How The General Public Sees It

Illegal Immigration Is A Problem

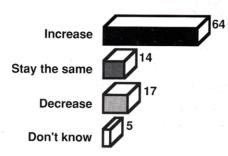
Question: Do you think most immigrants in the U.S. are here legally or illegally?

Question: ...[What] about illegal immigration. Do you think the flow of illegal immigrants will increase over the next decade, decrease or stay about the same?

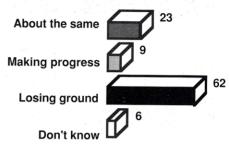
Question: ...Do you think the problem of illegal immigration is about the same today, is the country making progress in this area, or is the country losing ground?



Source: Survey by Scripps Howard/Ohio University Poll, January 8-31, 1995.



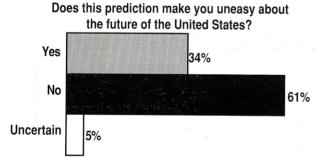
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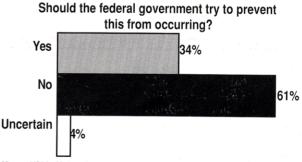


Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Times Mirror, April 6-9, 1995.

But There's No Sense of Crisis

Question: The Census Bureau estimates that in 50 years Anglo-Americans—that is, non-Hispanic white people—will account for only about half the population....





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And Strong Measures to Curb Even Illegal Immigration Are Often Viewed Critically

Question: California has passed a law banning public school enrollment and government-provided medical care for the children if illegal immigrants. Would you like to see such a law passed for this entire nation?

Question: ...[Do you approve or disapprove of] ending our policy of allowing immigration to re-unite families?



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People, Opinions &

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A Roper Center report of findings in public opinion research "There is no systematic effort made to find out what countries are doing...The press of the world covers events and the happenings very well....But I think ideas are just as important as events....There ought to be a sort of associated press in the world of ideas....People the world over are wrestling with the same problems, and we pay not a bit of attention...."

George Gallup (in an interview with Paul Sheatsly, 1978)

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CBS News/New York Times	Roper Starch Worldwide
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Hart-Teeter Research	ASAHI Asahi Shimbun
ICR Survey Research Group	Jiji Press
Ω Komar & Melamid	NHK Broadcasting Research Institute (date shown is when data was published in the NHK Monthly Report on Broadcast Research.)
KRC Communications Research	SHIKISAI Nihon Shikisai Kenkyujo
Market Opinion Research International	PMO Prime Minister's Office Survey
National Opinion Research Center General Social Survey	TBS Tokyo Broadcasting
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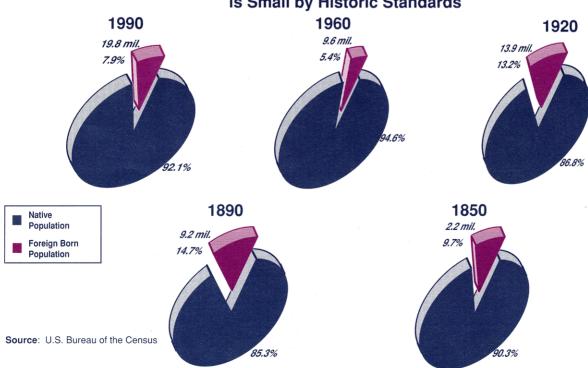
Where Do Today's Foreign-Born Americans Come From?

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, The Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 1990 CP-3-1.

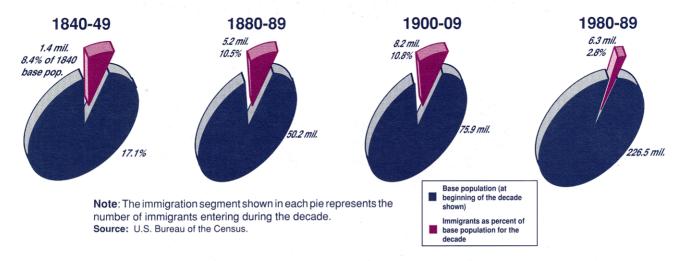
Place of birth	Total Immigrants
Mexico	4,298,014
Philippines	912,674
Canada	744,830
Cuba	736,971
Germany	711,929
United Kingdom	640,145
Italy	580,592
Korea	568,397
Vietnam	543,262
China	529,837
El Salvador	465,433
India	450,406
Poland	388,328
Dominican Republic	347,858
Jamaica	334,140
Former Soviet Union	333,725
Japan	290,128
Colombia	286,124
Taiwan	244,102

Place of birth	Total Immigrants
Guatemala	225,739
Haiti	225,393
Iran	210,941
Portugal	210,122
Greece	177,398
Laos	171,577
Ireland	169,827
Nicaragua	168,659
Hong Kong	147,131
Peru	144,199
Ecuador	143,314
Yugoslavia	141,516
Guyana	120,698
France	119,233
Cambodia	118,833
Trinidad and Tobago	115,710
Hungary	110,337
Honduras	108,923
Thailand	106,919

Today's Proportion of Foreign-Born, Larger Than in 1960-80, is Small by Historic Standards



Current Immigration is Small, Too, Compared to Base Population



—In Socio-Economic Status, Today's Foreign-Born Approximate the Native-Born—Immigrants From Many Countries Are Exceptionally High in SES—

Top 10 countries in terms of the SES of their emigrants to the U.S.

