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Review of *The Mexicans in Oklahoma* By Michael M. Smith

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The book is clearly written and a useful contribution. However a number of statements may be questioned. Eric Wolf, mentioned in the bibliographical essay, denies the author's assertion that "the Church succeeded only in providing a thin veneer of Catholicism over deeply ingrained and conservative Indian religion" (p. 11). Also, what evidence exists that "one of the most significant differences between the Mexican community of Oklahoma and those of the American Southwest was the overwhelming degree of assimilation which the second—and most assuredly the third—generation would undergo in the postwar years" (p. 62)? Leo Grebler notes that in 1963 about 25 percent of all marriages of Spanish-surnamed persons in Los Angeles County "involved a person who married a spouse outside the ethnic group." Does this also hold true for Oklahoma?

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