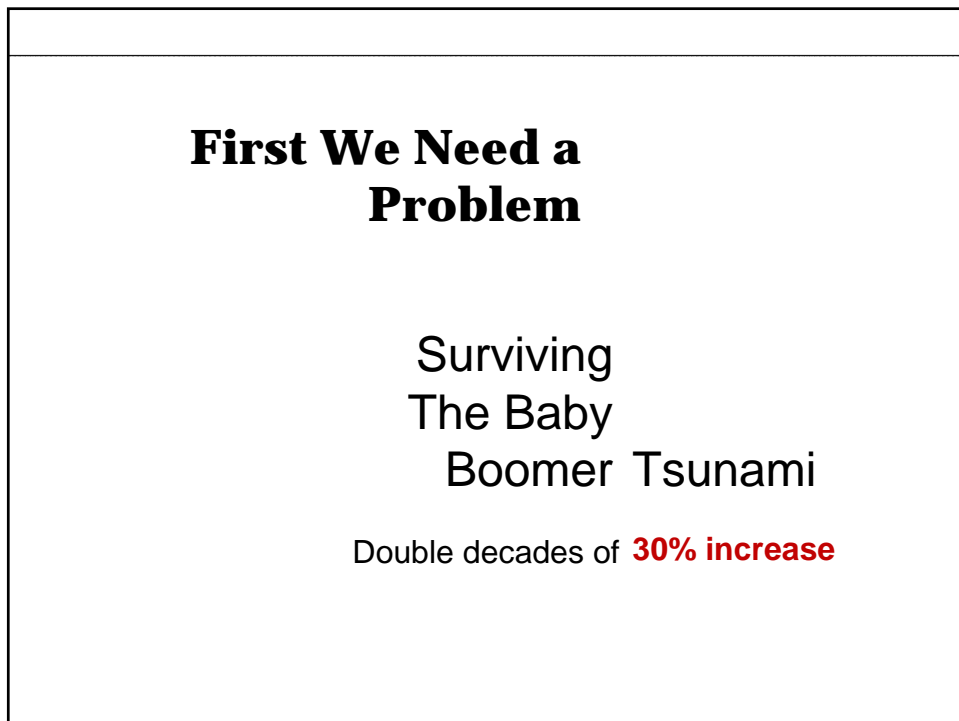
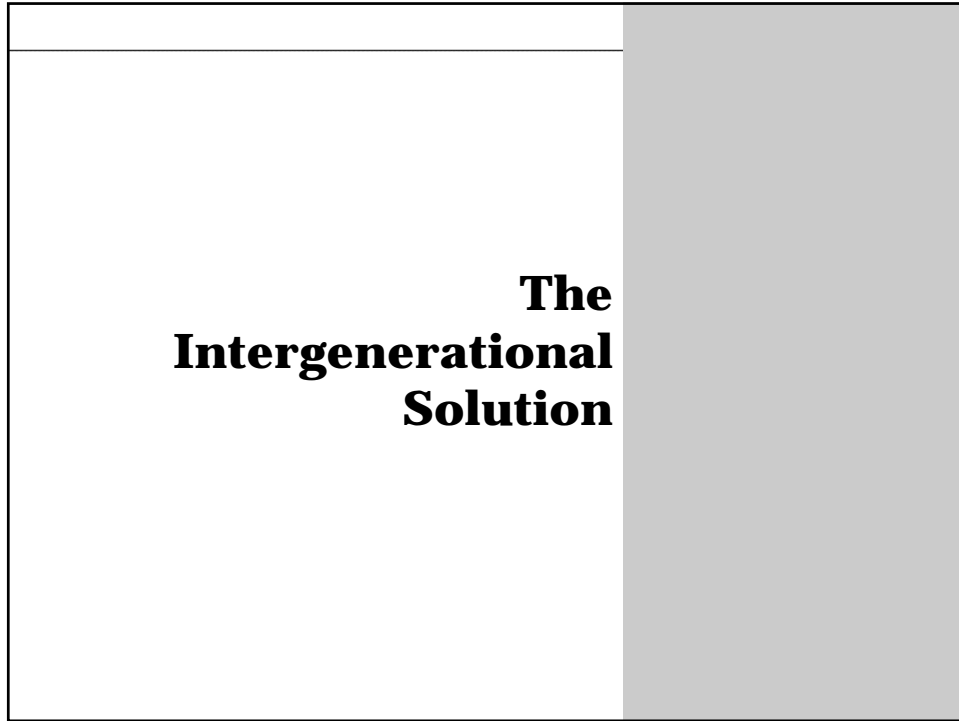
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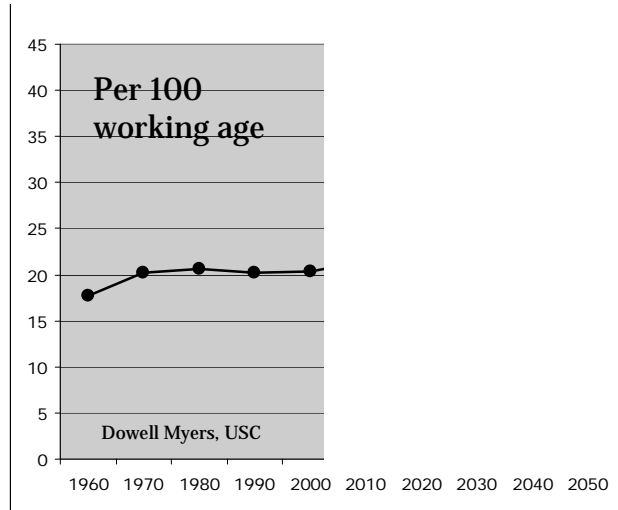
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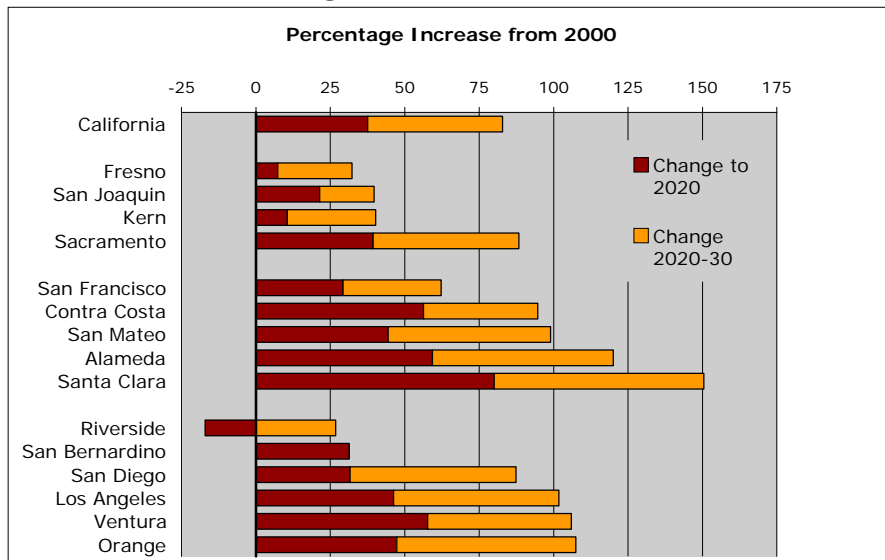
- Still Plenty of Whites, but with Aging Needs
- Steady Immigration
- Labor Volunteers
- Upwardly Mobile Immigrants
- Critical Impacts of Aging Baby Boomers
- Helps Balance the Senior Ratio



