

Equity, Growth and Community:

What the nation can learn from
America's metro areas

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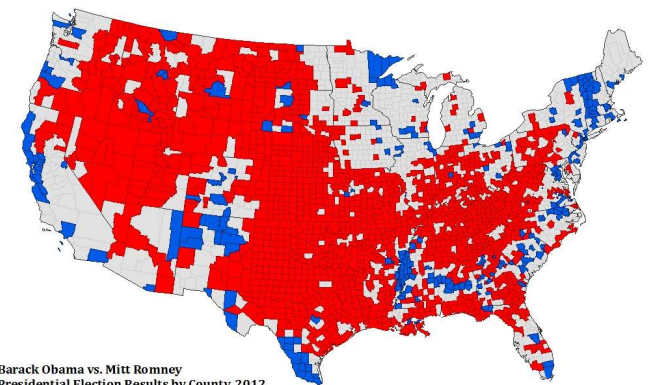
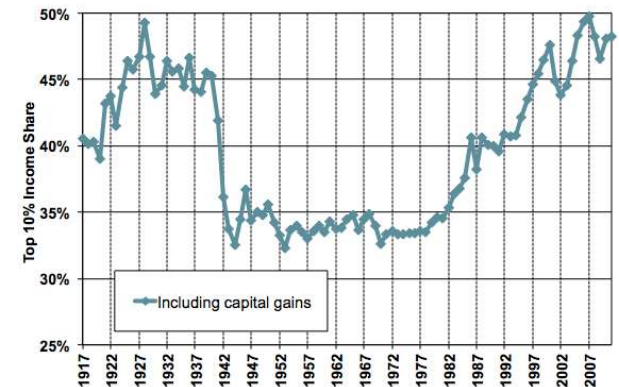
Challenges of Contemporary America

Jobs crisis linked with slow job growth, stagnant wages and lagging labor force participation

Inequality crisis with unprecedented levels of inequality

Political crisis associated with not just partisanship but social, spatial, and information fragmentation

