The Immigration Story

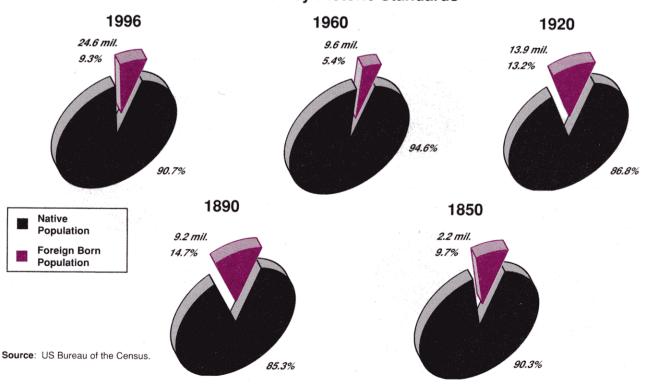
Where Do Today's Foreign-Born Americans Come From?

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Country of birth	Total foreign born	Before 1970	1970-1979	1980-1989	1990-1996						
Top 12 All countries	24,557,000	4,806,000	4,756,000	8,416,000	6,579,000						
Mexico	6,679,000	838,000	1,512,000	2,428,000	1,900,000						
Philippines	1,164,000	159,000	294,000	451,000	260,000						
China	801,000	76,000	139,000	313,000	274,000						
Cuba	772,000	318,000	148,000	201,000	106,000						
India	757,000	53,000	181,000	299,000	224,000						
Vietnam	740,000	17,000	98,000	323,000	302,000						
El Salvador	701,000	31,000	143,000	373,000	154,000						
Canada	660,000	361,000	75,000	119,000	105,000						
Korea	550,000	14,000	103,000	278,000	155,000						
Germany	523,000	424,000	27,000	19,000	53,000						
Dominican Republic	515,000	74,000	79,000	195,000	166,000						
Jamaica	506,000	49,000	139,000	191,000	128,000						

Source: US Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, March 1996.

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



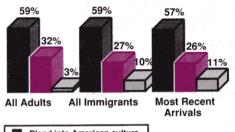
Thinking By Ethnicity

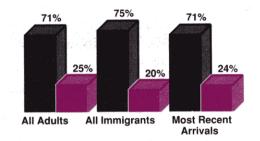
How Immigrants View America and Her Values

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 US is a melting pot in which people of different countries combine into a unified American culture?





Blend into American culture Maintain own culture more Both equaliy (vol.)

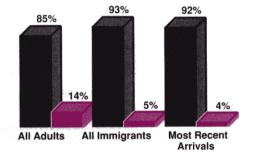
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, May 25-June 4, 1995.

Agree Disagree

Land of Opportunity

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

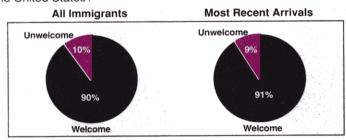
Agree Disagree



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

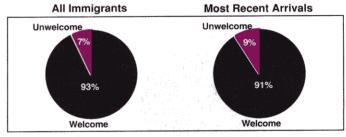
For Most, the Welcome Mat is Still Out

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



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.





35% Warm and welcoming 14% Cold and negative

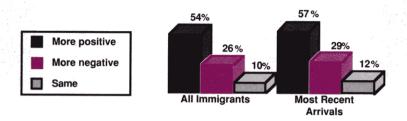
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, May 25-June 4, 1995.

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.

Source: Survey by Hart and Teeter Research for Fannie Mae, April-May 1995.

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?



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, May 25-June 4, 1995.

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?

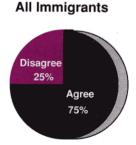
All Immigrants Yes No 61%

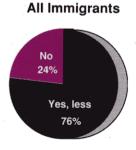
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Prospects for Children's Future Seen Bright

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?



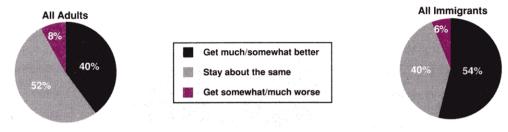


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Thinking By Ethnicity

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...?

