

American Cultural Diversity



VOCABULARY

- Immigration/Immigrant
- Citizenship
- Equal rights

U.S. Population

325,756,230



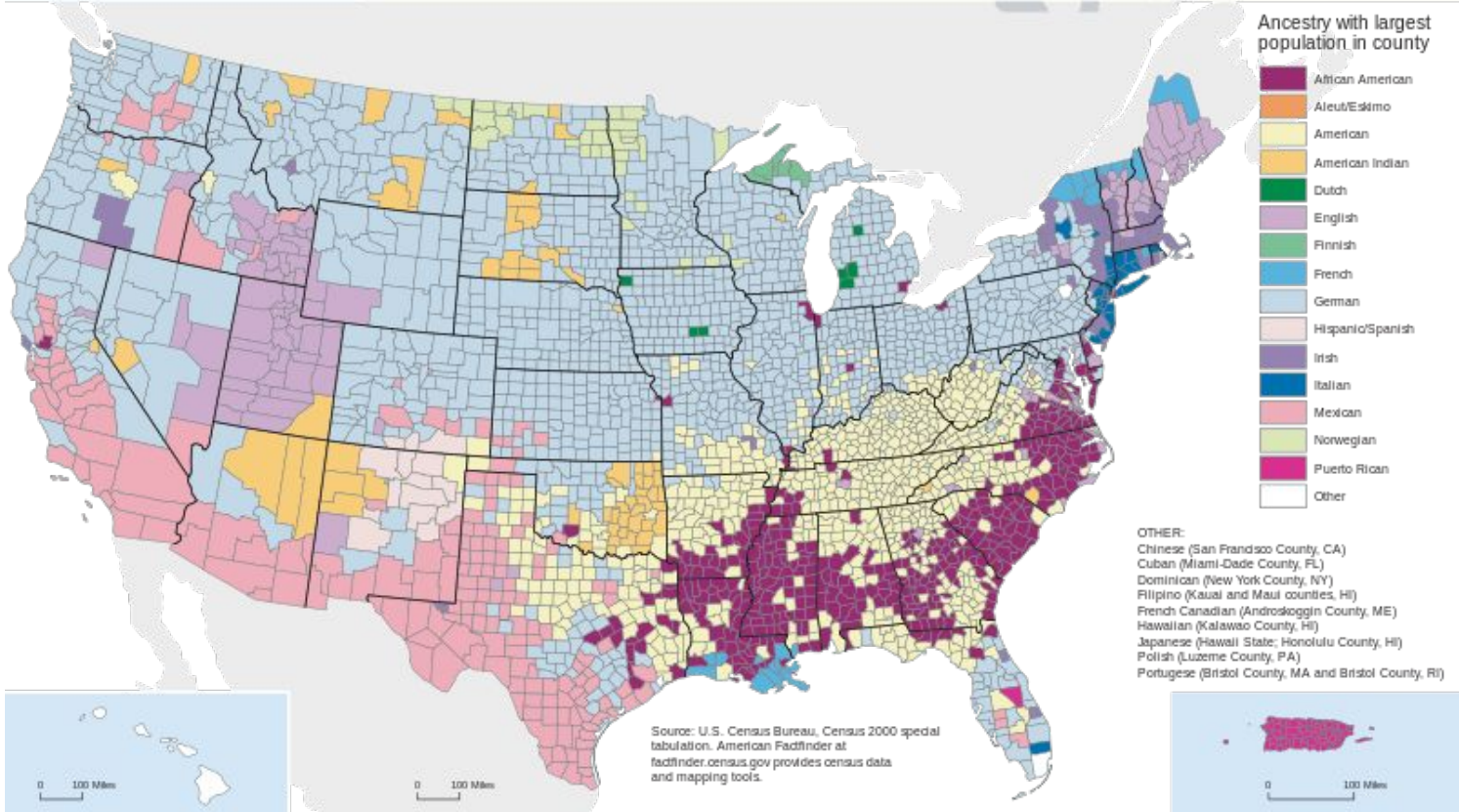


Largest Ancestry: 2000

(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/st3.pdf)



Ancestry with largest population in state
see categories below



Ancestry with largest population in county

- African American
- Aleut/Eskimo
- American
- American Indian
- Dutch
- English
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Hispanic/Spanish
- Irish
- Italian
- Mexican
- Norwegian
- Puerto Rican
- Other

OTHER:
 Chinese (San Francisco County, CA)
 Cuban (Miami-Dade County, FL)
 Dominican (New York County, NY)
 Filipino (Kauai and Maui counties, HI)
 French Canadian (Androscoggin County, ME)
 Hawaiian (Kalawao County, HI)
 Japanese (Hawaii State; Honolulu County, HI)
 Polish (Luzerne County, PA)
 Portugese (Bristol County, MA and Bristol County, RI)



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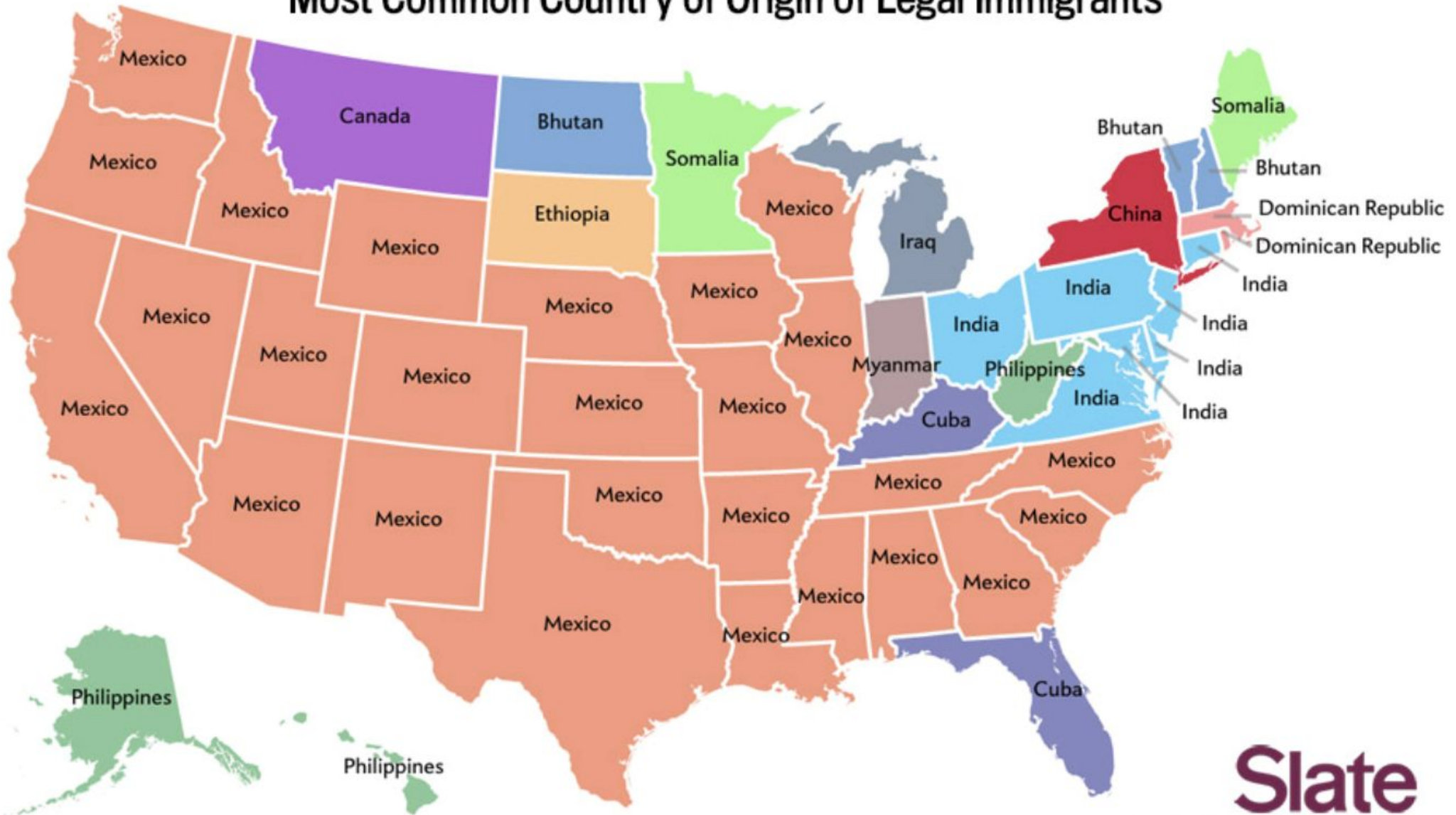
America as a “Melting Pot”