Share of total U.S. income going to top 10% of income earners

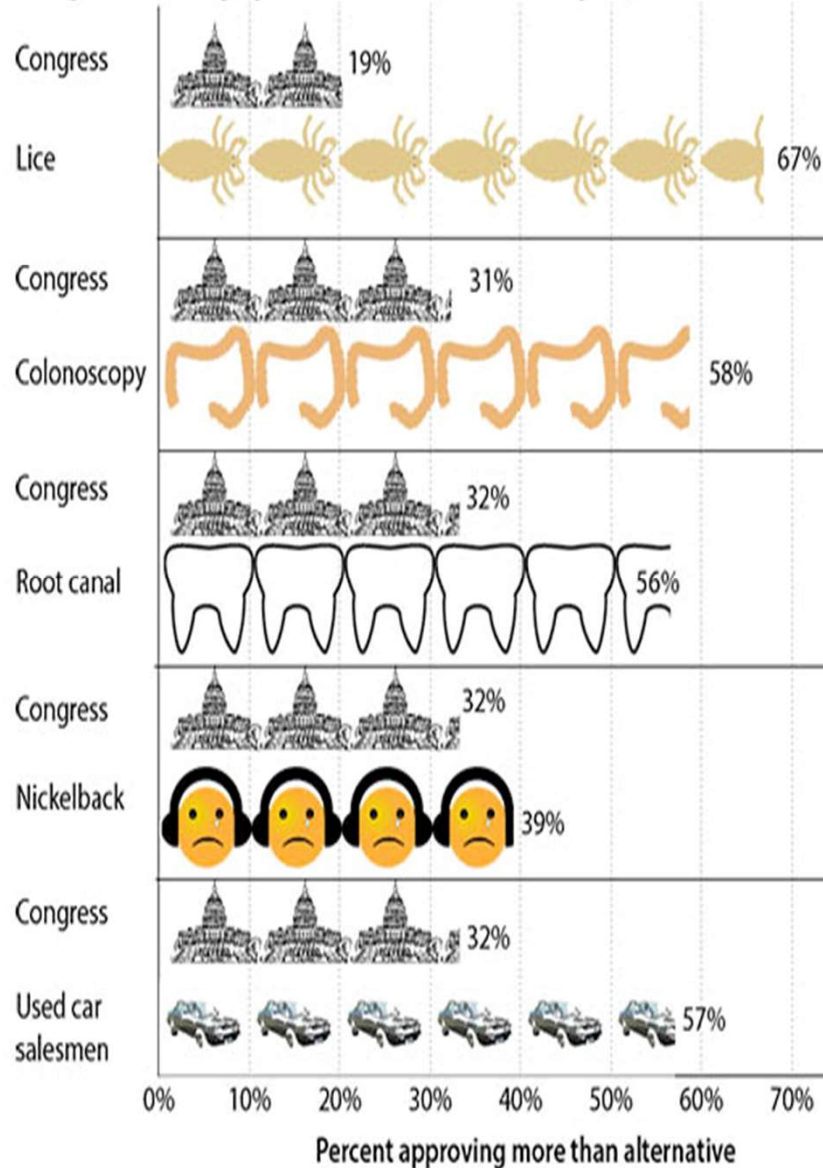


Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney
Presidential Election Results by County, 2012

Blue Democratic landslide county
Red Republican landslide county
Grey Competitive Counties (margin less than 20%)

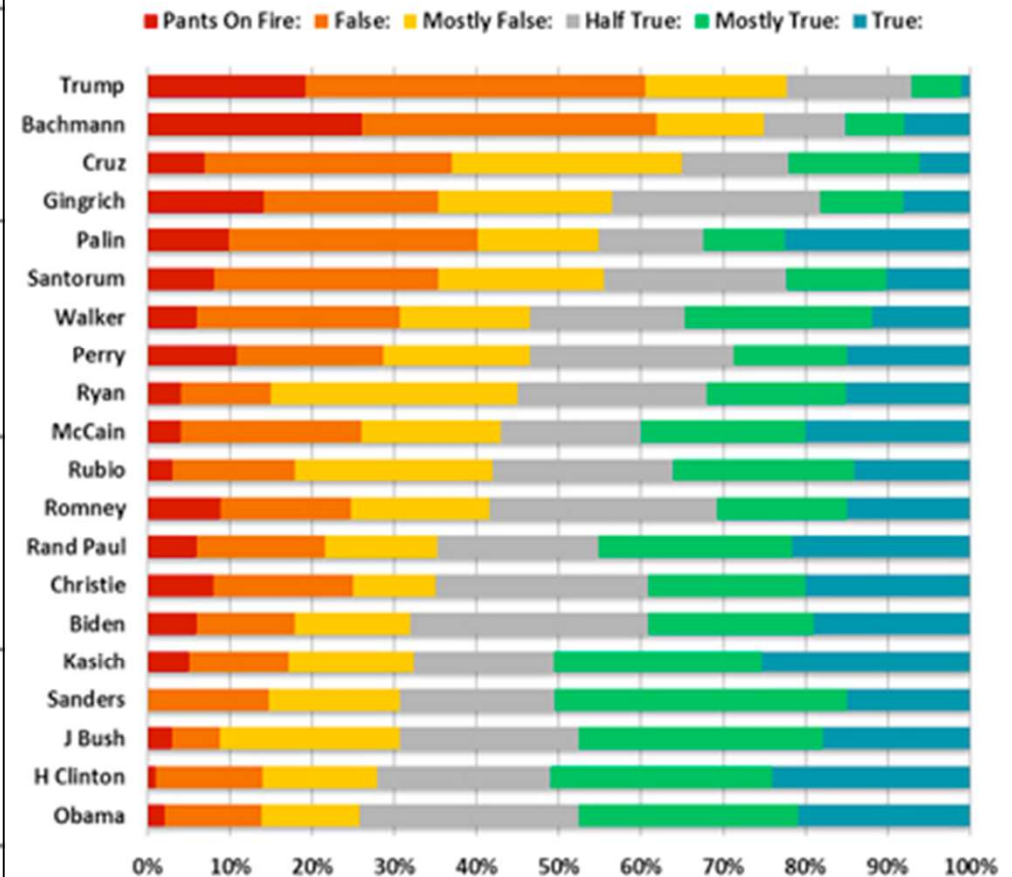
Broken institutions and fragmented knowledge

Congress is less popular than lice, colonoscopies, and Nickelback. All Politicians Lie. Some Lie More Than Others.



