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Preparing for your next step

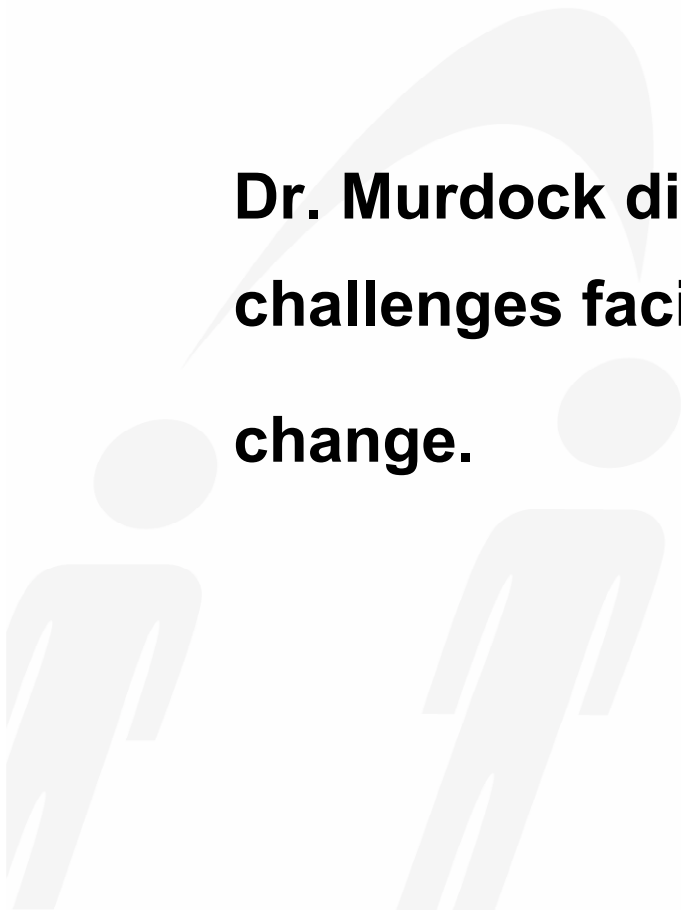
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Dr. Murdock discusses trends, forecasts, and challenges facing the state in a time of dramatic change.



Discussion Questions

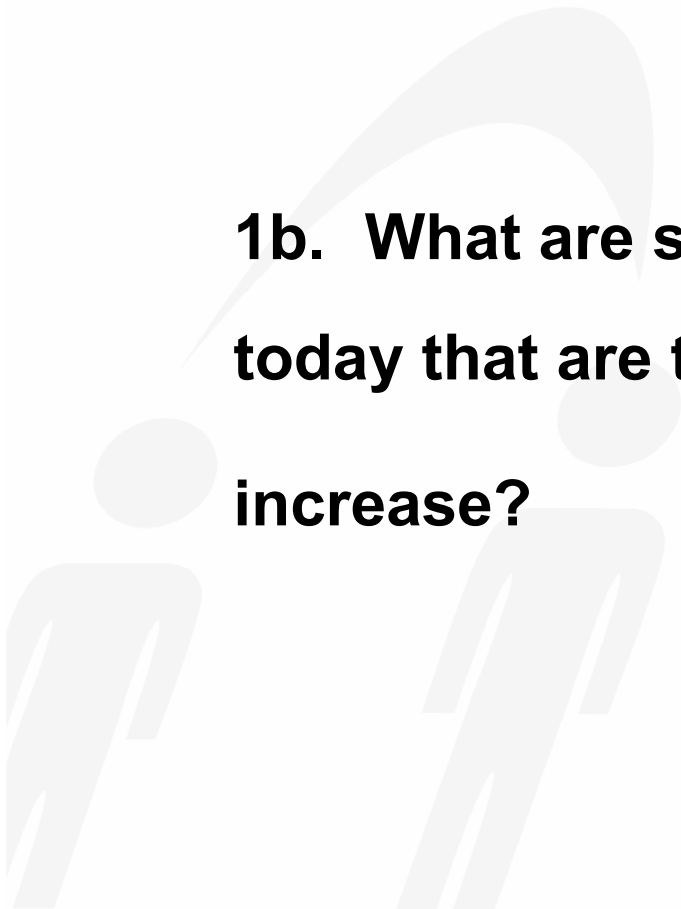
1a. Texas had a population increase of 22 percent, or 3.9 million people, in the 1990s.

