

The White Working Class

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Synopsis

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Powered by original field research and survey analysis in the US and UK, *The White Working Class: What Everyone Needs to Know* provides a comprehensive and accessible exploration of white working-class politics and the populism that is transforming the transatlantic social and political landscape.

In recent years, the world has been reintroduced to the constituency of "white working-class" people. In a wave of revolutionary populism, far-right parties have scored victories across the transatlantic political world: Britain voted to leave the EU, the US elected President Donald Trump to enact an "America first" agenda, and radical right movements are threatening European centrists in elections across the continent. In each case, white working-class people are driving the reaction to the social change brought by globalization.

In the midst of this rebellion, a new group consciousness has emerged among the very people who not so long ago could take their political, economic, and cultural primacy for granted. In *The White Working Class: What Everyone Needs to Know*, Justin Gest provides the context for understanding this large group of people.

He begins by explaining what "white working class" means in terms of demographics, history, and geography, as well as the ways in which this group defines itself and has been defined by others. Gest also addresses whether white identity is on the rise, why white people perceive themselves as marginalized, and the roles of racism and xenophobia in white consciousness. Finally, he looks at the political attitudes, voting behavior, and prospects for the future of the white working class.

This accessible audiobook provides a nuanced view into the forces driving one of the most complicated and consequential political constituencies today.

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