



The Institute for
Sustainable Peace

“Toward A Culture of
Peace”

2011 Report

Sudan and Balkans Initiatives

GLOBAL ISP

Transformational Leadership Workshop

June 2011

Participant Highlights:

- Largest number of Sudanese leaders to date
- Largest number flying in from Sudan
- Leading gender rights activist in N. Sudan
- Member of the student movement in Khartoum

Future Initiative – regional workshops with local organizing committees (NYC and D.C. areas)

ROM Leadership Development Workshop

- July 2011
- 50 participants – including organized groups from Russia, Moldova and Transnistria, and Ukraine
- Mac Skelton (ISP Summer Fellow) went in Randy's place and spoke multiple times
- One of the best workshops in recent years

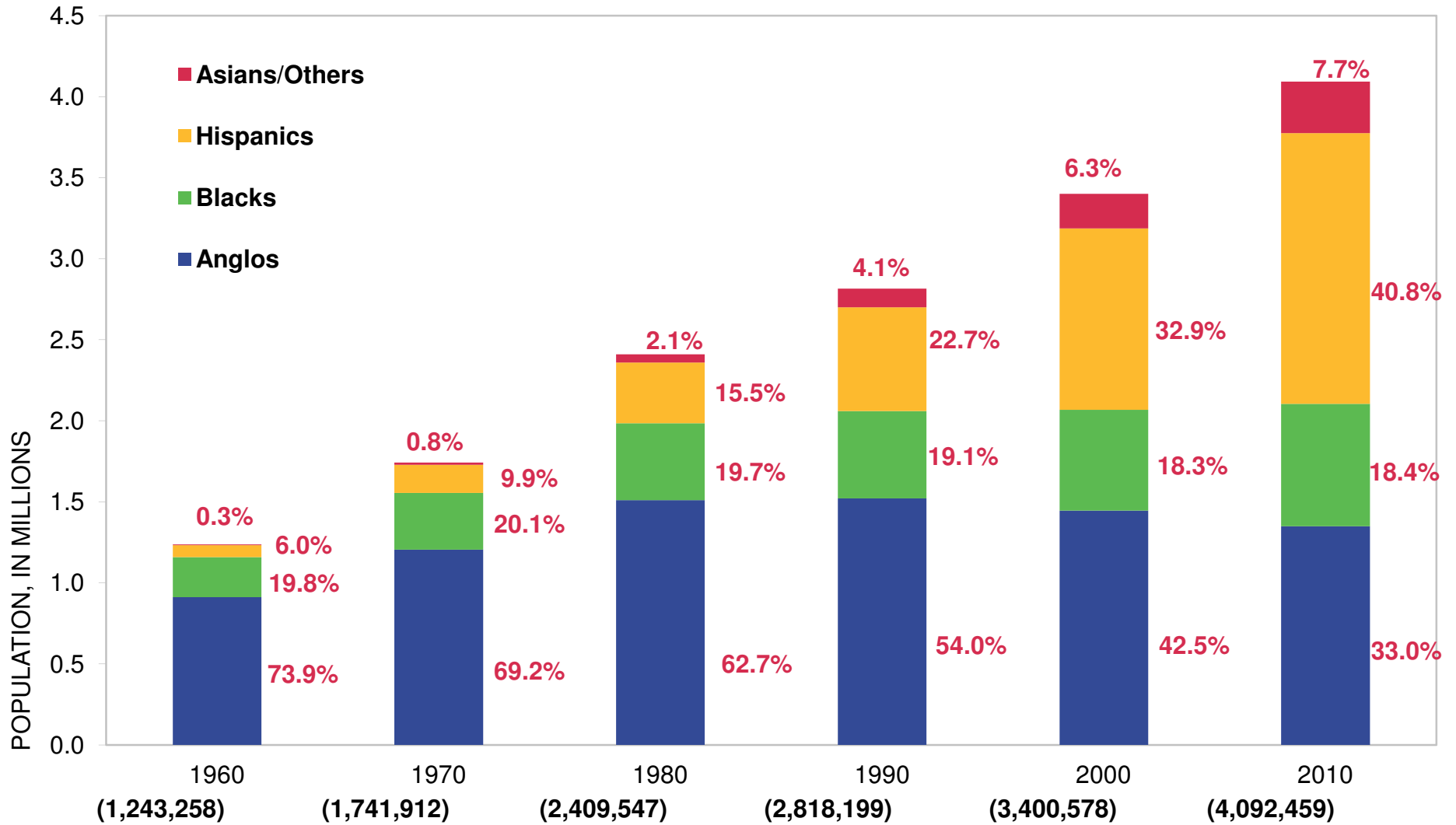
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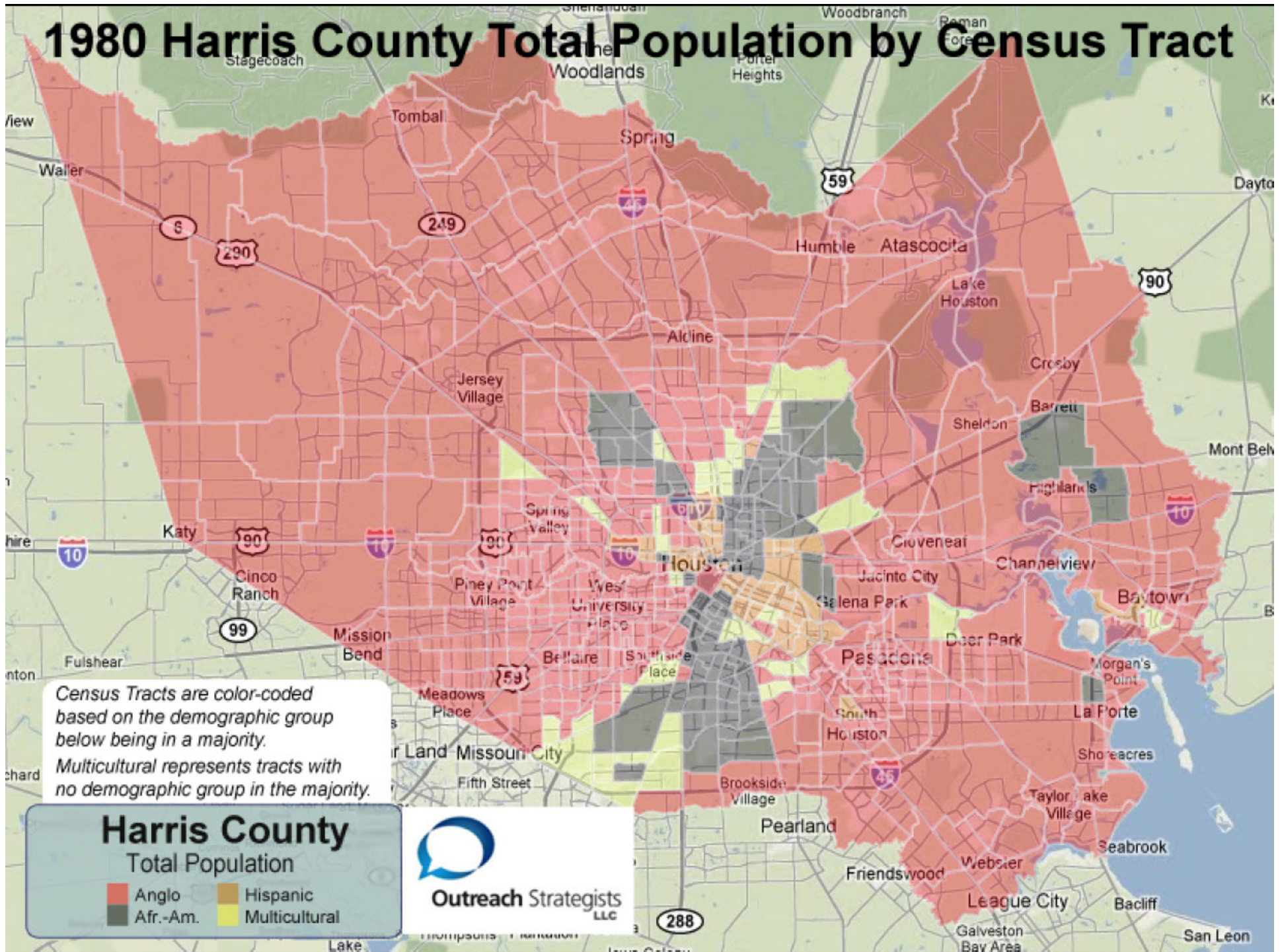
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The following slides graphically depict the increasing diversity of the population of Harris County.

