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Gardner,

...I ask that you consider this point very carefully: you can not accurately use any single projection scenario as a basis for a fact check, because it's just a scenario, The reason is simple: scenarios and projections can vary dramatically, especially for population segments. That's why the Leg Council doesn't allow districts to be drawn off projections. For example, I've seen projections that show over 500,000 additional African Americans and fewer than 400,000 "new" Anglos.

With all due respect to the people who make projections, these are not fact. No one I know believes the AA growth rate is as low as 12%, but the fact is, we won't know until we get the count. Unless you gather a lot of projections and somehow average them out and make an informed decision about why a lot of smart people come up with different numbers, using any single projected raw number is not reliable. And as I've said before, the relative growth rate is the most consistent thing among all projections....

Ed

On Fri, May 14, 2010 at 11:09 AM, Gardner Selby <wgselby@statesman.com> wrote:

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I used projections for 2010 based on the center's .5 migration scenario and found the following:

In 2010, the number of Black Texans will be up 333,098 from 2000, or 12 percent
12 minus natl growth rate of 10 percent equals 2 percent

10 percent, natl rate, would have been 242,165 blacks

So, we have a 90,933 POWER BOOMLET due to black growth exceeding the national

average

HISP IN TEXAS UP 2,410,793, 36 percent

36 minus natl growth rate of 10 equals 26 percent

10 percent, natl rate, would have been 908,046

1,502,747 POWER BOOMLET, HISPANICS

POWER BOOMLET COMBINED (Black and Hispanic): 1,593,680

H SHARE OF BOOMLET: 94 pct

AFR AM SHARE: 6 PCT

Using this approach, Hispanics account for the expected surge in clout, blacks less so.

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