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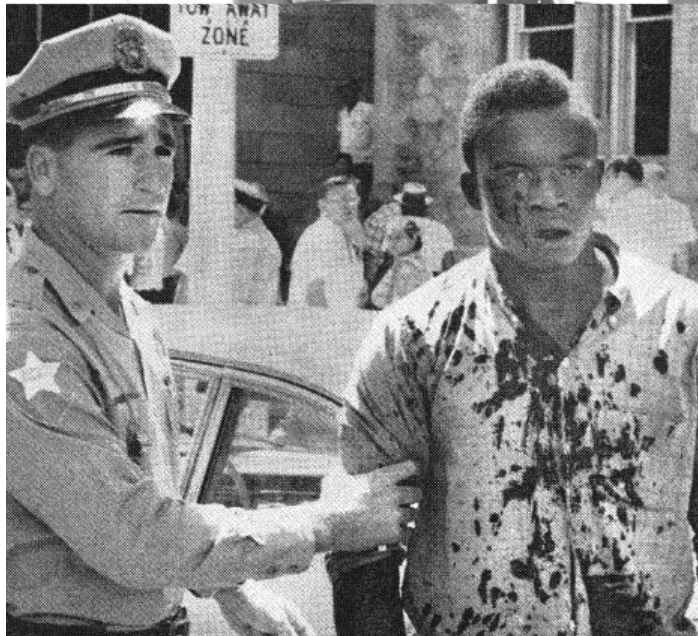
PolitiFact, an independent fact-checking website, has graded more than 50 statements since 2007 from each of these candidates. Here is how they rank.



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Biggest City In the World!

*by enlarging the city to 826.5 square miles,
consolidation makes Jacksonville No. 1 in area*

By JEN WARD
Photograph by Staff Writer

and ending up with a city measuring 411 square miles.

Neither Los Angeles nor Oklahoma City, however, laid claim on the world title, say the authors.

Population, in its own way, does not enter into the question of Jacksonville being the largest city in the world, but it will mean something in the state.

With a population of a little more than 150,000 last summer,

In 1953 — in those quiet years when Jacksonville was just beginning to realize she had a story to tell, too — before the Communist regime gained control of the mainland, Peking had an area of some 300 square miles, including the ancient imperial capital city, which has an area of 25 square miles.

Three years after the defeat of the Nationalists, the Communist government enlarged

No other large city in the world — including such giants as Shanghai, Tokyo, London, New York City, Moscow, Buenos Aires or Paris — has a larger land area than Jacksonville.

Again, it should be noted, this does not take into account the populations of those cities; for they are the most densely populated areas in the world.

In terms of these cities themselves, they have populations in the millions; and, in terms of the metropolitan areas which surround them, those total populations are counted in terms of tens of millions of people.

Eight Largest

In terms of square miles, the most recent largest cities in the world after Jacksonville are Shanghai, Tokyo, New York, London, Paris, and Moscow.

This order, however, is still dependent on whether the metropolitan area of the city is included or simply the area of the city proper.

Shanghai has an area of 776 square miles as an administrative district similar to Jacksonville.

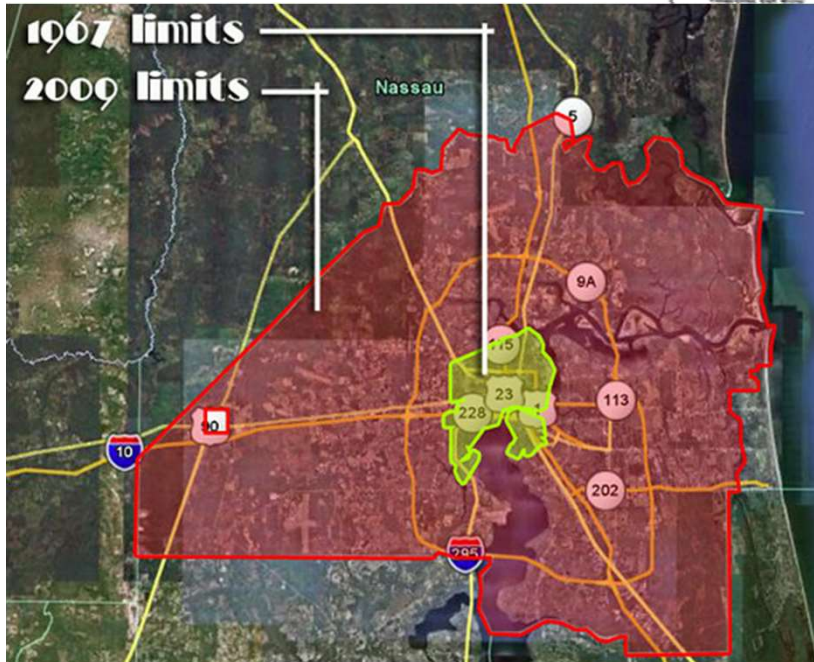
London is 161 square miles of land.

The population of the metropolitan area is 11,000,000 but only 3,000,000 people live in the City of London itself. The estimated population of the County of London is 3,775,000 approximately.

like them. The population of the Moscow district, however, is estimated at more than 10 million.