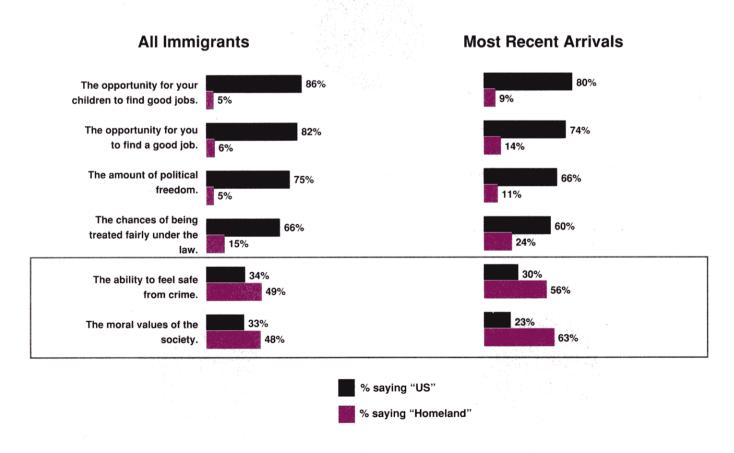


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Immigrants Assess America's Strengths and Weaknesses:

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

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



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, May 25-June 4, 1995.

Ethnic Group Differences in Contemporary America

Country/Region Code

AF = Africa

AS = Asia

E/C E = Eastern and Central Europe

FR = France

GER = Germany

GB = Great Britain (includes England, Scotland, and Wales)

IR = Ireland

IT = Italy

SC = Scandinavia (includes Sweden, Norway, and Denmark)

NE = The Netherlands

AM I = American Indian

CA = Canada

MX = Mexico

—The Biggest Involves Party Preference— —Differences Among Those of European Ancestry are Now Small—

	Afric	a Asi	a	Europe						North America			
	AF	AS	E/C E	FR	GER	GB	IR	IT	SC	NE	AMI	CA	MX
Social/Economic Position Lower class Working class Middle/Upper class	10% 56 33	5% 45 50	2% 37 60	4% 40 54	4% 43 53	3% 36 61	3% 43 54	3% 41 55	5% 42 53	3% 47 49	10% 59 31	4% 52 44	6% 60 34
Job Satisfaction Very satisfied Moderately satisfied Little/Very dissatisfied	32 42 20	33 45 20	45 39 11	43 32 20	46 38 13	45 38 13	48 36 12	43 41 14	47 36 13	47 36 11	42 38 17	45 41 9	41 41 15
Satisfied with Financial Situat Pretty well More or less Not satisfied	15 44 40	29 48 23	31 46 23	29 43 27	33 44 23	33 45 21	30 46 24	28 44 28	32 46 22	36 45 19	19 41 40	31 49 20	17 49 34
Most People Can Be Trusted? Most Can't be	15 82	33 59	44 50	42 56	42 55	46 48	44 52	33 63	48 46	38 58	27 70	34 61	30 67
Political Opinions Liberal Conservative Moderate	39 27 34	34 33 34	30 31 40	28 37 36	23 39 37	23 42 35	29 34 37	26 35 39	26 40 33	20 39 41	25 32 43	23 35 42	32 31 37
Gov't's Responsibility to Reduce Income Differences Agree strongly/Agree Disagree/Disagree strongly Neither	46 25 23	39 37 22	28 45 22	24 51 20	26 48 23	23 52 19	26 50 21	32 46 19	21 51 26	25 42 24	37 37 23	29 43 24	41 34 20
Abortion Legal for Any Reaso Yes No	n ? 42 54	43 52	53 44	43 53	40 57	45 53	41 56	47 47	44 50	36 61	34 64	41 57	35 63
Favor Death Penalty for Murde Oppose Favor	er? 38 52	19 69	18 76	18 76	17 78	17 78	21 74	16 79	21 73	16 79	22 73	16 80	23 69
Divorce Easier Difficult Same	45 31 17	23 48 23	23 46 24	23 53 19	19 55 19	19 53 23	25 49 20	24 47 22	19 54 19	18 61 15	33 46 17	25 53 19	36 42 17

