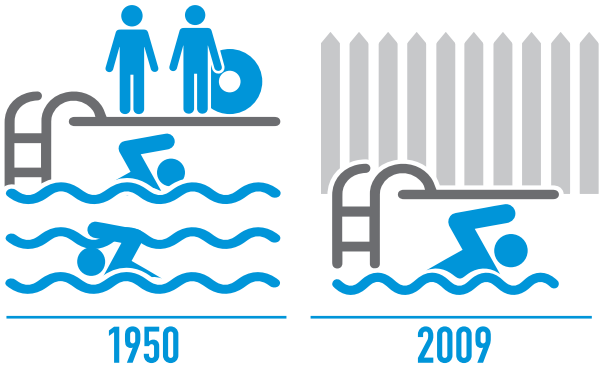


We have less in common but need to come together more



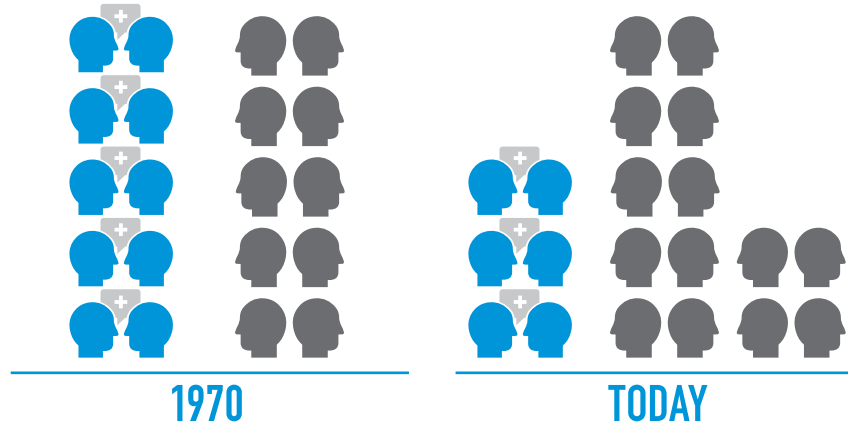
RECREATION IS PRIVATIZED

In 1950, most Americans who swam did so in public swimming pools, as there were just 2,500 private, in-ground swimming pools. Yet by 2009 there were about 5.2 million private swimming pools in the U.S.



WE MISTRUST EACH OTHER

In the early 1970s, Americans were nearly equally divided when asked to choose between: "Most people can be trusted" versus "You can't be too careful in life." Since then, the trend in the population expressing trust has gone steadily downward. Today only slightly more than three in 10 people say "most people can be trusted."



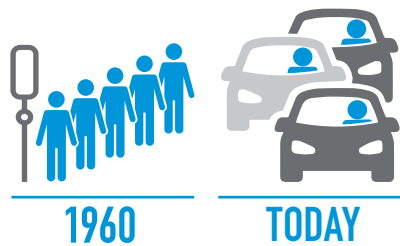
LESS TIME WITH NEIGHBORS

In the 1970s, nearly 30 percent of Americans reported spending time with their neighbors. Today only about 20 percent do, and a full third of people report no interactions with neighbors at all.



WE DRIVE ALONE

85 percent of American commuters travel to work in private automobiles, up from 63 percent in 1960. Commuting via transit has declined from 12 percent in 1960 to less than five percent today.



WE LIVE SEGREGATED BY INCOME

Between 1970 and 2009, the proportion of families living either in predominantly poor or predominantly affluent neighborhoods doubled, from 15 percent to 33 percent. Families in "middle income" neighborhoods declined from 65 percent to 42 percent.



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are the places where we come together as people to share ideas and solve common problems. Restoring these places is an essential step towards building great communities.