The mingling of diverse ethnic groups in America, including the idea that these groups are or should be "melting" into a single culture or people



What country do most immigrants to the US come from?

Most Common Country of Origin of Legal Immigrants



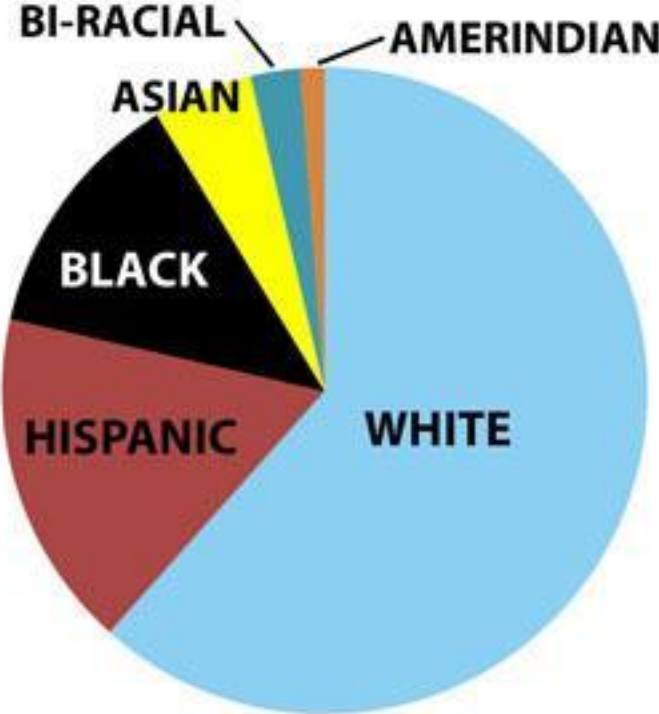
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Data source: Department of Homeland Security. Map by Ben Blatt/Slate.

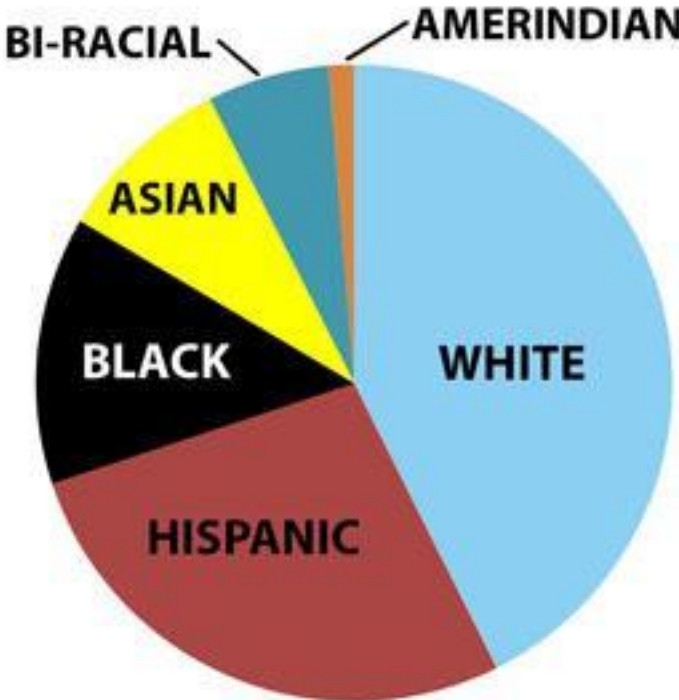
Largest minority groups in the US

- 1. Hispanic Americans
- 2. African Americans
- 3. Asian Americans/Pacific Islander

US CENSUS BUREAU PROJECTION



Racial Mix of the United States
2014



Racial Mix of the United States
2060

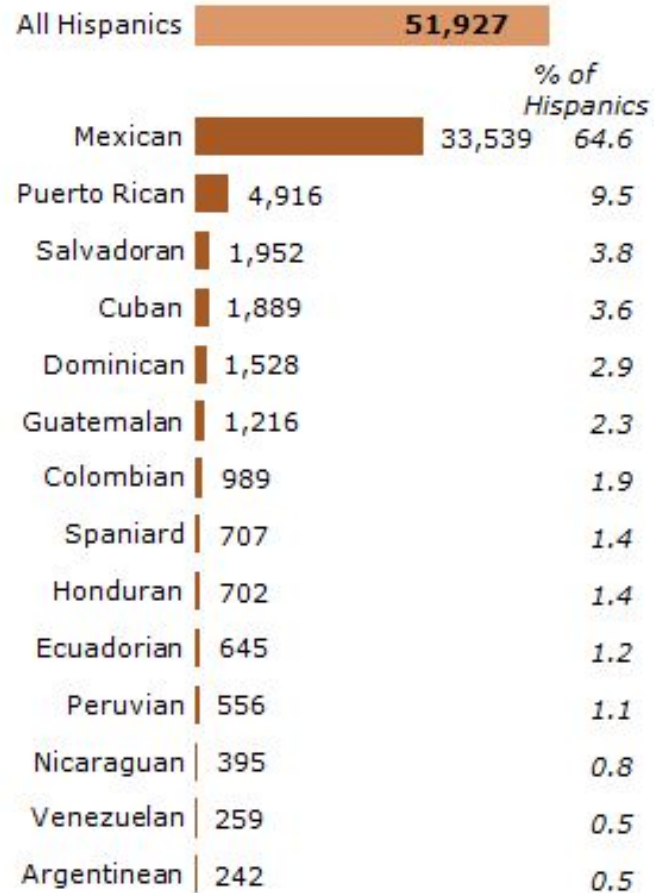
HISPANIC AMERICANS



Figure 1

U.S. Hispanic Population, by Origin, 2011

(in thousands)