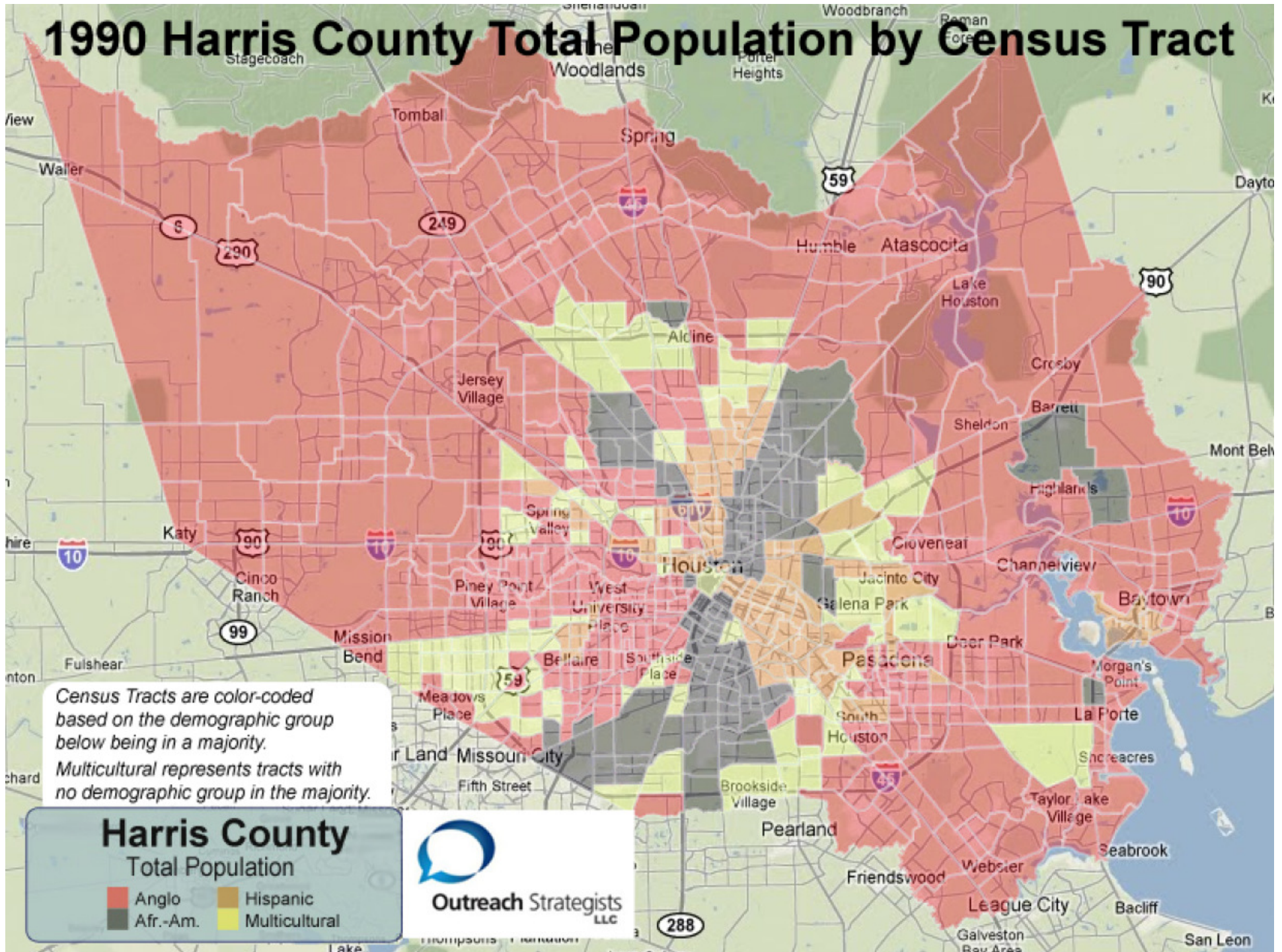
THE DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSFORMATIONS OF HARRIS COUNTY (1960-2010)



