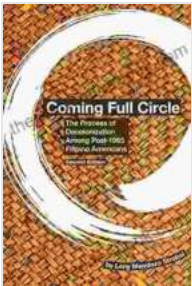


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The term "decolonization" is often used to describe the process by which former colonies gain independence from their colonizers. However, decolonization is not simply a matter of political independence. It is also a process of cultural, social, and psychological transformation.

For Filipino Americans, the process of decolonization has been ongoing since the United States acquired the Philippines from Spain in 1898. However, the post-1965 period has been particularly significant in this process, as it has seen a large influx of Filipino immigrants to the United States.

These post-1965 Filipino Americans have come to the United States with a variety of experiences and perspectives. Some have come from families

that have been in the United States for generations, while others are first-generation immigrants. Some have grown up in the Philippines, while others have spent their entire lives in the United States.

Despite their diverse backgrounds, post-1965 Filipino Americans share a common experience of being both Filipino and American. They have grown up in a society that is both deeply influenced by American culture and yet also distinct from it.

As a result, post-1965 Filipino Americans have had to navigate a complex process of identity formation. They have had to come to terms with their Filipino heritage while also embracing their American identity. This process has been both challenging and rewarding.

For some post-1965 Filipino Americans, the process of decolonization has involved a rejection of American culture and a return to their Filipino roots. They have sought to reconnect with their Filipino language, culture, and traditions.

For others, the process of decolonization has involved a more nuanced approach. They have embraced both their Filipino and American identities, and they have sought to create a new, hybrid culture that is uniquely their own.

Regardless of the path they have chosen, post-1965 Filipino Americans are all part of a larger movement of decolonization. They are working to create a more just and equitable society, both for themselves and for future generations.

## **The Challenges of Decolonization**

The process of decolonization is not without its challenges. Post-1965 Filipino Americans have faced a variety of obstacles as they have sought to navigate their identity and place in American society.

One of the most significant challenges has been the racism and discrimination that Filipino Americans have faced. Filipino Americans have often been stereotyped as being lazy, dirty, and unintelligent. They have been excluded from jobs, housing, and educational opportunities.

Another challenge has been the pressure to assimilate into American society. Filipino Americans have often been told that they need to "act more American" in order to be successful. This pressure to assimilate has led some Filipino Americans to deny their Filipino heritage and to try to become as "white" as possible.

Despite these challenges, post-1965 Filipino Americans have made significant progress in the process of decolonization. They have created a vibrant and diverse community in the United States, and they have made important contributions to American society.

## **The Future of Decolonization**

The process of decolonization is ongoing. Post-1965 Filipino Americans continue to work to create a more just and equitable society for themselves and for future generations.

There are a number of ways that we can support the process of decolonization. We can educate ourselves about the history of colonialism and its ongoing effects. We can challenge racism and discrimination

against Filipino Americans. We can support Filipino American businesses and organizations.

By working together, we can create a more just and



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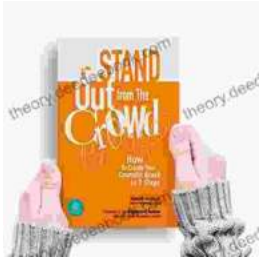
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