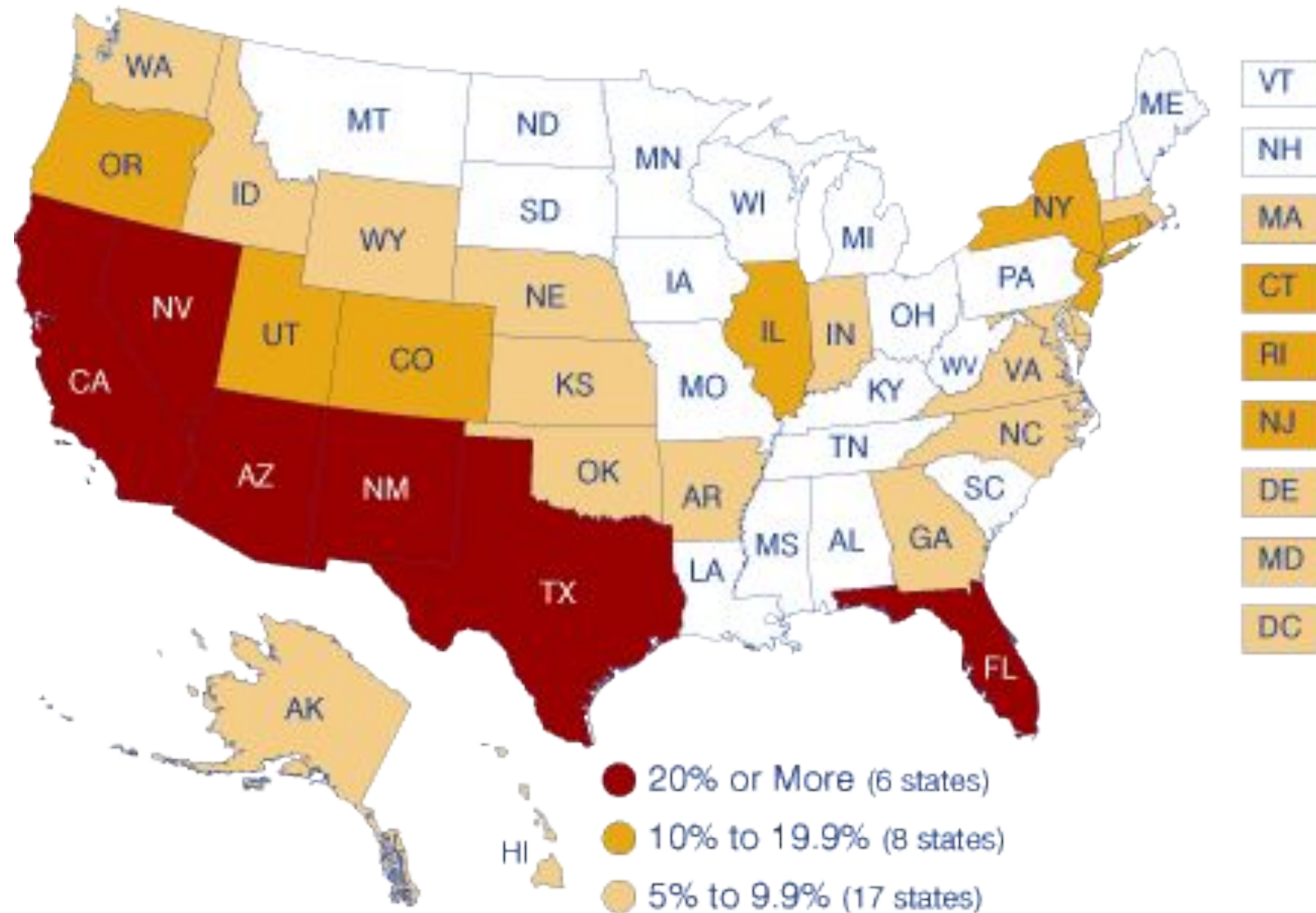


Note: Total U.S. population is 311,592,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand).

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of the 2011 ACS (1% IPUMS)



States with the largest Hispanic Population



Hispanic American Food



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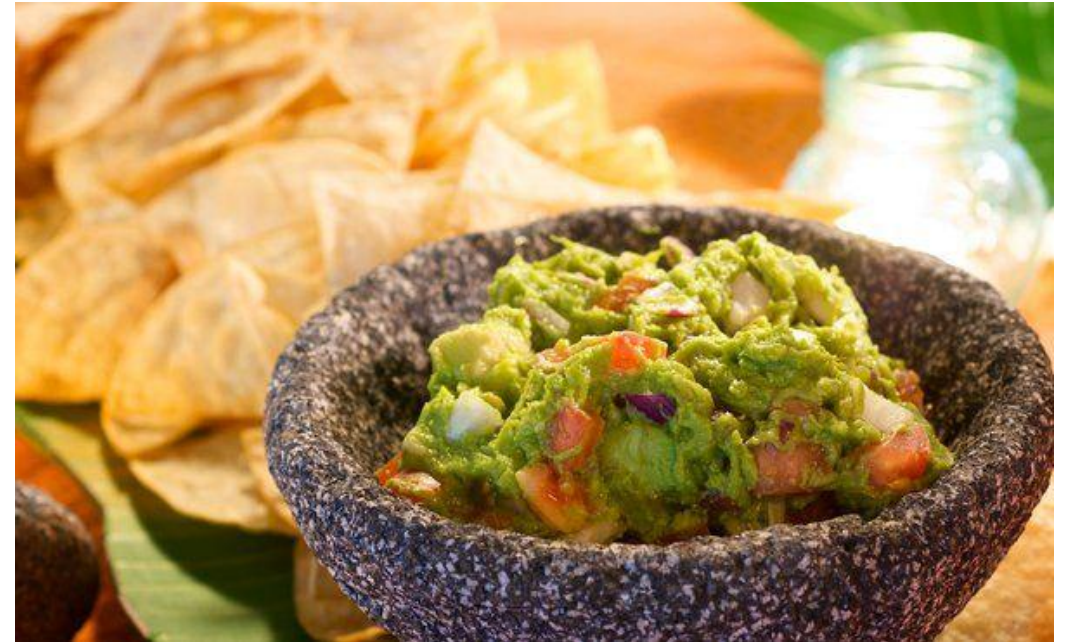