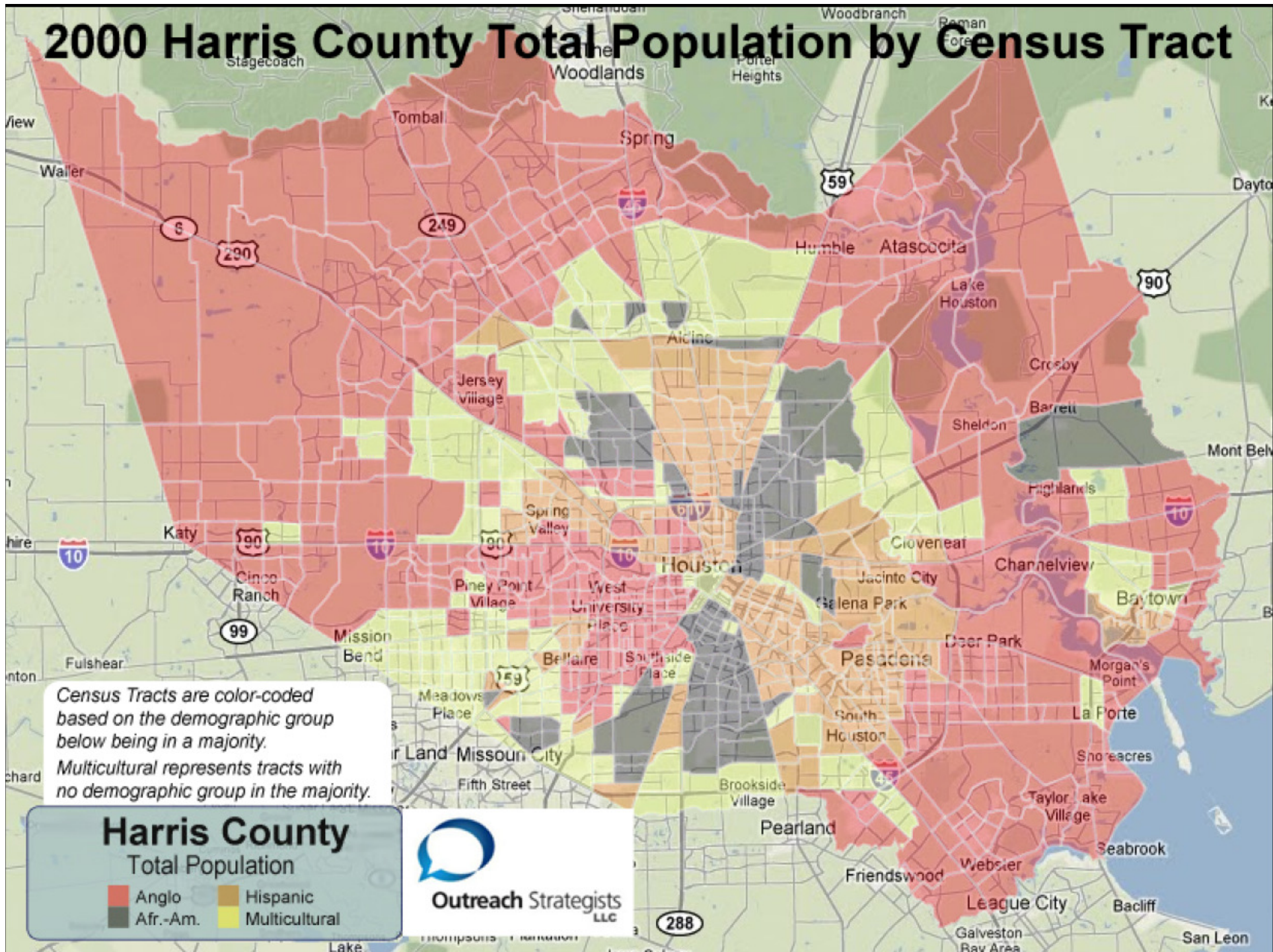
1980 Harris County Total Population by Census Tract



