How do people think about their identities? How do they express themselves individually and as part of collective groups, social movements, organizations, neighborhoods, or nations?

Identity has important consequences for how we organize our lives, wield social power, and produce and reproduce privilege and marginality. In this lively and engaging book, Wayne H. Brekhus explores the sociology of identity and its social consequences through three conceptual themes: authenticity, multidimensionality, and mobility. Drawing on vivid examples from ethnography, current events, and everyday life, he offers an approach to identity that goes beyond the individual and demonstrates how social groups privilege, flag, and shape identities.

Offering an insightful overview of the sociological approaches to understanding social identity in a multicultural, globalized world, *The Sociology of Identity* will be a welcome resource for students and scholars of identity, and anyone interested in the social and cultural character of the self.

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