The metropolitan city of Paris, which began on the Ile de la Cité in the Seine River, is essentially located in the Seine Department, which has

*Jacksonville-as far
eye can see; this aerial
shows the heart of the
New City with its*



the cover story

Jacksonville's unique claim to fame under consolidation is explored by Times-Union Staff Writer Jen Ward. Cover photo by Roger Mullin.



Ward

met, Jacksonville has a new total today — more than 341,000.

The metropolitan district of Peking to include all of the best parts of the Great Wall of



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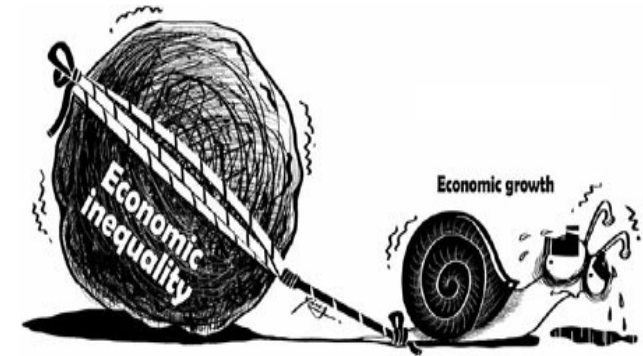


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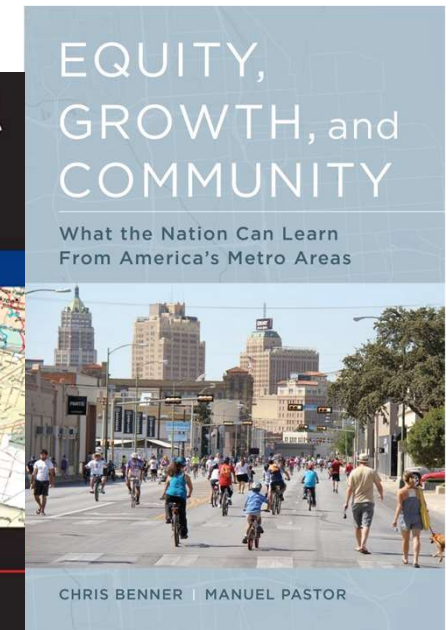
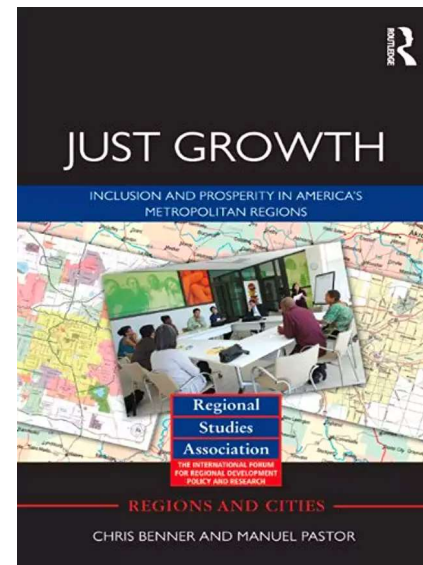
Is equity good for the economy?

Conventional wisdom in economics says there is a **trade-off** between **equity** and **efficiency**.

