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The relative deprivation construct has been widely used in the social sciences to explain different types of phenomena from experiencing psychosomatic stress to participating in urban riots. It is currently a hot topic of research, being used primarily to understand the processes of social identity and the responses to disadvantage by both disadvantaged minorities and privileged majorities. This book assembles chapters by the world's leading relative deprivation researchers in order to present a synthesis of the current knowledge in the field. Featuring cutting-edge integrative theoretical and empirical work from social psychology, sociology, and psychology, the book will be a standard reference work for relative deprivation researchers for years to come. It is relevant to researchers in intergroup relations, prejudice, racism, social identity, group processes, social comparison, collective behavior, and social movements. This book is suited for use as a text in both graduate-level and advanced undergraduate-level courses.

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