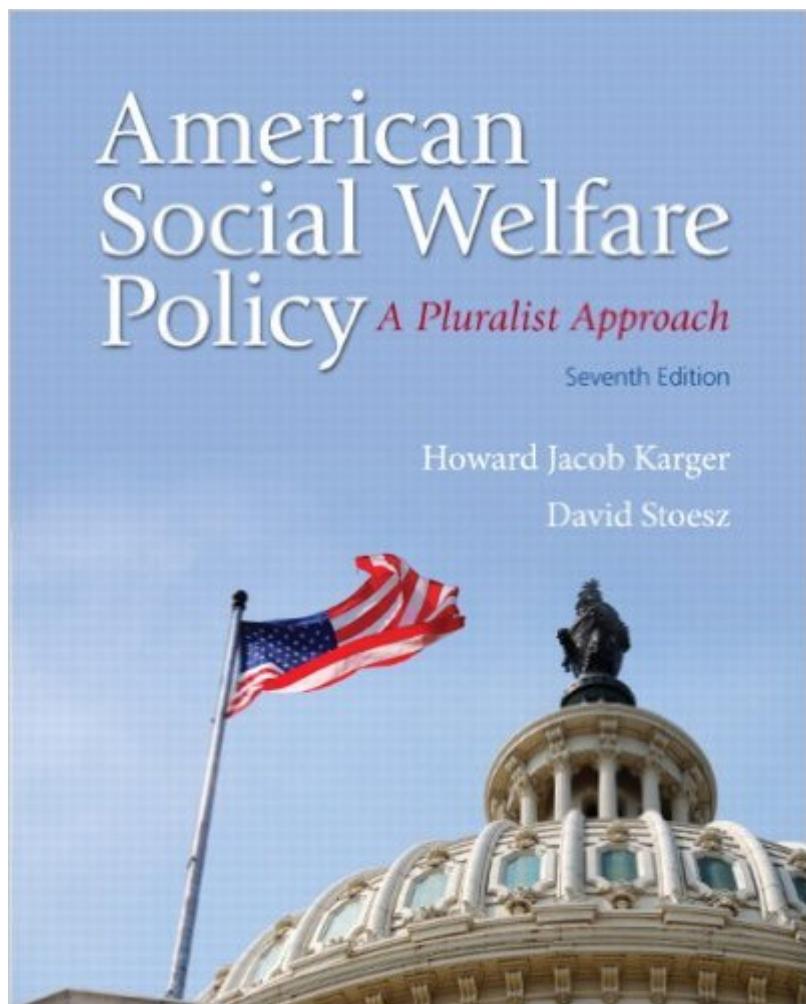


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There is seriously misleading information in the text in Chapter 4: Discrimination in American Society. If there are glaring issues in this chapter, it disturbs me think about what the other chapters may contain. "Facts" being presented on Asians in the United States and Asian Americans are perpetuating model minority politics that continue to exclude and oppress APIA (Asian Pacific Islander Americans) and Asians living in America. As a text meant to inform and educate, this is highly problematic as it continues to perpetuate the exclusion and oppression of these communities, thereby upholding all forms of racism, including anti-black logic. This text was used in my social policy course and to think that students are learning incorrect information that will inform how they advocate (or do not advocate) for others is terrifying. For example, Figure 4.1 indicates that Asians have the highest median household annual income. 'Household' does not indicate the number of individuals living under one roof -- many Asian families have large numbers living together. Thereby,

while collectively the income may be high, it does not reflect the accuracy of how much each person is benefiting from it. In fact, many Asians live at or below poverty line and the disparity gap is one of the highest, if not the highest, within this community. Similarly, Table 4.1 does not list figures for men/women for Asians. What is the implicit message being depicted when Asians, and specifically women, are being excluded from the stats? There are already damaging stereotypes about Asians being asexual, the emasculation of male Asians, submission of women (i.e. second-class citizens), Asians being unheard/silenced in America.

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