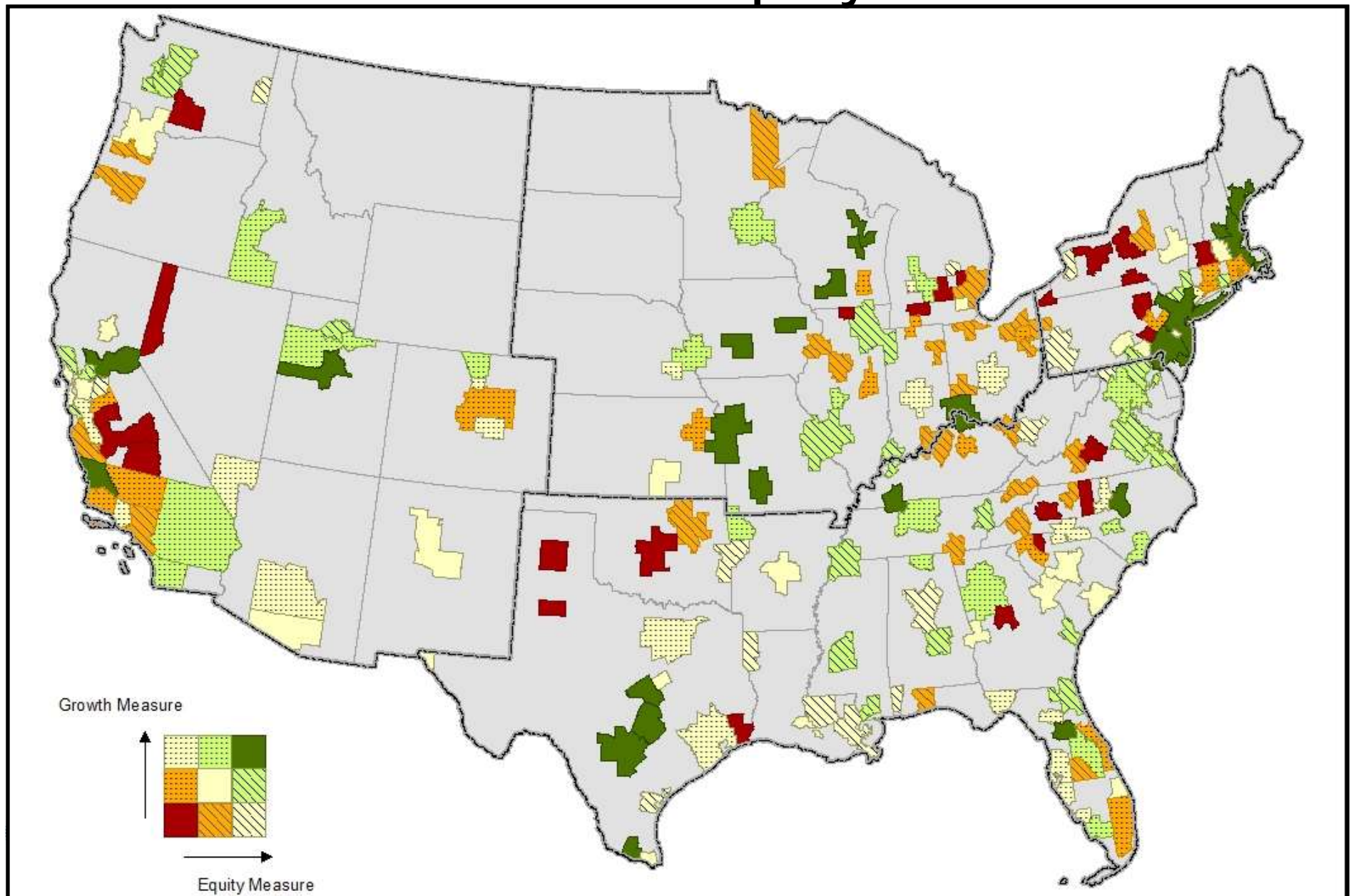


But our research suggests that regions that work **toward equity** have **stronger** and **more resilient** economic growth.

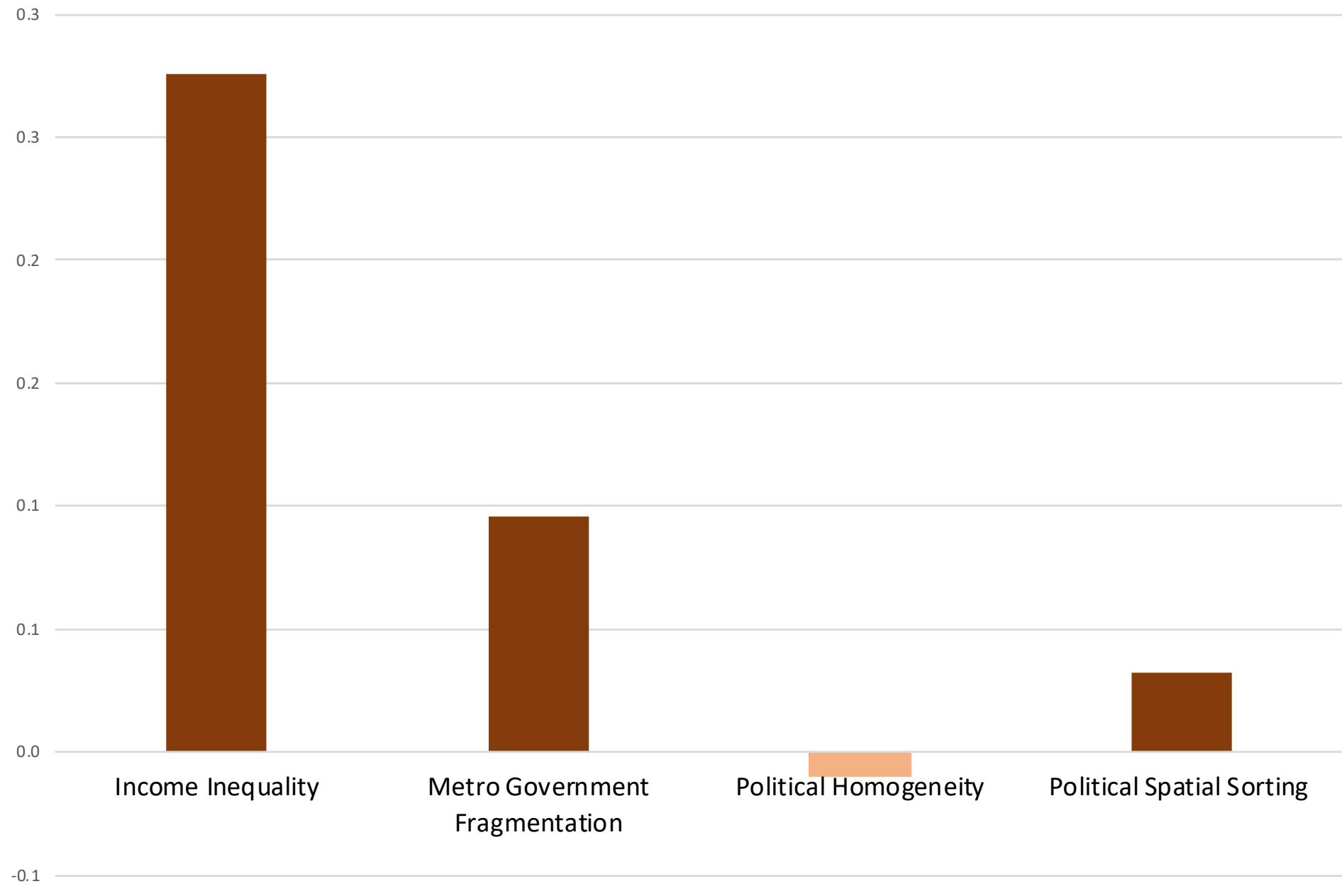
But **why**? And **how**?