Hold bachelor's degree or higher	in percent
U.Sborn	20
Foreign-born	20
India	65
Taiwan	62
Iran	51
Hong Kong	47
Phillippines	43
Japan	35
Korea	34
Thailand	33
France	32
China	31

Median household income	
U.Sborn	\$30,176
Foreign-born	\$28,314
India	\$48,320
Philippines	\$45,419
Hong Kong	\$42,033
Taiwan	\$38,966
Iran	\$35,836
Portugal	\$35,053
Japan	\$34,999
United Kingdom	\$34,339
Guyana	\$34,243
Greece	\$33,500
rn Population in the United	States, 1990 CP-3-1.

Hold managerial/professional jobs	in percent	
U.Sborn	27	
Foreign-born	22	
India	48	
Taiwan	47	
lran l	42	
Hong Kong	41	
France	40	
United Kingdom	40	
Japan	39	
Canada	38	
Hungary	35	
Germany	33	

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English, Yes; Citizenship, Yes

Question: What language is used most often in your home?	All Immigrants	0-10 Years in the U.S.	11 to 20 Years in the U.S.	21+ Years in the U.S.
English	69	49	57	81
Non-English	30	50	42	19

Question: Do you happen to be a citizen of the United States, or not?	All Immigrants	0-10 Years in the U.S.	11-20 Years in the U.S.	21+ Years in the U.S.
Yes	67	21	65	84
No	33	79	35	16

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How Immigrants View America and Her Values Melting Pot Still the Ideal

Question: Which do you think is better for the United States: To encourage immigrants to blend into American culture by giving up some important aspects of their own culture, or to encourage immigrants to maintain their own culture more strongly, even if that means they do not blend in as well?

Question: ...[Do you agree or disagree] The U.S is a melting pot in which people of different countries combine into a unified American culture?

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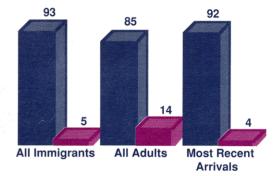


Land of Opportunity

Question: ...[Do you agree or disagree] People who work hard to better themselves can get ahead in this country?

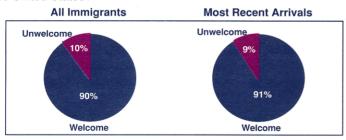


Note: "Most recent arrivals" are those immigrants who have only just arrived, or who have been here for ten years or less.



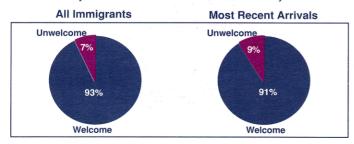
For Most, the Welcome Mat is Still Out

Question: Did you feel welcome or unwelcome when you first came to the United States?



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Question: Do you feel welcome or unwelcome today?



Question: Please rate the feelings you believe most Americans have toward immigrants from your country, using a scale from one to ten, on which a number closer to 10 indicates you feel Americans are warm and welcoming toward immigrants from your country, and a number closer to 1 indicates you feel Americans are cold and negative toward immigrants from your country?

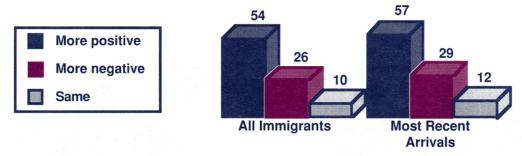


Note: Those answering from 8 to 10 were combined for "warm and welcoming" and 1 to 3 for "cold and negative." Forty-six percent answered somewhere in between.



Immigrants Bullish On America

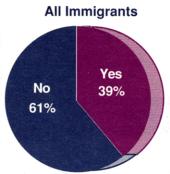
Question: Would you say your feelings toward the United States today are more positive or more negative than they were before you first came to this country?



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No Widespread Sense of Discrimination

Question: Have you ever felt discriminated against specifically because you were not born in the United States—or have you never felt that way?



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Prospects for Children's Future Seen Bright

Question: Do you agree or disagree...Your children will have better economic opportunities in the United States than you have had?

Question: Do you think your children will face less discrimination in the United States than you did, or not?



Immigrants Bullish on Economic Prospects

Question: ...[L]ooking ahead one year, do you expect your family's financial situation to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?...



Immigrants Assess America's Strengths and Weaknesses:

-Freedom and Opportunity Rated High--Crime, "Morality" Cause Concern-

Question: ...[C]ompare the U.S. to your homeland. ...[D]o you think...is better in the U.S., or better in your homeland?...