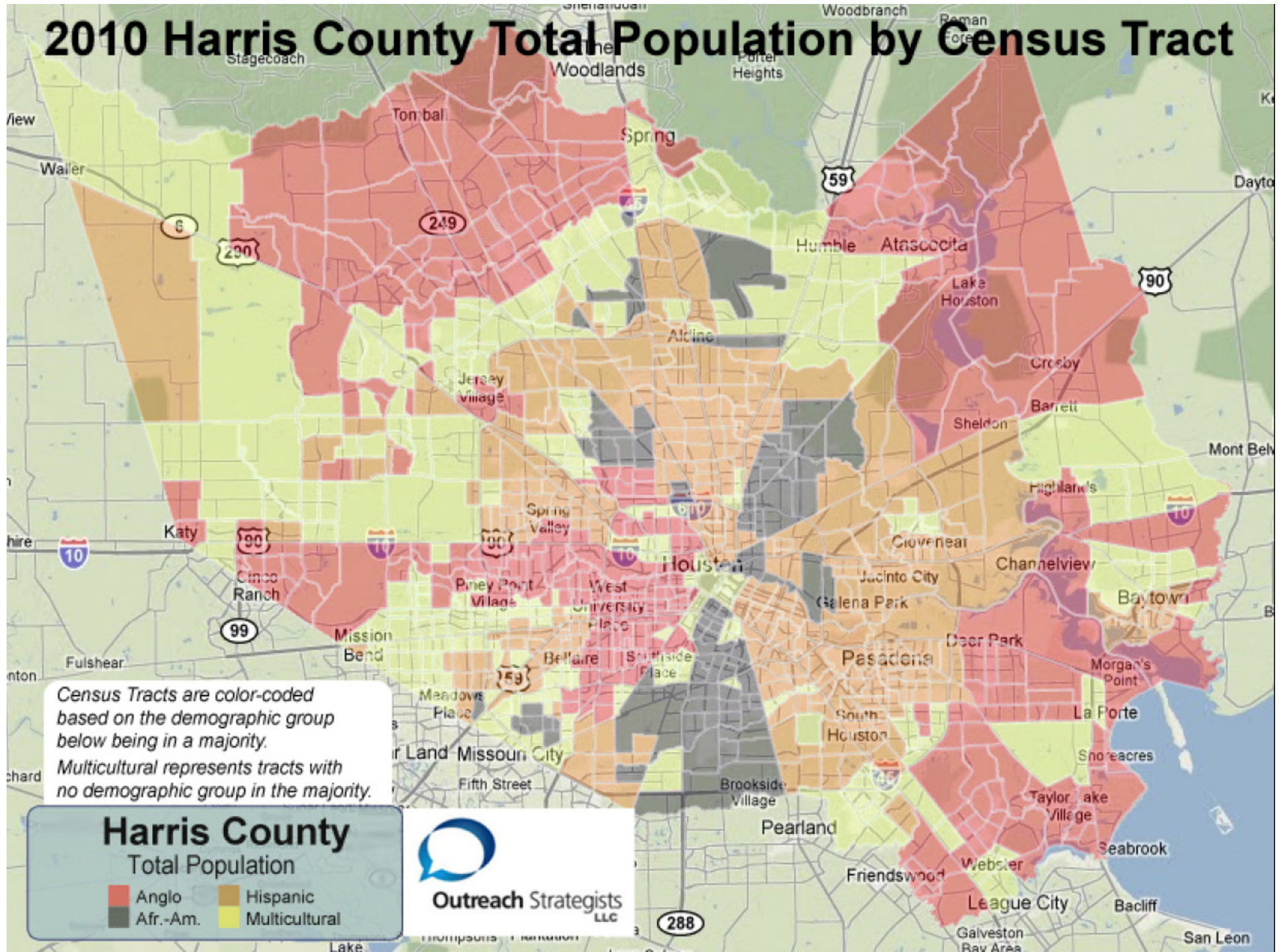
1990 Harris County Total Population by Census Tract