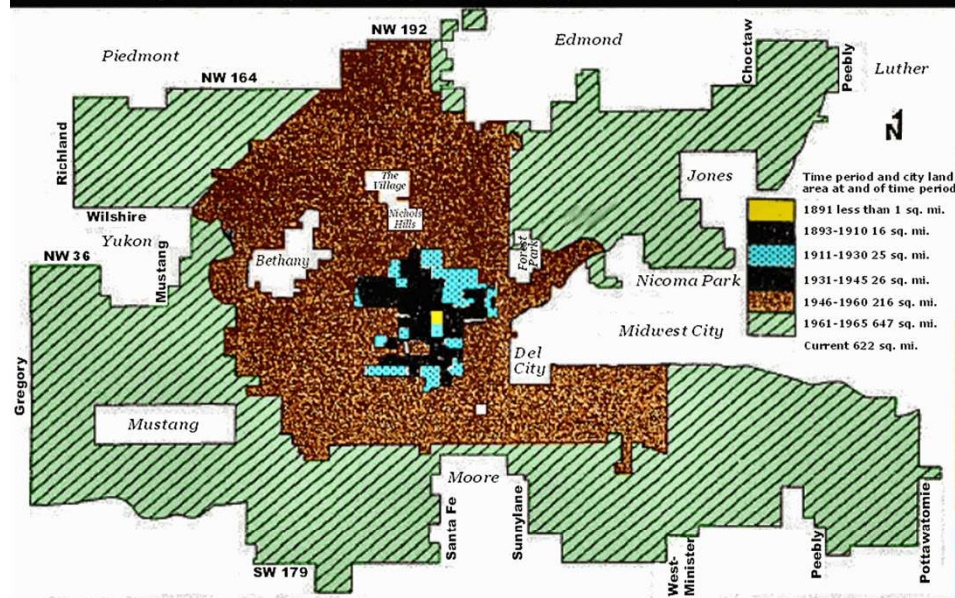
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What makes us vulnerable?



