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The readings have noted that historical injustices with regard to race continue to persist in the modern and contemporary society. While there has been a concerted effort to change the social narrative with regard to race, there are still fundamental challenges to be overcome. The readings note that race still informs the manner in which political, social and economic resources are divided. There is an overwhelming supply of resources to the “white” section of the populace. Yet, this is unsupported by US population statistics. The US white population will be a minority by 2050. This demographic however, control important institutions such as Congress at 96%. Race impacts the social fabric of the US, noting that inter race marriages account for less than 3% of marriages. The resultant impact in the social psyche of the US citizenry is an identification of the US as a white man’s country whereas in reality, it is a nation of minorities (Humes, Jones, & Ramirez, 2011).

These interactions challenge the notion that the ethnic group is the only defining factor of living in the United States. While noting the essence of the different groups, these groups can only be evaluated against the backdrop of a singular nation. In addressing past injustices, the question of race is answered by looking forward as to how a more perfect Union can be formed (Grieco, et al., 2012).

The presence of different ethnic groups in the US on the surface presents the challenge of identity. How is the US to identify itself, as white or black or colored? These ethnic groups however, allow the US to define itself as a nation of diverse peoples. These different and diverse individuals coalesced together create a symphony of minorities joined in one common purpose to create an exceptional nation (Tafuya, 2004).

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