This is equivalent to adding the populations of Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Corpus Christi in one decade.

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1b. What are some of the changes we can see today that are the result of this population increase?



2. As the population of Texas is growing, the median age is growing older.

What is the relationship between age and income? What does this mean for Texas in terms of state revenue?

3a. In the 1980s, two of every three net additions to our population was non-Anglo and 50 percent were Hispanic.

In the 1990s, eight of every 10 were non-Anglo and 60 percent were Hispanic.

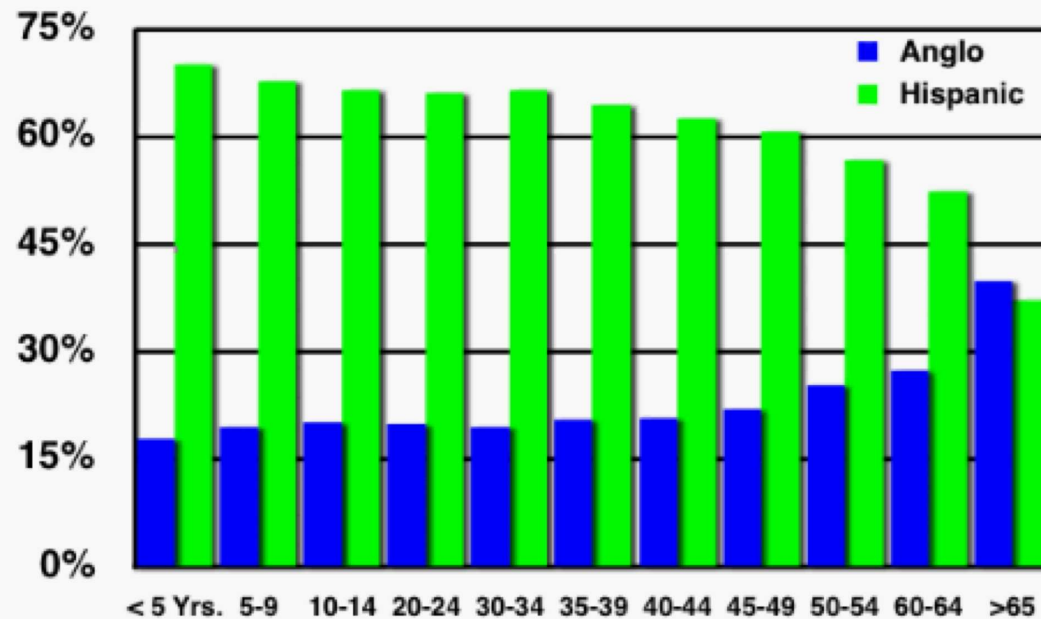
3b. By 2040, these changes will be evident in Texas:

- Eight out of 10 students in public elementary and secondary school will be non-Anglo**
- Seven of every 10 students in public colleges and universities will be non-Anglo**
- In the private sector, 62 percent of the aggregate household incomes and 68 percent of consumer expenditures will come from non-Anglos**
- 62 percent of tax revenues will come from households that have a non-Anglo head**

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Percent of Texas Population by Age Group & Ethnicity, 2040



3c. What does this data mean to education? To business? To the state economy?



4. Dr. Murdock speaks of the interrelated nature of our lives. He speaks of our fates being intertwined and dependent on one another.

What does this mean for your organization or group?

5. In light of Dr. Murdock's information, what issues are facing your organization or group? What actions can your group take to address these issues?