2000 Harris County Total Population by Census Tract



2010 Harris County Total Population by Census Tract



Census Tracts are color-coded based on the demographic group below being in a majority. Multicultural represents tracts with no demographic group in the majority.

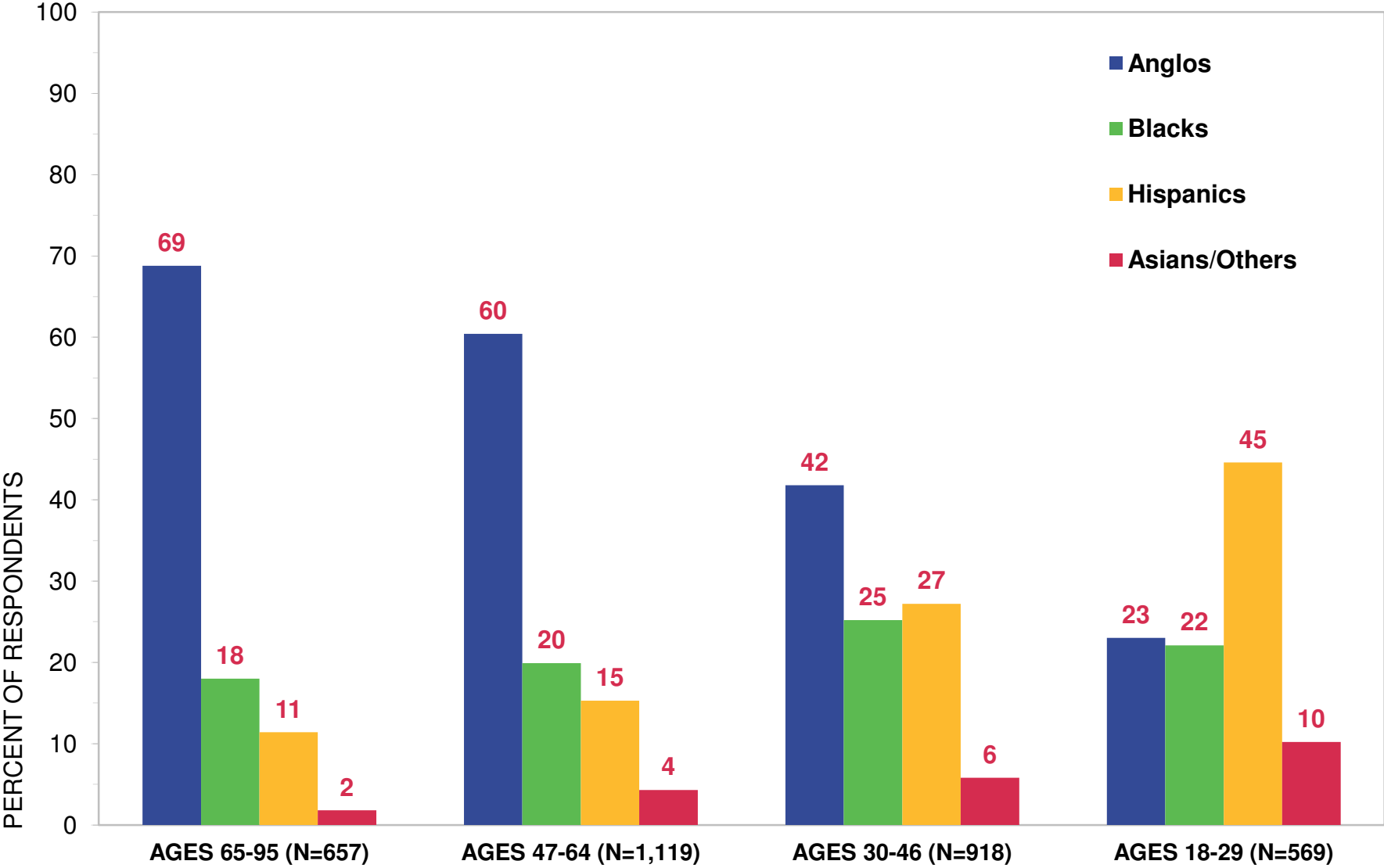
Harris County
Total Population

Anglo	Hispanic
Afr.-Am.	Multicultural



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ETHNICITY BY AGE IN HARRIS COUNTY (2007-2011, COMBINED)



Data from Rice U. - Kinder Institute

Changing Demographics of Harris County, Texas

- Most striking is that in a very large percentage of the county there is no majority ethnic group.
- Members of different ethnic groups live in close contact throughout the county.
- This creates both risk and opportunity, and highlights the need for our work in our own backyard.

Jewish-Muslim Dialogue Group
IMGH Amazing Faiths Project
“Connecting Communities” Project
Peace Ranger Study Group
Candidate Café Dialogues

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Jewish-Muslim Dialogue Group

- Our partnership with Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston continues to grow
- Recruited new group – launching Dec. 20
- Will recruit a women's group in 2012
- Group 1 to add 5 Christians in 2012
- Group 1 to put on programs to share their story

IMGH Amazing Faiths Project

The Institute helped Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston expand their existing dialogue initiative by:

- Designing deeper dialogues for participants from multiple faiths
- Training the facilitators

Approximately 200 people participated in 17 separate groups/homes.

IMGH has received very positive feedback from the participants.

“Connecting Communities” Project

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- Designed engagement project for 50 leaders from four ethnic groups in Houston: Anglo, Hispanic, African-American, Asian
- Facilitated opening retreat Nov. 11-12
- Three more sessions – Dec., Jan., Feb.

“Connecting Communities” Project

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The group is tasked with answering these three questions:

1. What would an equitable, inclusive, and united multiethnic society actually look like, and what is already working in Houston as we seek to move in that direction?
2. What will it take to do better? What are the barriers that need to be overcome and the structures and processes that will have to be changed if we are to realize that vision?

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3. What specific initiatives and public policies will need to be put into place in order to overcome those barriers and build on the strengths of our diversity to accomplish a truly successful transition into the multiethnic future of the twenty-first century?

Peace Ranger Study Group

- Meet two Monday nights each month – January through May 2012
- Participants have committed to:
 - Maintain regular attendance
 - Enroll and assist in Peace Ranger Certification courses Sept. 2012 – May 2013
 - Facilitate other ISP dialogues
 - Lead awareness meetings about ISP's work

