
BOWLING

THE COLLAPSE AND REVIVAL



ALONE

OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY

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Putnam's agenda 402
Why is Alexis de
Tocqueville
the patron saint of
social capitalists?

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Machos and Schmoozers

plundering
doing with and doing for

What impact did 60's have on us.
When was social capital the highest

Crime - up in 60's
fewer lawyers per capita in
1970 than 1900 P146
"get it in writing" started in 20's

DOB Needham
Life Style Sweeps
began in 1975

greeting cards down
by 15 to 20 %
what about other
internet

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Social Capital

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TV ^{has} capacity to create a single national water cooler culture has shrunk

our challenge now - to reinvent the 21st century equivalent of the Boy Scouts - Progression p 401

Social Capital Map p 293

lowest social capital in U.S. where slavery existed

Mass Media - Ch. 13 216 average age for night news 57
6th graders with sets in between 67% in 70' / 77% in 99'
we watch alone

Americans - 79% watch for info / 41% for entertainment

Civic generation

Boomers

X's etc.

Church going is falling
home entertaining down
movie going up.
less time in conversation over meals but
do use the phone more

people born between 1910-1940 - constitute "a long civic generation"
Half of all charitable giving is religious

Is government the problem or the solution to social-capital.

Bowling - more Americans are bowling than ever

League Bowling is down.

91 Million people bowled in 1996

~~stop~~

Race

Religion - church attendance ~~down~~ less major met areas

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