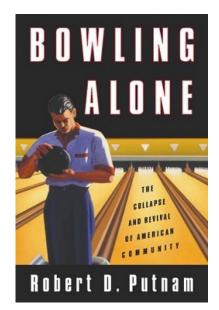
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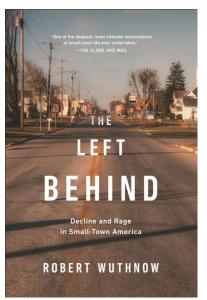
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Data Sets

United States Census

 Census conducted once every 10 years, most recently in 2020

Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)

- Religious data, broken down by number of adherents and congregations per state
- Bowling Alone notes that religious involvement is one of the only kinds of social engagement to not fall

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- Socioeconomic and health data such as household income, food stamps, smoking frequency, unemployment, etc.
- Huge amount of data spanning numerous surveys across several decades

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