



In Conclusion

The politics of identity and the politics of memory have worked together in shaping the Diasporan Armenian post-Genocide ethnic identity, based on collective memory with the Genocide as a pivotal historical event at its core. Changes that have occurred in these politics have impacted the perception of the past and were themselves influenced by the exigencies of the present through time. Consequently, Armenian identity has developed as a dynamic construct nurtured by historical narratives with cultural, political, and ideological factors purposefully emphasized to sustain the collective memory. Diasporan institutions have played a major role in producing and promoting these narratives, always for the sake of preserving an Armenianness that could overcome foreign cultural influences and the threatening tides of assimilation. These narratives were also designed to cultivate a common