Oklahoma City Growth 1891-1989

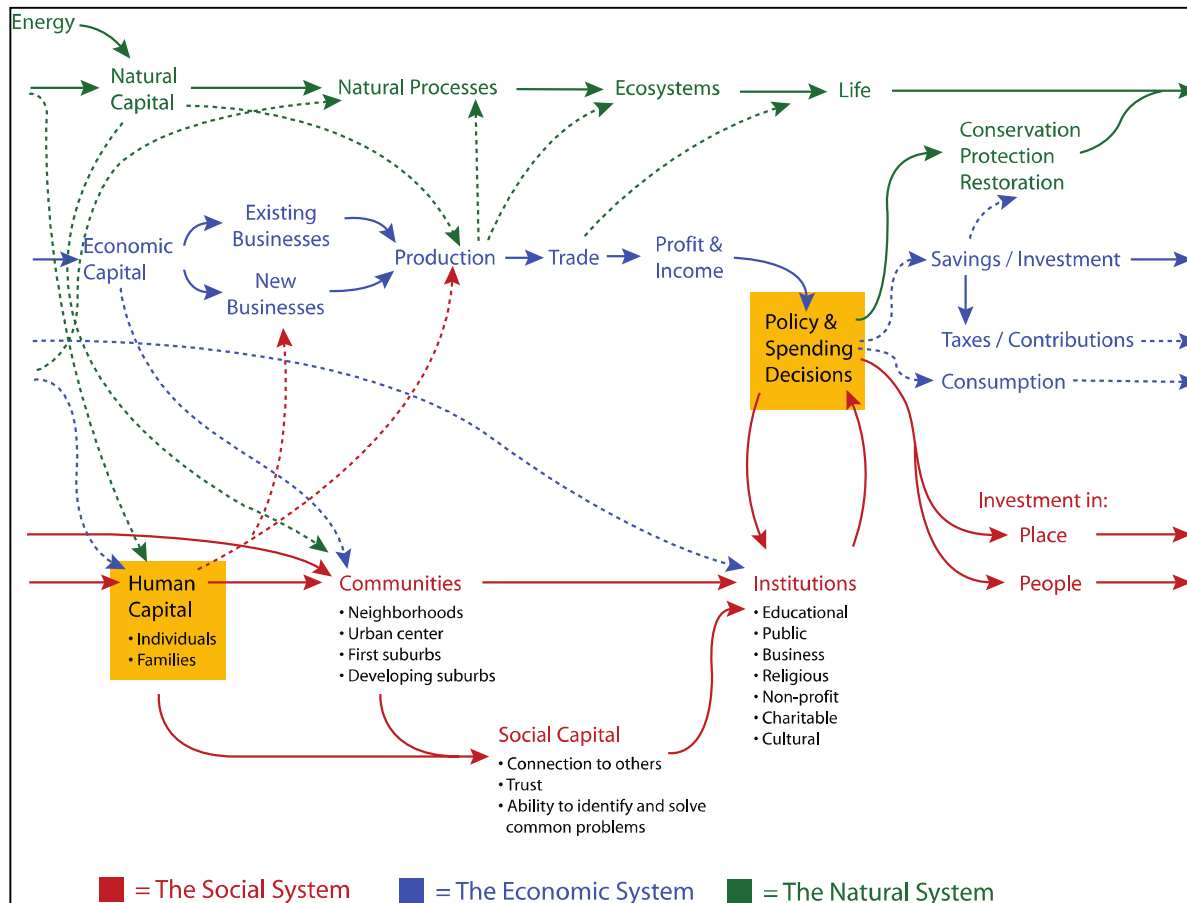
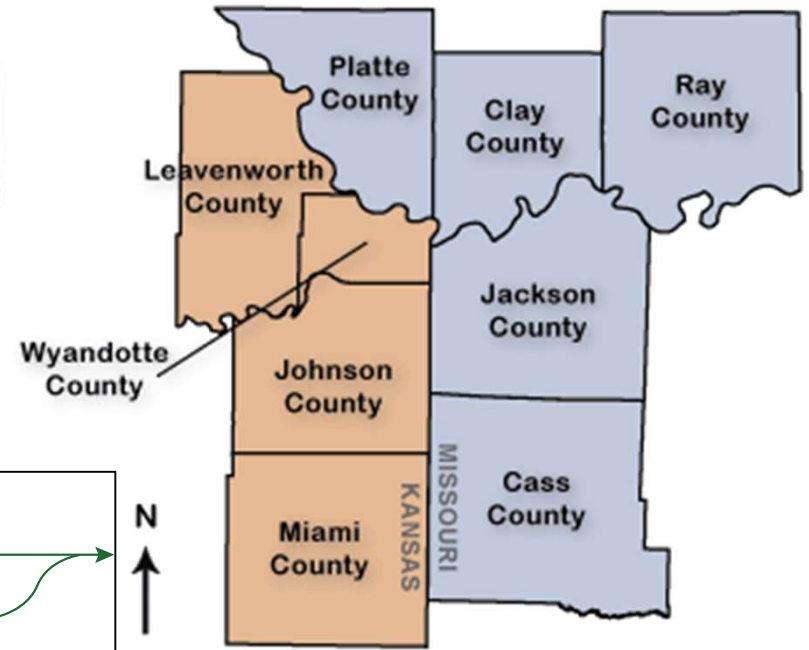


WHEN COMPLETE, THE PROGRAM WILL HAVE BUILT OR RENOVATED
73 SCHOOL SITES THROUGHOUT THE OKLAHOMA CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT.

