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- 4. Fruits of deregulation—rising inequality
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 - 3. Emergence of new ethnic communities
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 - 5. Range of occupations, social backgrounds
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- C. The new diversity
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 - b. Variety of national origins
 - c. Growing impact on American life
 - d. Compression in low-wage sector
 - 2. Asian-Americans
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 - b. Variety of national origins
 - c. Socioeconomic status
 - i. Overall progress
 - ii. Polarization between prosperous and poor
 - 3. Outdatedness of two-race ("black-white") dichotomy
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- D. African-Americans in the 1990s
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 - b. Sources of
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- c. The role of the courts
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