Ethnic Differences Are Greatest in Party Identification and the Vote

	Africa	Asia			Eu	ırope					North	Ameri	ca
	AF	AS	E/C E	FR	GER	GB	IR	IT	SC	NE	AM I	CA	MX
1992 Prexy Vote Clinton Bush Perot	91 3 3	22 59 15	49 30 18	38 43 17	35 43 20	36 45 17	39 40 18	40 38 20	41 35 20	30 44 25	51 30 18	46 34 20	66 20 11
1988 Prexy Vote Dukakis Bush	76 18	22 67	44 52	36 64	28 69	28 70	33 63	36 60	36 60	23 75	44 52	32 67	59 32
1984 Prexy Vote Mondale Reagan	82 15	14 86	44 54	31 67	23 72	26 72	28 70	32 67	38 61	22 74	41 54	38 52	54 38
Party ID, 18-34 yrs. of age Democrat Republican Independent	58 7 35	33 22 45	35 28 37	24 36 40	22 39 39	23 43 34	30 37 33	23 38 38	22 38 40	11 45 43	28 24 48	23 22 55	37 14 49
Party ID, 35+ yrs. of age Democrat Republican Independent	78 4 18	21 26 53	42 25 33	44 25 31	28 38 34	29 41 30	39 30 31	36 31 33	32 42 26	32 35 33	41 19 39	36 27 37	59 10 31
Party ID Democrat Republican Independent	71 5 24	26 25 50	40 26 34	37 29 34	26 39 36	28 42 31	36 32 32	31 34 35	29 41 30	26 38 36	36 21 43	33 26 42	48 12 40

Note: To obtain ancestry information a series of questions was asked, all designed to permit respondents to choose the best fit for his/her country of origin. First: "From what countries or part of the world did your ancestors come?" If respondents named just one country, that was entered, of course, as his/her ethnic background. If several countries were mentioned (question provided for up to three responses), these were recorded, and a second question asked: "Which of these countries do you feel closer to?" If one response was elicited, it was in turn entered as the "predominant" ethnic background. No country of origin was assigned where respondents could not decide among the several countries they had mentioned. Recodification was employed to provide for four separate responses to the original question: code 1, "names only one country," code 2, "names two or more countries and chooses one;" code 3, "names two or more countries but can't choose;" code 4, "unable to name countries." The combined responses of codes 1 and 2 are shown in the table above.

Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey, 1988-1996 combined.

Voters' Party Identification

(from Exit Polls)

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other
1980 (ABC News)			шаоронаон	,
English/Scot/Welsh	34%	33%	29%	4%
German/Austrian	32	34	29	5
Irish	42	24	29	5
Italian	44	24	30	3
Scandinavian	27	36	30	6
Polish	46	16	32	6
Hispanic	63	17	13	7
African American	75	6	15	3
Other	53	15	26	5
1984 (ABC News)	33	. 13	20	, ,
English/Scot/Welsh	28	41	27	2
German/Austrian	30	39	28	3
Irish	40			3
Italian		29	29	3
Scandinavian	36	33	29	2
	28	37	32	3
Polish/Slavic	47	24	26	4
Hispanic	61	21	16	2
African American	76	4	15	4
Asian/Oriental	36	27	28	9
Other	42	26	28	3
1988 (ABC News)				
English/Scot/Welsh	32	46	19	2
German/Austrian	33	45	19	2
Irish	42	35	21	2
Italian	44	36	18	2
Scandinavian	36	43	19	1
Polish/Slavic	47	29	22	2
Hispanic	65	23	10	3
African American	85	5	9	1
Asian/Oriental	42	40	16	2
French	42	36	20	2
Greek	46	37	16	1
Other	45	32	20	3
1992 (Los Angeles Times)				
English	37	40	21	1
Irish/Scottish	38	35	25	2
Italian	38	37	21	3
Scandinavian	27	43	28	2
Polish/Russian/Slavic	47	28	24	1
Hispanic/Latino	61	26	11	2
African American	84	6	9	. 1
Asian/Pacific Islander	29	42	28	1
French	33	35	30	1
Other	38	32	28	2
1996 (Los Angeles Times)				
White	35	41	23	1
Black	82	5	12	1
Hispanic	67	18	12	1
Asian	29	40	30	1
American Indian	38	23	32	7
Other	58	21	20	1