MAPS for Kids.



METRO OUTLOOK *LIVE*



THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



**THE UTAH
COMPACT**

A DECLARATION OF FIVE PRINCIPLES TO
GUIDE UTAH'S IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION

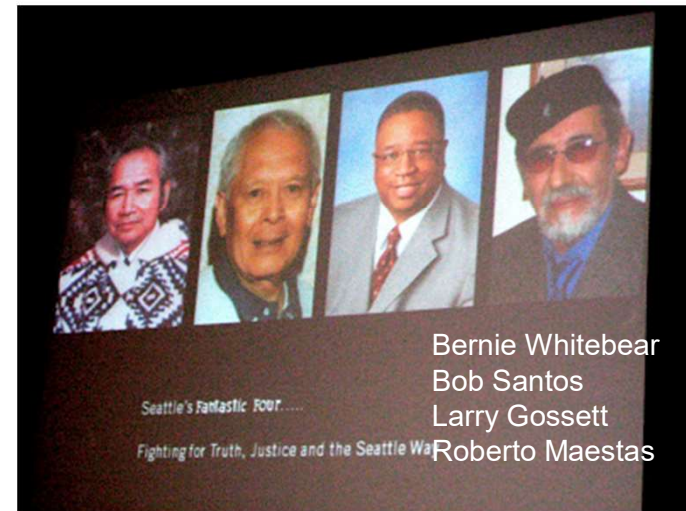




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Seattle process

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



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King County Equity and Social Justice

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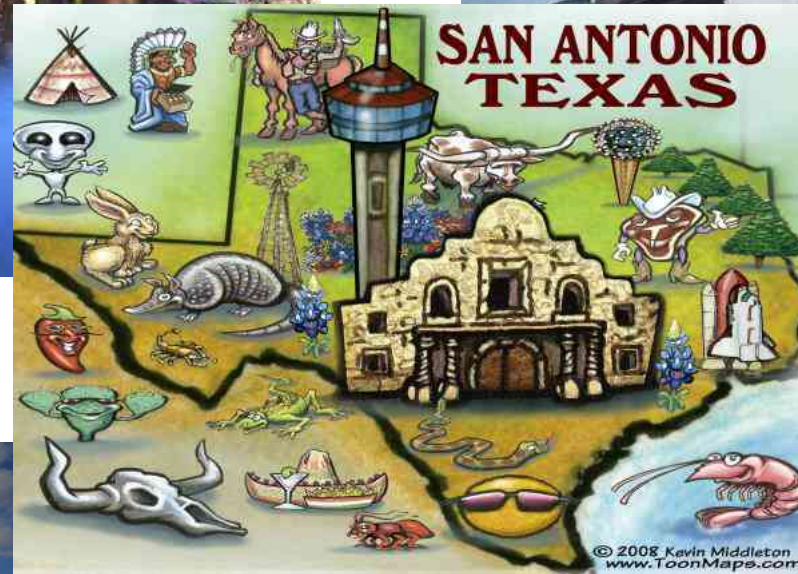
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But conflict is part of the equity story



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Diverse & dynamic epistemic communities

Broad inclusion

Common regional destiny

Repeated interactions

Ability to regroup in response to shocks

Action-oriented, not just policy

Build on regional cultures & constitutive of those cultures

New 3 Rs:

Roots, Relationships, Reason



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Diverse Regional Knowledge Communities

Dimension	Characteristic
Membership	Diverse constituencies and broad notions of what is valid knowledge
Ties that bind	Common regional destiny through repeated interaction, principled conflict as well as collaboration
Ways of knowing	Acknowledge legitimacy of others' viewpoints, and agreed-on norms of interaction
Scope of goals	Action-oriented, not just policy. Could include multiple forums
Dynamism over time	Multi-issue framing and relationship-building that allows regional resilience to adjust to shocks and emerging challenges

Effects of diverse epistemic communities

- Shared knowledge generation and agenda setting
- Inclusionary issue framing
- Collaborative leadership development
- Coordinating action
- Demonstrating success



Impacts on growth and equity

- **Growth**
 - Innovation
 - New and diverse economic opportunities
 - Collective/coordinated response
- **Inclusion**
 - Connect geographies and populations
 - Expand structures of opportunity
 - Redistributive policies

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