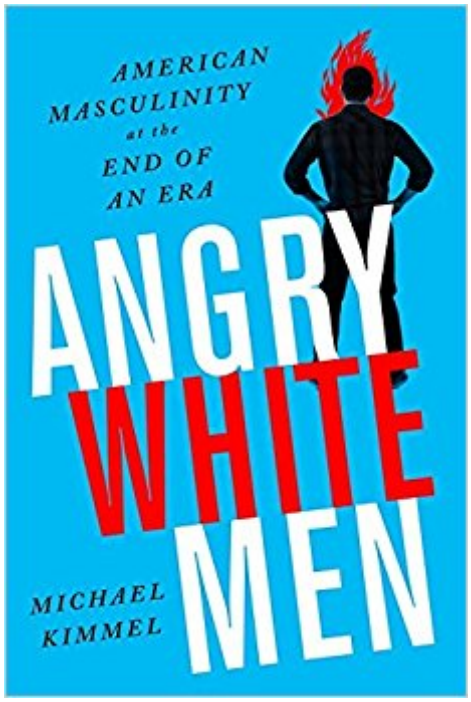
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Angry White Men: American Masculinity At The End Of An Era



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Synopsis

"Kimmel has made a career out of being what you might call a man-translator."->The white American male voter is alive and well--and angry as hell.Sociologist Michael Kimmel, one of the leading writers on men and masculinity, has spent hundreds of hours in the company of America's angry white men--from white supremacists to men's rights activists to young students--in pursuit of a comprehensive diagnosis of their fears, anxieties, and rage. Kimmel locates this increase in anger in the seismic economic, social, and political shifts that have transformed the American landscape: Downward mobility, increased racial and gender equality, and tenaciously clinging to an anachronistic ideology of masculinity has left many men feeling betrayed and bewildered. Raised to expect unparalleled social and economic privilege, white men are suffering today from what Kimmel calls "aggrieved entitlement": a sense that those benefits that white men believed were their due have been snatched away from them.The election of Donald Trump proved that angry white men can still change the course of history. Here, Kimmel argues that we must consider the rage of this "forgotten" group and create solutions that address the concerns of all Americans.

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Kimmel believes it comes down to aggrieved entitlement: the school shootings perpetrated by middle-class white male students, the menÃ¢â ¬â„¢s-rights movement, white supremacists, the fathersÃ¢â ¬â„¢-rights groups, etc. There is, he elaborates, a strong (and getting dangerously stronger) feeling, among some white male Americans, that they are losing their place in society. The

era of entitlement, when the good jobs and the best stuff was the white male AmericanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s due, has passed, replaced by a society in whichÃ¢â ¬â •at least in the skewed view of the people about whom Kimmel is writingÃ¢â ¬â •white males are being systematically marginalized, passed over in favor of minorities and women. (For example, the menÃ¢â ¬â„¢s-rights movement, the author says, is based on the belief that the oppression of men is a feminist conspiracy.) The angry white man, says Kimmel, isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t able, or perhaps willing, to face the simple truth: the era of entitlement is over. The book offers no real solution to the problem, delivering instead a lively, frequently scary look at a group of people who are trying, ever more desperately, to hang onto a world that no longer exists. --David Pitt

"Kimmel's writing is open and engaging, reminiscent of a conversation with friends in a bar . . . Another worthwhile examination of important issues affecting men and, by extension, everyone else, from an author known for his insight into the subject." ---Kirkus

We need more writers like Michael Kimmel and more mean (and women) who get these issues

Excellent read - very informative!Gave me a lot of 'ah-ha' moments!

Particularly relevant in today's divided America!

Kimmel presents a well reasoned argument about the effects of perceived entitlement on attitudes toward women, immigrants, and governmental agencies.

informative but repetitive

The view of angry white men is put together, along with considerable supporting references, that explains many reactions we see in the news and political arena. In one sense, nothing new--20 years ago, a professor told me she saw, from her consulting with businesses about gender discrimination and testifying in court-cases, that push-back from white males is to be expected, as the assumptions about power in our culture are changing. Kimmel ties a lot of aspects of this together by using the framework of angry white men.

I'll be giving this as a gift.

Through the lens Kimmel offers, you can see the tide of populism and the rise of Trump, the increase in mass shootings, and the stubbornly high rates of sexual assault all have a common underlying theme -- male entitlement and the very real pain/anger these men feel in not getting "what they deserve." Kimmel does a good job with being fair to the very real struggles these men are facing, offering compassion for the state these men often find themselves in, while still critiquing the culture that created such an angry and dangerous sense of entitlement. As others have noted, he does get a bit repetitive, but overall I think it was a strong contribution to the study of masculinity, which is under examined.Very thoughtful and timely book that isn't nearly as inflammatory as the angry commentators would have you believe. Clearly many haven't read the book, but as someone who has, I would recommend it.

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