Growing Weight of Seniors in California



Percent Change in Senior Ratio to 2030



The Trigger of Many Crises

- Social Security Crisis
- Medicare/Health Insurance Crisis
- Workforce Replacement Crisis
- Taxpayer Replacement Crisis
- The Home Seller Crisis
- Education and Infrastructure Crisis

Likely Responses....

Reduced growth in GDP

Delayed retirement by seniors

Reduced or delayed senior benefits

Higher taxes

Greater reliance on immigrant workers

Rediscovery of neglected minority youth

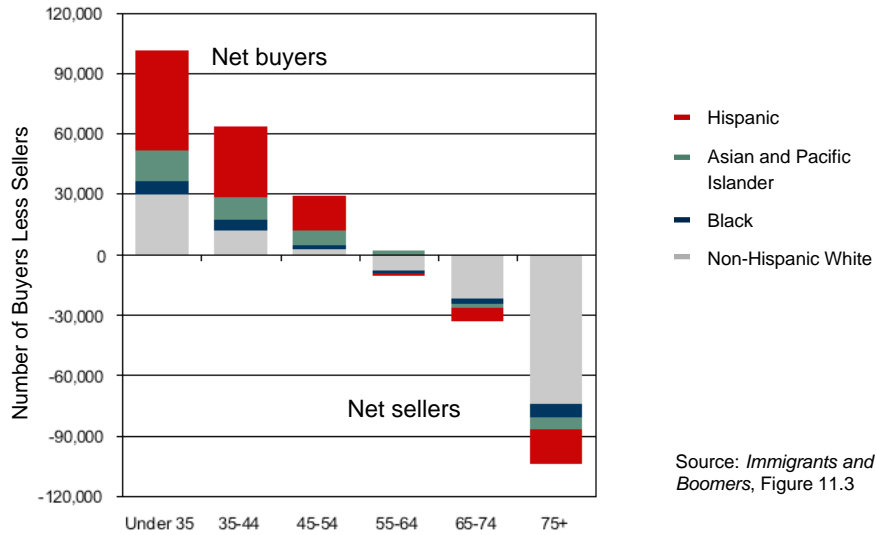
**Getting People
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**Instead of Older
Folks Fighting to
Get Back to 1970**

How Can We
Rediscover Hope
and Common
Purpose Ahead ?