BURRITO

Hispanic American Food



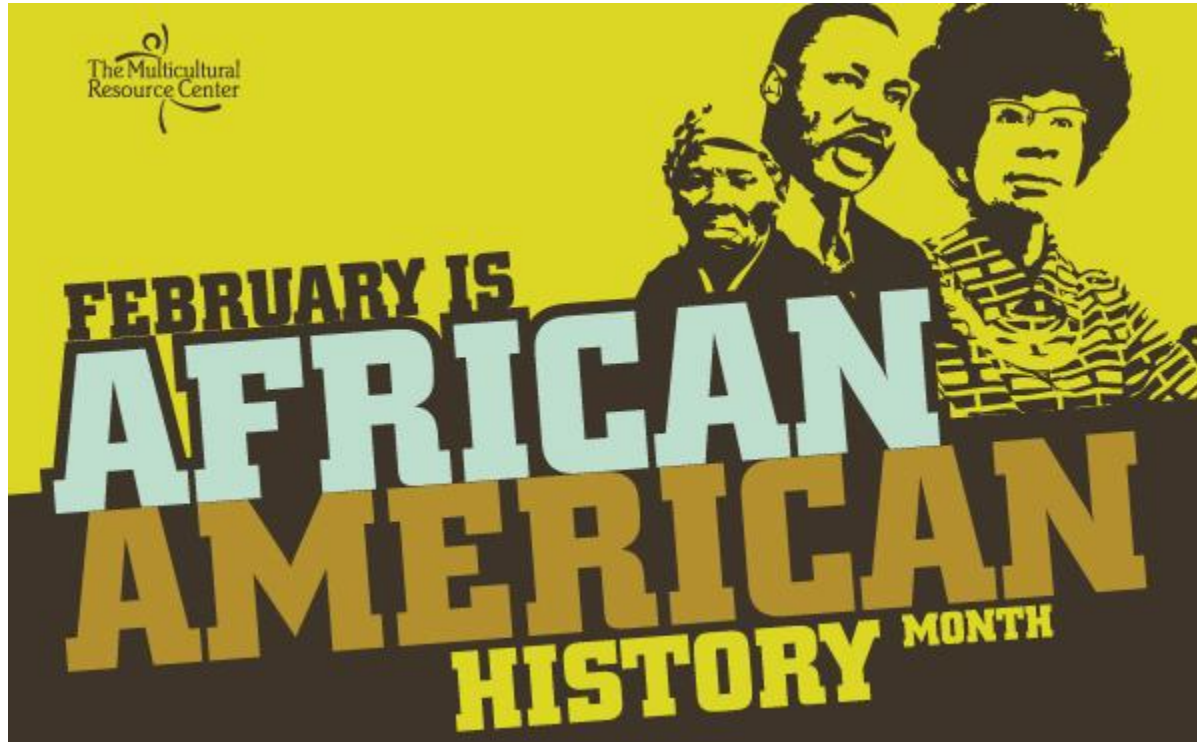
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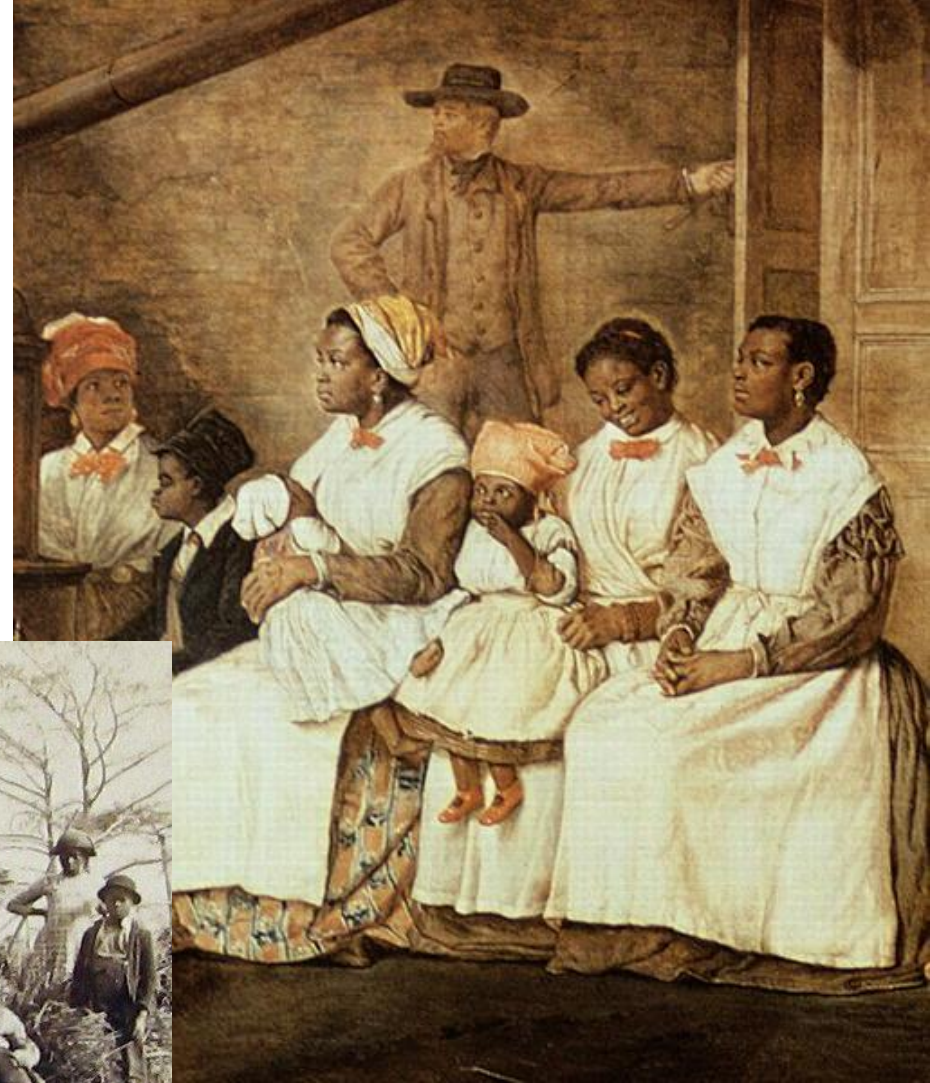
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AFRICAN AMERICANS

