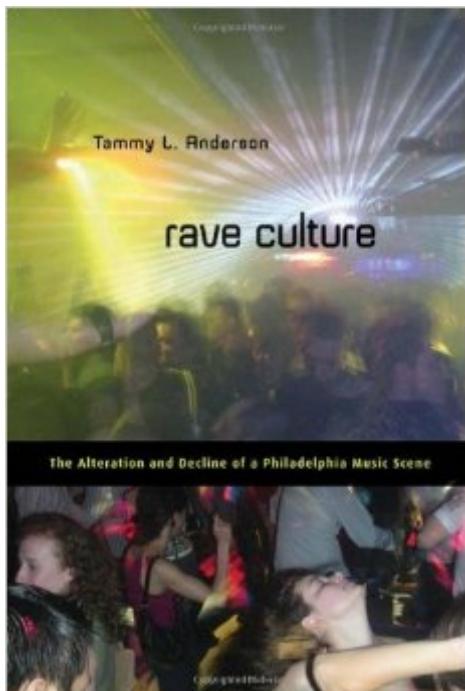


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# Rave Culture: The Alteration And Decline Of A Philadelphia Music Scene



## Synopsis

It used to be that raves were grass-roots organized, anti-establishment, unlicensed all-night drug-fueled dance parties held in abandoned warehouses or an open field. These days, you pay \$40 for a branded party at popular riverfront nightclubs where age and status, rather than DJ expertise and dancing, shape your experience. In *Rave Culture* sociologist Tammy Anderson explores the dance music, drug use and social deviance that are part of the pulsing dynamics of this collective. Her ethnographic study compares the Philadelphia rave scene with other rave scenes in London and Ibiza. She chronicles how generational change, commercialization, law enforcement, hedonism, and genre fragmentation fundamentally altered electronic dance music parties. Her analysis calls attention to issues of personal and collective identity in helping to explain such social change and what the decline of the rave scene means for the future of youth culture and electronic dance music.

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Anderson's in depth first hand observation and description of the rave scene is fascinating. Her research is thorough and she lays out a logical framework to support her theories. At the same time, her use of embedded interviews and well written descriptive narrative keeps the reader engaged and entertained while still being educated in the underlying social values that drove this transition.

Rave Culture captures a quintessential period that unleashes feelings of nostalgia. These feelings

are evoked by the creative writings of the author, who brings to life the effects of social and political factors that has plagued the rave scene world. Dr. Anderson cleverly takes the reader on a journey where they are transported to a world of electronic dance music, drugs and sordid club rooms transcending the ocean, from Ibiza to Philadelphia. This illuminating exposé is a must read for all those seeking to understand the implications of the Rave Culture on society.

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