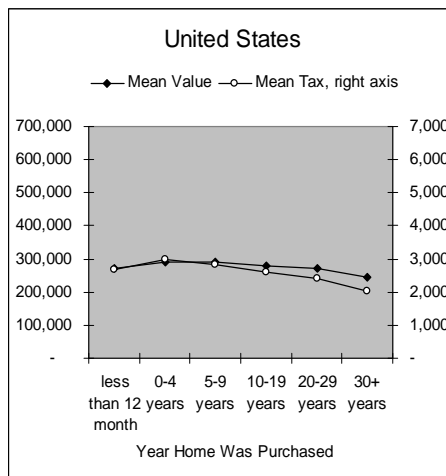
Who's Going to Buy Your House?

Myers's Projection for California in 2020



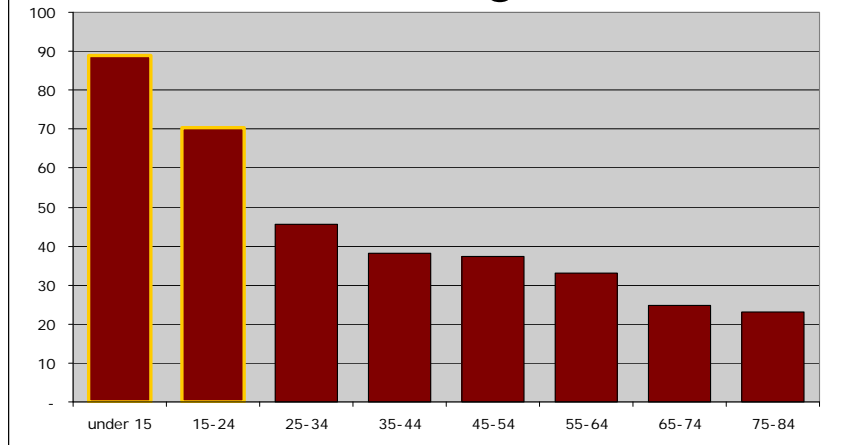
Who's Going to Pay the Taxes?

House Values and Property Tax Payments by Acquisition Year



Source: *Myers analysis of American Community Survey 2007*

Homegrown Share Highest for the Young

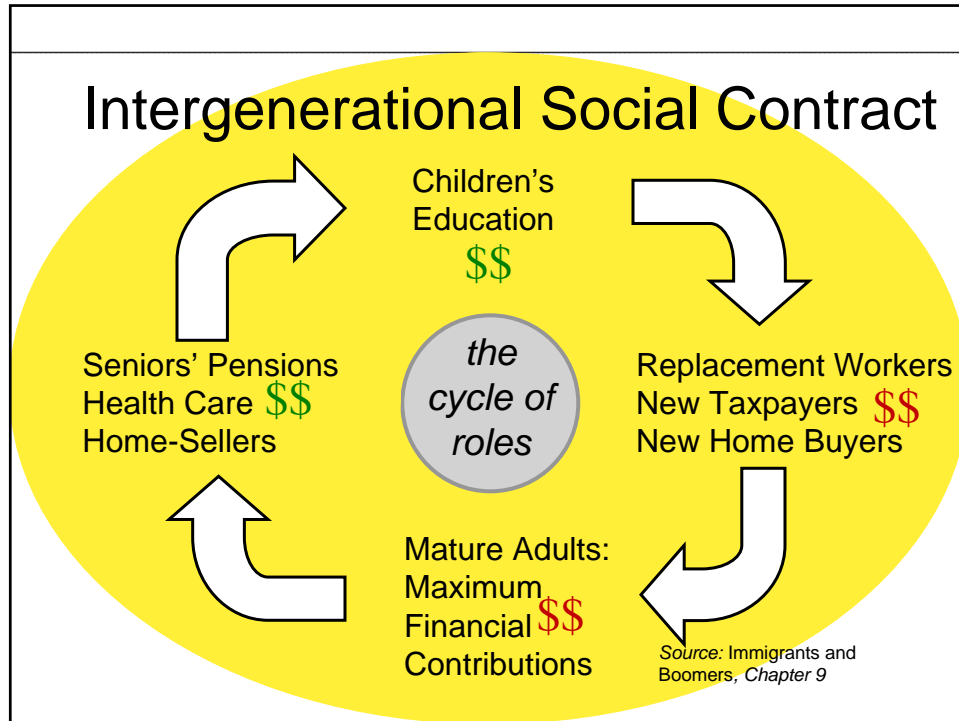


Source: Author's analysis of 1970 Census 2007 American Community Survey data

California-Born Share of the College-Educated Workforce

Old pattern	Age 55-64	26%
New pattern	Age 25-34	40%
Future pattern	Age 25-34	70% ??

Source: Immigrants and Boomers, Table 10.2



Barriers to this Shared Understanding

Education of other people's kids is not **felt** to be in voters' self-interest.

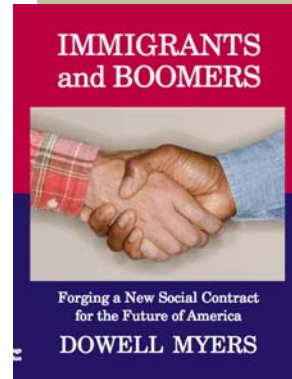
People cannot see change over time, especially not in the future, so we need to help them quantify and visualize.

Thank You

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