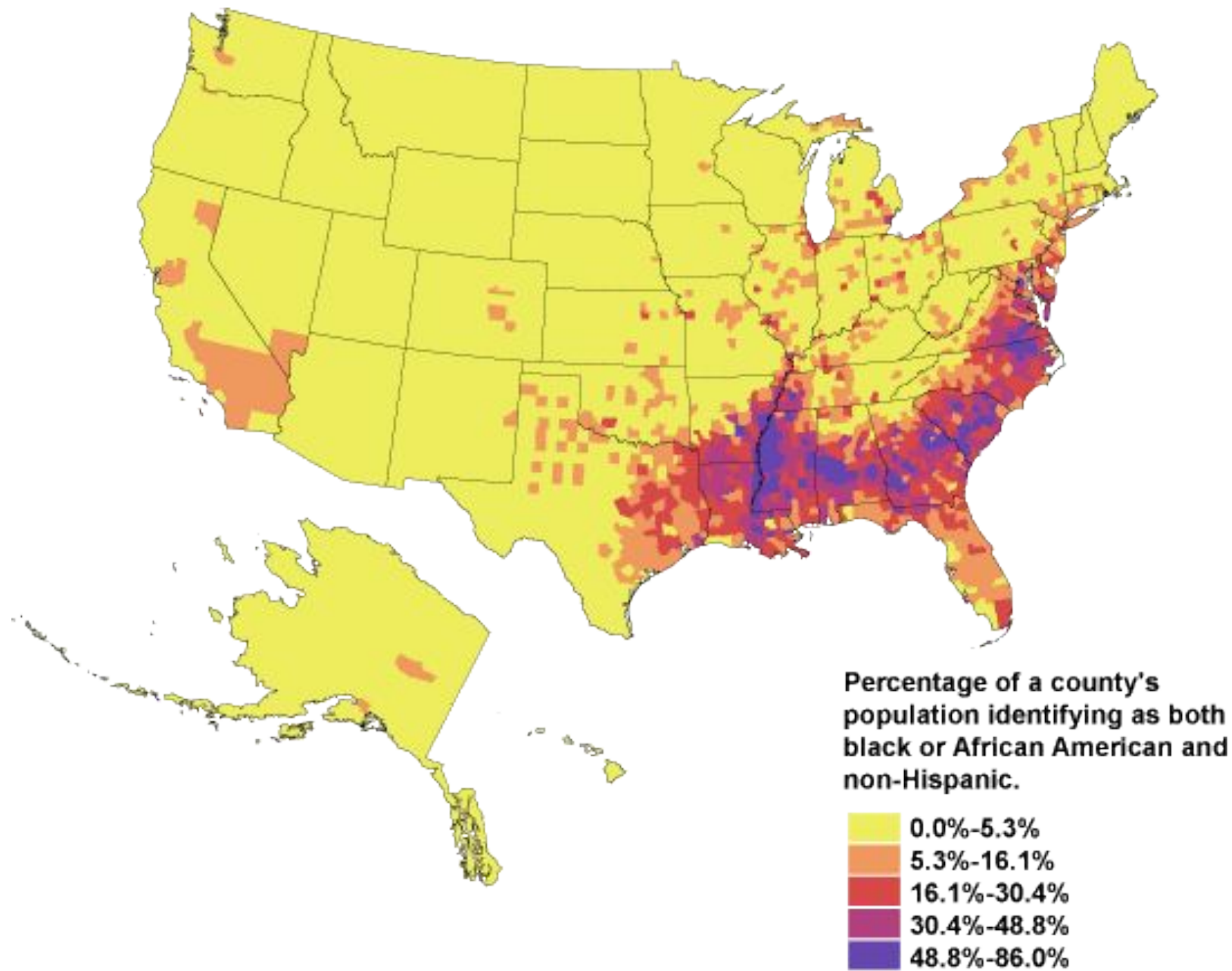


Slavery



Civil Rights Movement, 1954 – 1968





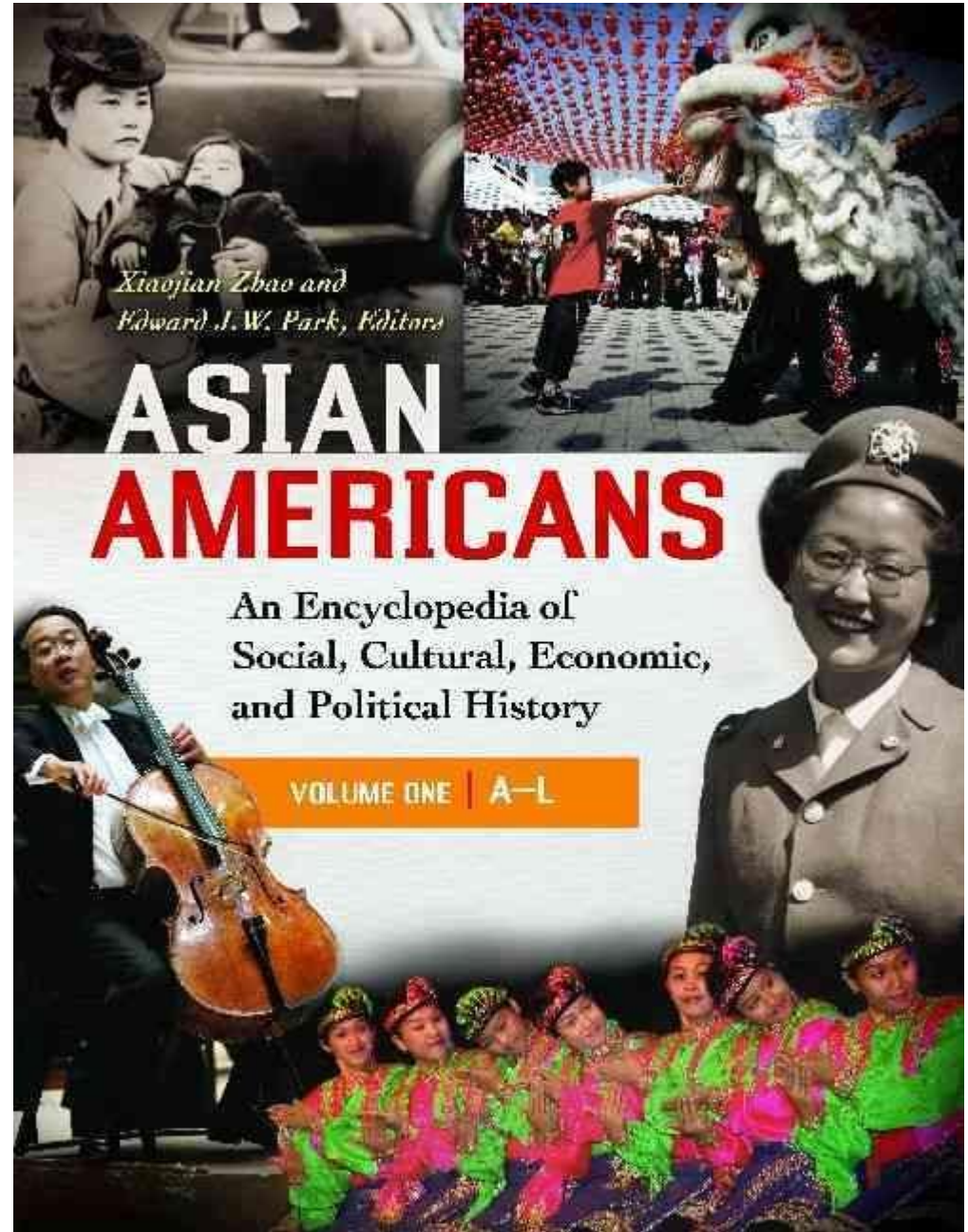
Jazz and Blues



HISTORIC BLACK COLLEGES