Candidate Café Dialogues 2012

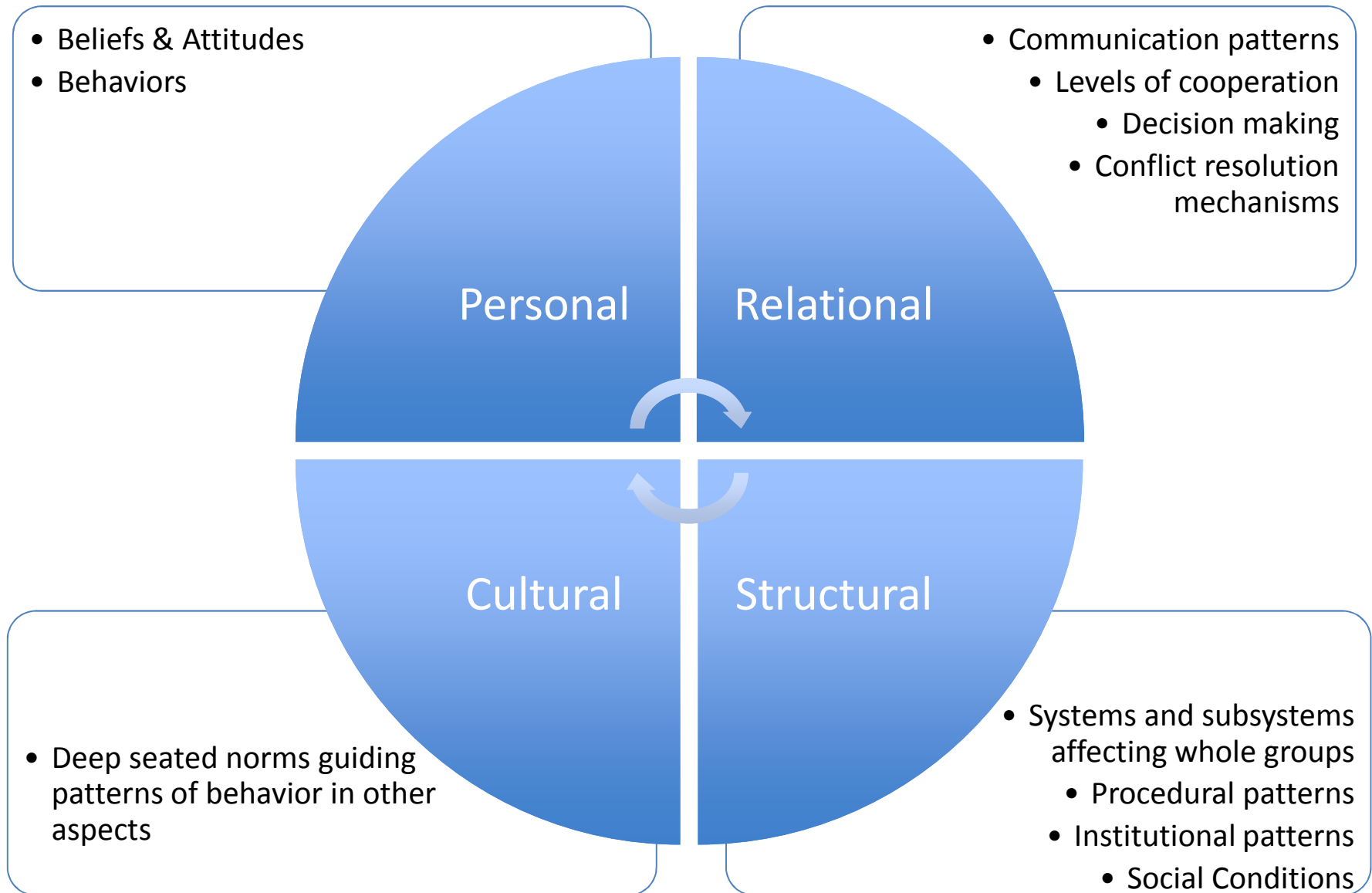
- Late February for primary candidates and citizens
- Fall 2012 – four regional dialogues across greater Houston
- Made possible by a generous grant from the Scurlock Foundation

ISP Point of Entry Meeting

Chance for supporters to bring friends to learn more about and experience the work of ISP

- Monday, January 30, 2012
- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main, in the Living Room

Theory of Change



Adapted from Lederach, "Building Peace"

