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THE OTHER ONE PERCENT

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“No political issue is hotter than immigration. And no immigrant group has been more successful than Indians in the United States. This landmark work is the first comprehensive study of the Indian immigrant experience. It deserves close attention from all those concerned not just with the future of Indian communities but with America’s future.”

— **Larry Summers, former President, Harvard University; former U.S. Treasury Secretary**

*“In the last half-century, Americans of Indian descent epitomize how new waves of immigrants have been renewing our communities and our economy. **THE OTHER ONE PERCENT** adopts a wide-ranging, data-based approach to understanding the fascinating rise of the Indian-American community in the United States. This insightful volume holds valuable lessons for rethinking immigration in the decades to come.”*

— **Jon Huntsman, former Governor of Utah and United States Ambassador to China**

*“In **THE OTHER ONE PERCENT**, we get a full, first-ever picture of Indian-Americans, who have recently become among the largest nationality group of new immigrants to the U.S. and are also the most successful by many measures, including education, income and entrepreneurship. To understand how smart, updated immigration policies can harness the advantages of immigration for the U.S. today and into the future, this book offers a compelling case-in-point and call-to-action for Congress.”*

— **Doris Meissner, former Commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; Senior Fellow, Migration Policy Institute**

*“**THE OTHER ONE PERCENT** is a methodologically sophisticated, interdisciplinary treatment of the Indian Diaspora. It combines scrupulous regard for data, with a deep historical insight, and sociological imagination to produce a deeply engrossing work. It provides a riveting and textured portrait of the Indian diaspora, its formation, its political preferences, its social and economic base. The book will unsettle many entrenched assumptions and open up a large research agenda.”*

— **Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi**

One of the most remarkable stories of immigration in the last half century is that of Indians to the United States. People of Indian origin make up a little over one percent of the American population now, up from barely half a percent at the turn of the millennium. Not only has its recent growth been extraordinary, but this population from a developing nation with low human capital is now the most-educated and highest-income group in the world's most advanced nation. **THE OTHER ONE PERCENT** is a careful, data-driven, and comprehensive account of the three core processes – selection, assimilation, and entrepreneurship – that have led to this rapid rise. This unique phenomenon is driven by – and, in turn, has influenced – wide-ranging changes, especially the ongoing revolution in information technology and its impact on economic globalization, immigration policies in the U.S., higher education policies in India, and foreign policies of both nations. If the overall picture is one of economic success, the details reveal the critical issues faced by the immigrants stemming from the social, linguistic, and class structure in India, the professional and geographic distribution in the U.S., the simultaneous expressions of pan-Indian and regional identities and simultaneous leadership in high-skill industries (like computers and medicine) and low-skill industries (like hospitality and retail trade), and the multi-generational challenges of a diverse group from the world's largest democracy fitting into its oldest.

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