ASIAN AMERICANS



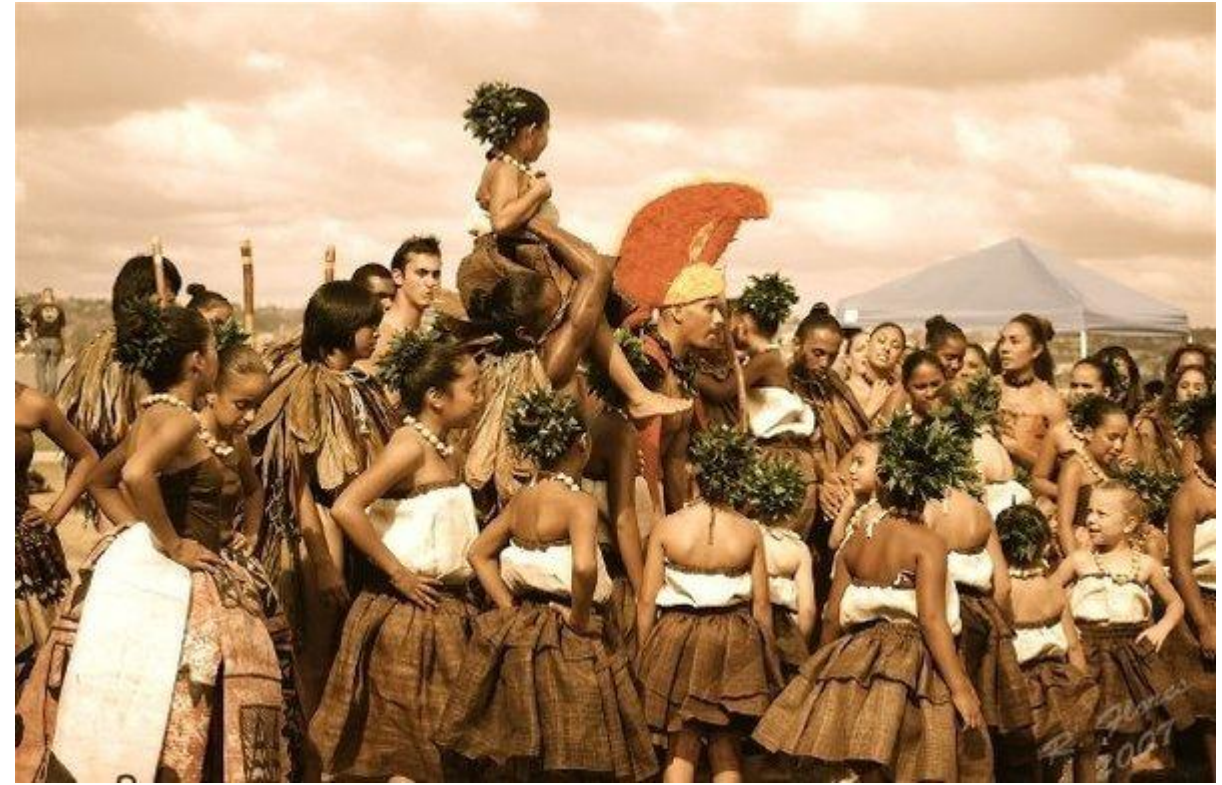
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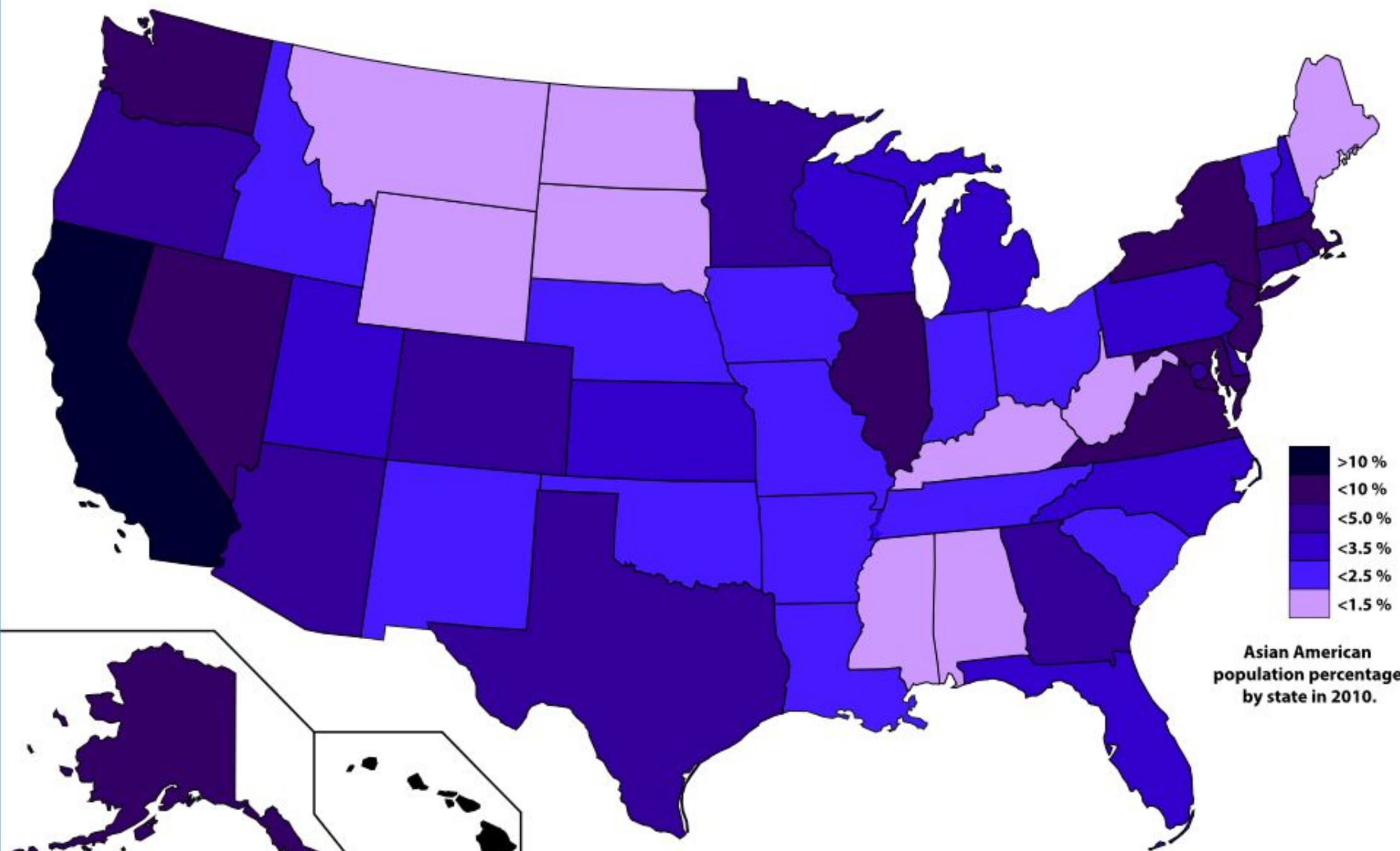


