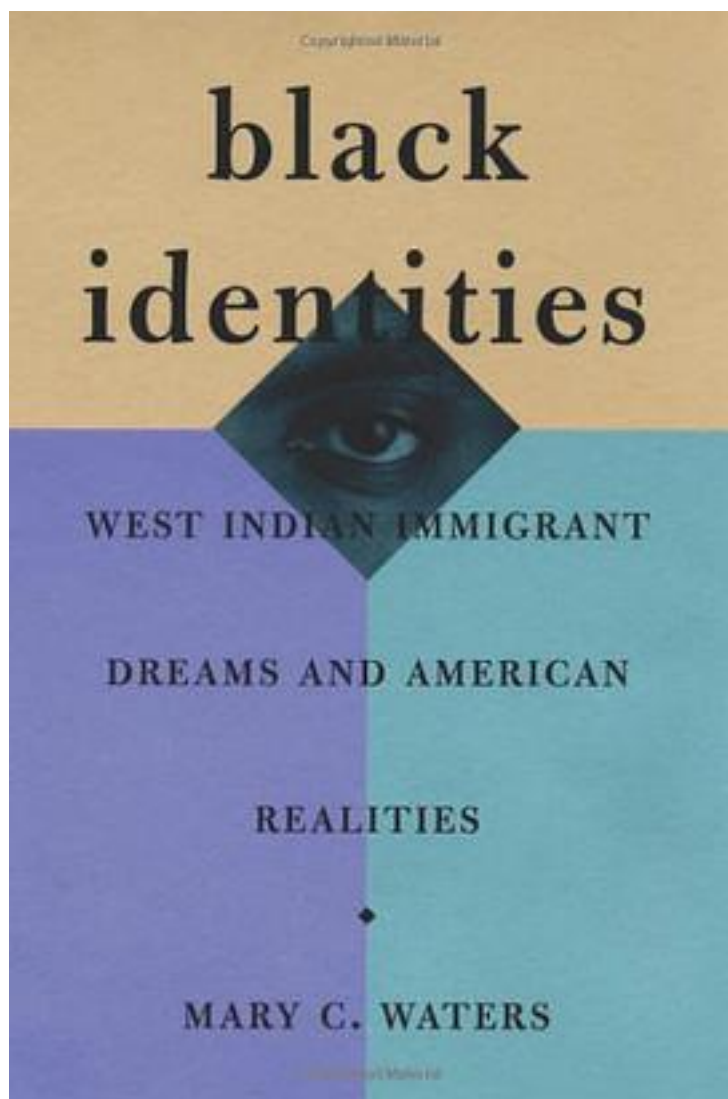


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Winner of the American Political Science Association's Best Book of 1999 in Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Winner of the Cornell University Best Book in Equality Award Winner of the Eastern Sociological Society Mirra Komarovsky Award The story of West Indian immigrants to the United States is considered a great success. Many of these adoptive citizens have prospered, including General Colin Powell. But Mary Waters tells a very different story about immigrants from the West Indies. She finds that, ultimately, the values that gained these first-generation immigrants initial success—a willingness to work hard, a lack of attention to racism, a desire for education—are undermined by the realities of life in the United States. Discrimination in housing channels them into neighbourhoods with inferior public schools and high crime rates, undermining their hopes for their children's future. The hard-won relative success of the parents is often followed by the downward slide of their children. Contrary to long-held beliefs, Waters finds, those who resist Americanisation are most likely to succeed economically.

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Indian移民来到美国后就业率远高于美国本土非裔，跟其他快速社会流动较快的少数族裔一样，都被捧成了模范少数族裔，被表扬是拥有正确文化，本土黑人则被批因贫穷文化而无法利用机遇。但这个研究造成同肤色两个社会群体流动的差异主要是移民身份使得西印度群岛移民对于工作的预期较低，同时由于母国黑人能有较高社会地位使得他们也有较高抱负，了解美国的racism所以也做好了抗争的准备，但日常对黑白关系没有对抗性的预期，所以白人觉得他们更好相处，给了一些空间流动。由于非裔本身是个被污名化的身份，所以1代新移民紧密认同母国民族身份来做区分。有些2代移民在美长大并日常经受racism开始拥抱非裔美国人身份，习得反文化导致社会流动未果。除了加强对内城的经济和文化投入，白人需先改变偏见。

牛！West Indians新移民到美国被自动视为"Black Americans"因为race与ethnicity在美国是混为一谈的，而West Indians的identity是建立于母国的历史与文化，他们在美国变成了invisible immigrants visible blacks。为了社会地位，他们的做法是being West Indian immigrants，而不是be an American. 因为becoming Americans = becoming blacks. 研究手法也很值得借鉴。

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