

# Contents

Preface and Acknowledgments	ix
Introduction: Places and Political Learning	1
<b>1</b> Transformation of Small-Town America	11
<b>2</b> A Natural Experiment in Iowa Towns	27
<b>3</b> Seeing Race: Attitudes toward Immigrants and Symbolic Racism	43
<b>4</b> No Retreat: Civic Withdrawal and Immigration	68
<b>5</b> Gradual Progress	91
<b>6</b> What Happened to My Town?	115
Conclusion: The Implications of a New Normal	140
Appendix: Samples, Survey Items, and Variables	153
Notes	157
Bibliography	193
Index	217