Asian American Food



PACIFIC ISLANDER



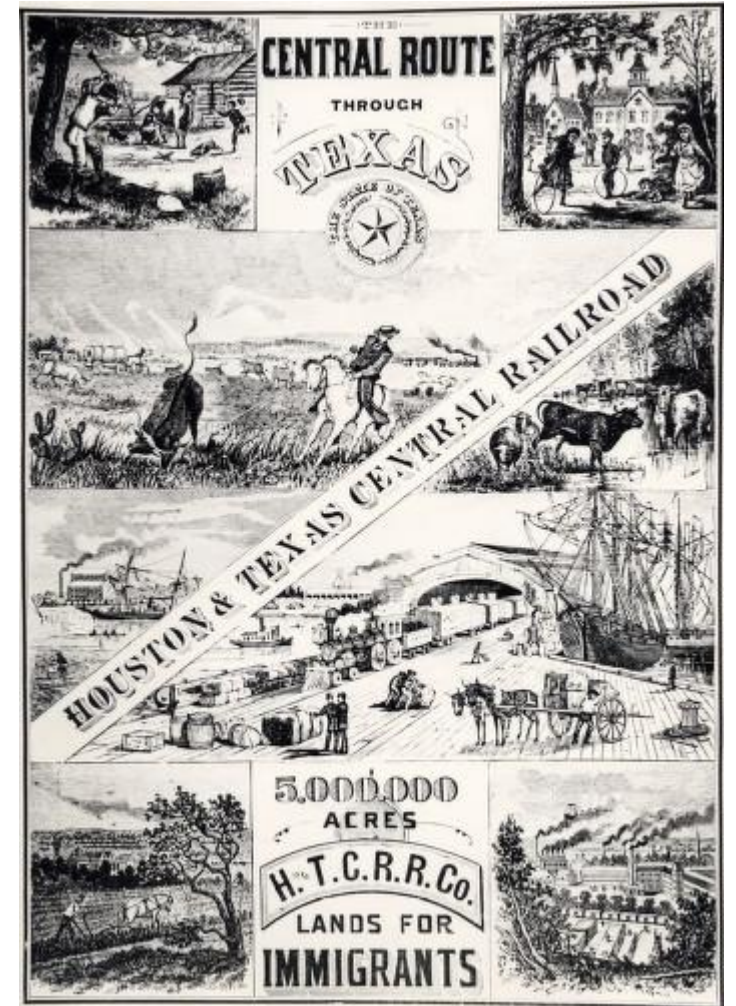
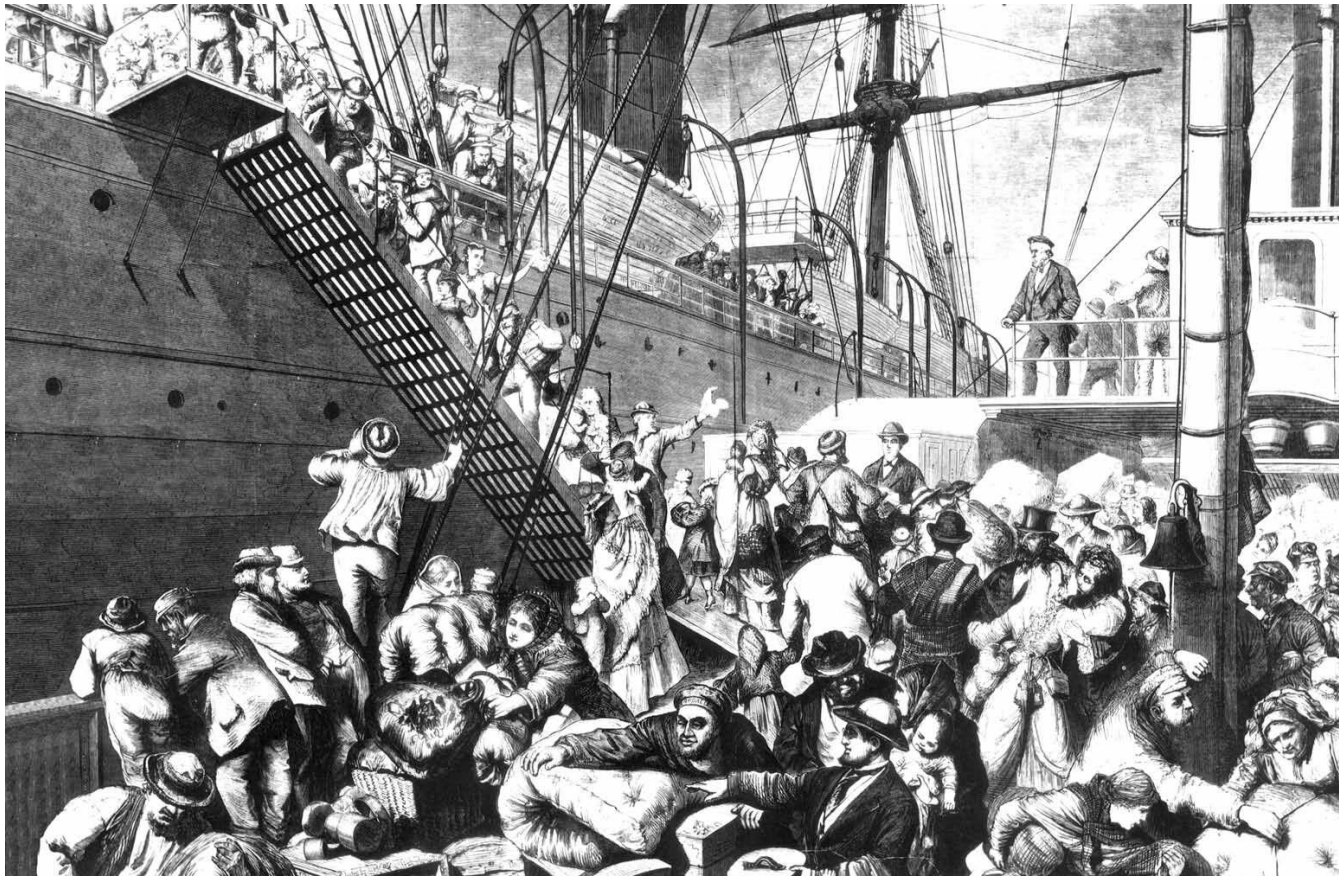


Asian American population percentage by state in 2010.

HISTORY OF IMMIGRATION

Why is the US so diverse?

Immigration to America, 1850-1930



Give me your tired,
your poor,
Your huddled masses
yearning to breathe
free,
The wretched refuse of
your teeming shore.
Send these, the
homeless, tempest-tost
to me,
I lift my lamp beside
the golden door!



Frank McEleny: An Immigrant's Letter to America

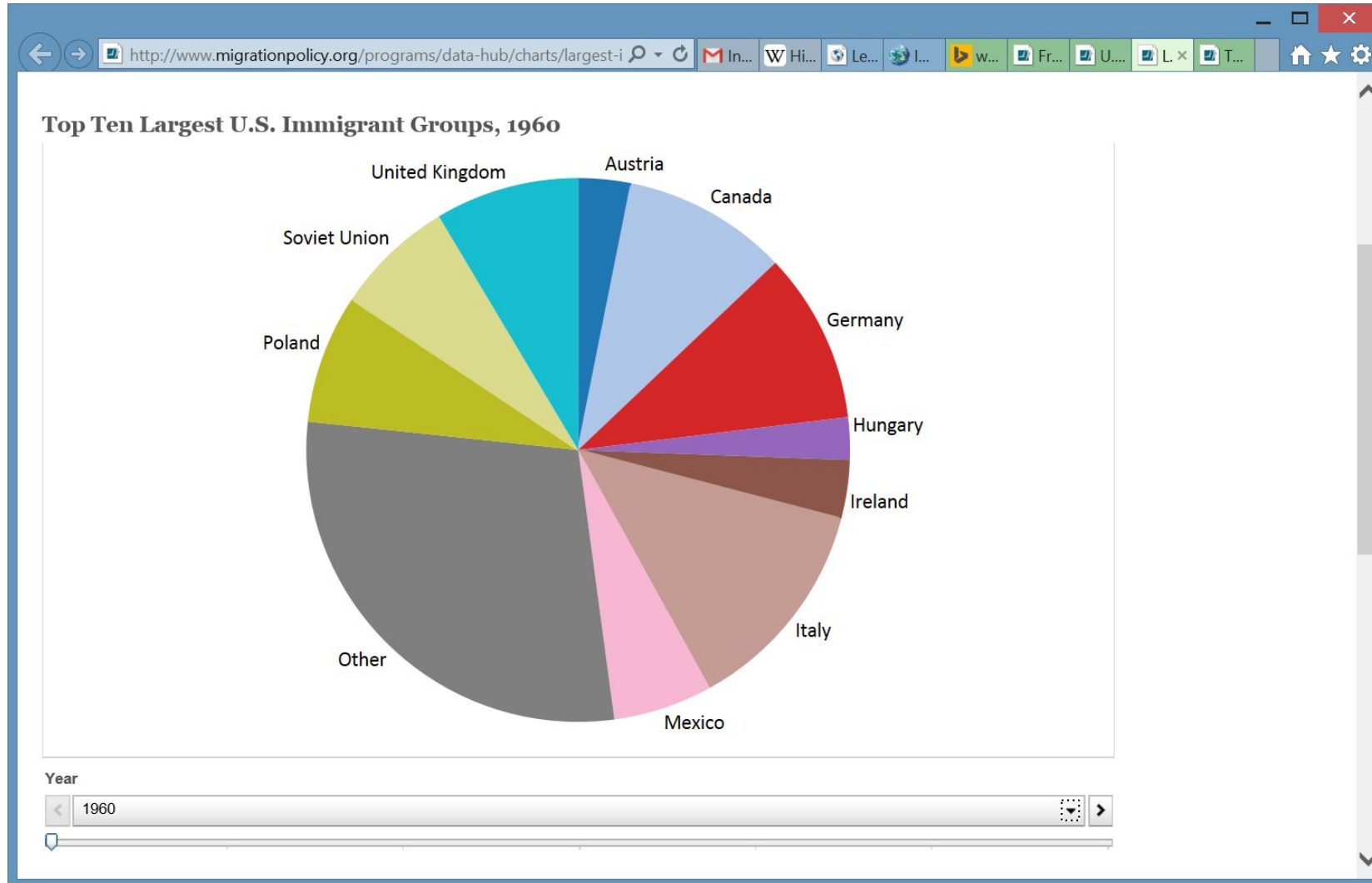
You welcomed me with open arms
Protected me from many harms
I found in you a warm embrace
I would find this in no other place

It did not matter, the social classes
For you invited the huddled masses
And in a world that was ruled by
greed
Yours was a land to plant ones seed

America you took me in
And now my journey could begin
Born and bred in poverty
You opened doors and set me free

Free to flourish, free to love
Free to worship my God above
It mattered not my humble birth
I found in you I had some worth

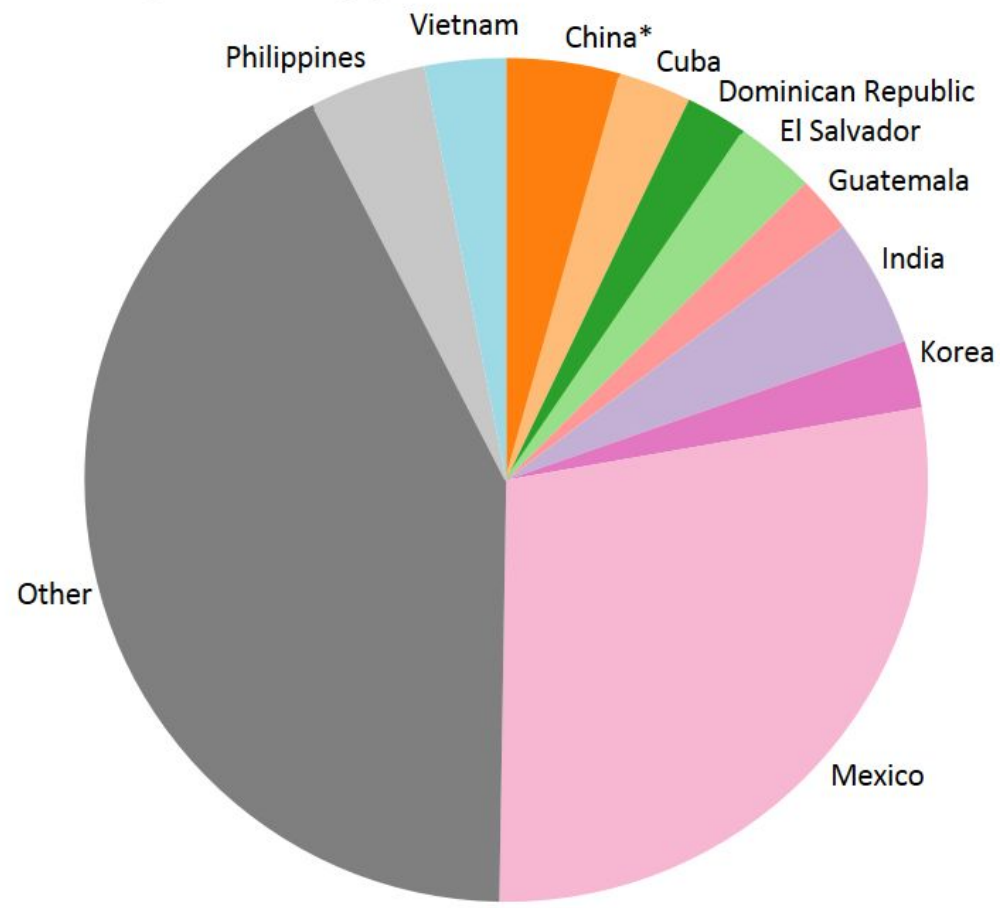
Immigration to the US in 1960



Immigration, 1940s – 2015



Top Ten Largest U.S. Immigrant Groups, 2013



Year

Year selection interface showing 2013 selected. Includes navigation arrows and a dropdown menu icon.

Jimmy Santiago Baca: Immigrants in Our Own Land (1977)

We are born with dreams in our hearts,
looking for better days ahead.
At the gates we are given new papers,
our old clothes are taken
and we are given overalls like mechanics wear.
We are given shots and doctors ask questions.
But right away we are sent to work as dishwashers,
to work in fields for three cents an hour.
The administration says this is temporary
So we go about our business, blacks with blacks,
poor whites with poor whites,
chicanos and indians by themselves.
The administration says this is right,
no mixing of cultures, let them stay apart,
like in the old neighborhoods we came from.

We came here to get away from false promises,
from dictators in our neighborhoods,
who wore blue suits and broke our doors down
when they wanted, arrested us when they felt like,
swinging clubs and shooting guns as they pleased.
But it's no different here. It's all concentrated.
The doctors don't care, our bodies decay,
our minds deteriorate, we learn nothing of value.
Our lives don't get better, we go down quick.

Immigration Law & Citizenship

4 ways to become a US citizen

1. Earn a green card & live in the US for 5 years
2. Marry a US citizen
3. Serve in the US military
4. You are the child of US citizens



DREAM Act

- Controversial, not yet passed
- If you entered the US before 16 years old, lived here for at least 5 years, and graduate from US high school, you are eligible for legal permanent residence
- After high school, need to attend university or serve in the US military for 2 years, then eligible for permanent residence



Obama and Immigration

2012: Obama announced he would stop deporting children of illegal immigrants who met DREAM Act criteria

Does this encourage illegal immigration?



America as a “Salad Bowl”



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are the benefits of cultural diversity in a society?

What potentially negative things could occur if a society did not include a diverse group of races, ethnicities, religions, etc.?

Is it always a good thing to encourage immigration? Why or why not?

Does Russia seem as diverse as America? Is it a different kind of diversity? In what ways is American ethnic and cultural diversity similar and different to the diversity found in Russia?

How important is it for a country to have people who speak many different languages?