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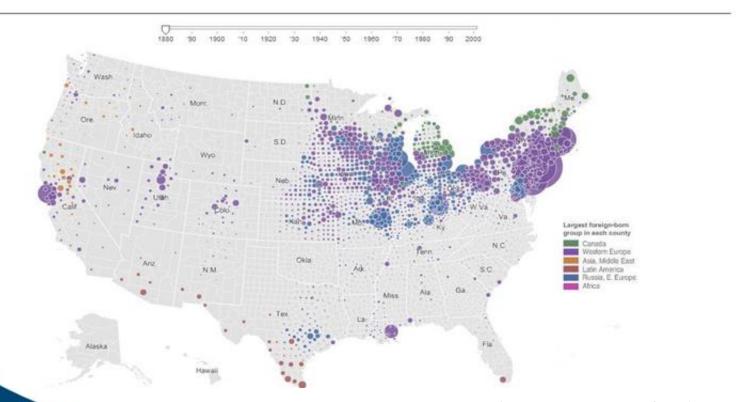
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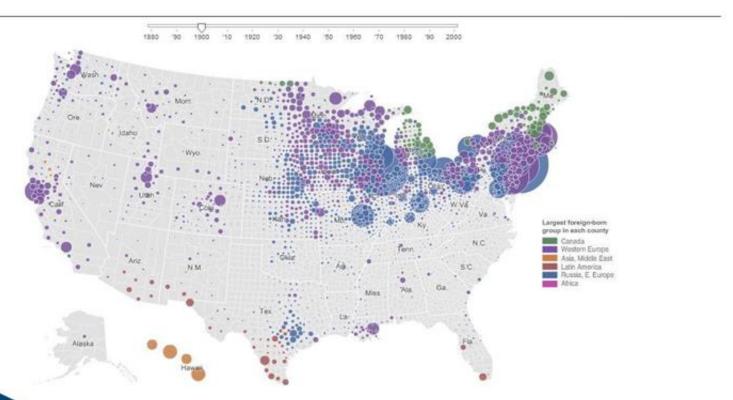
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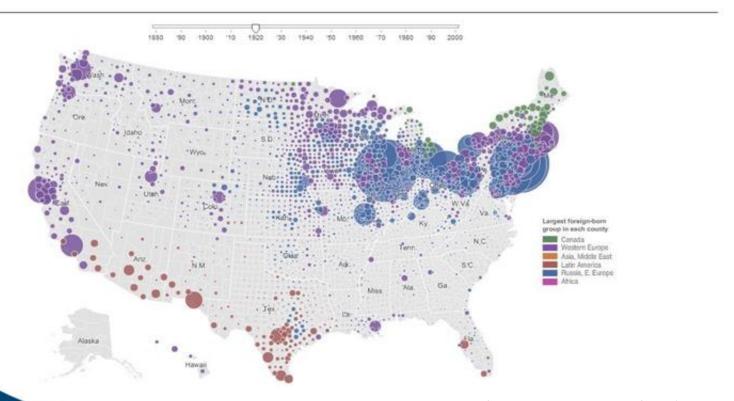
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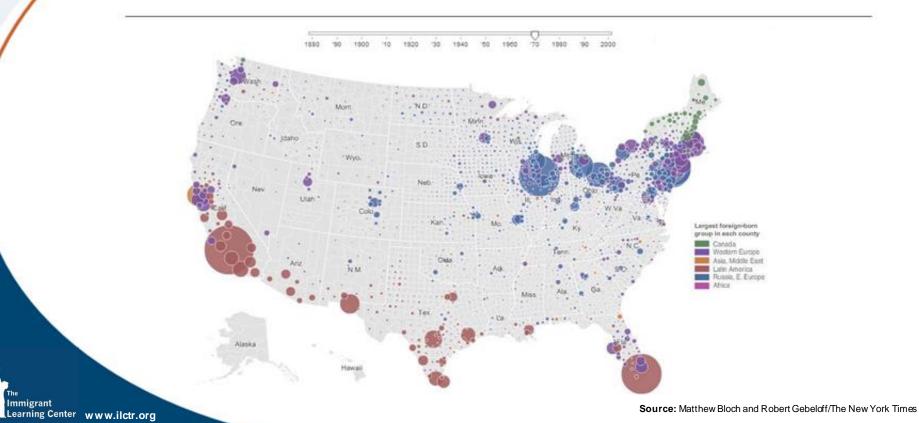
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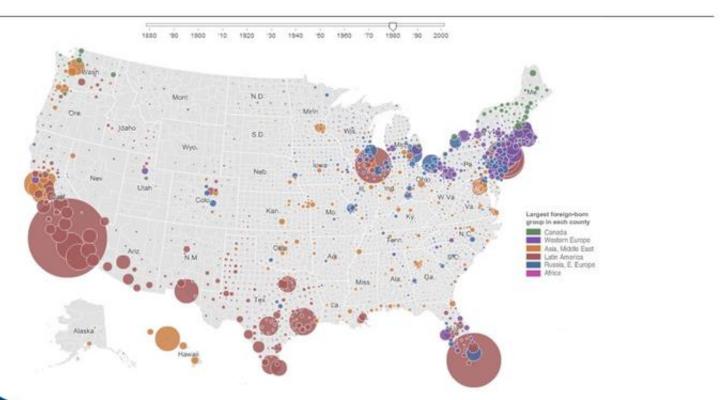


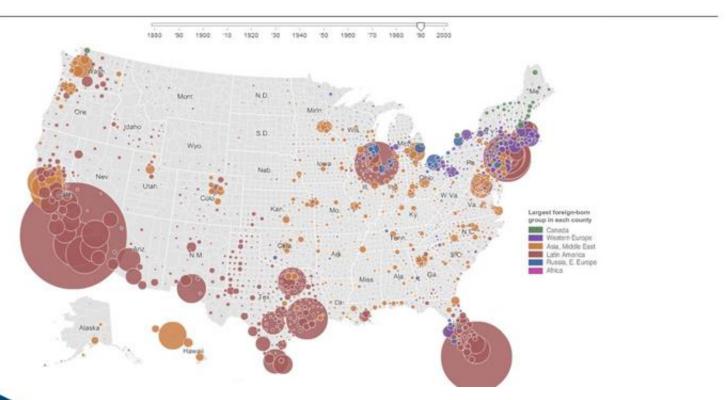


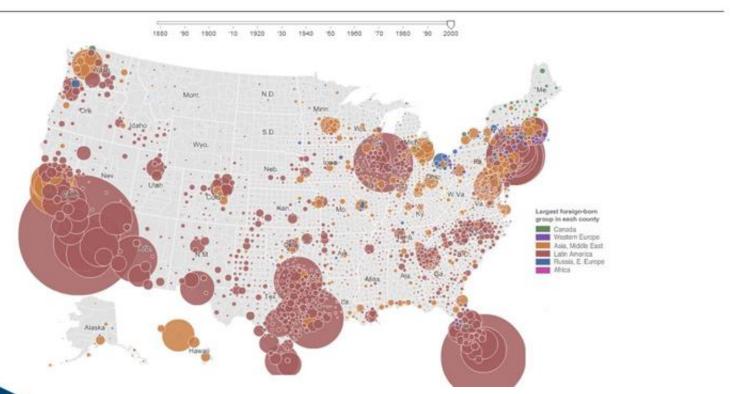






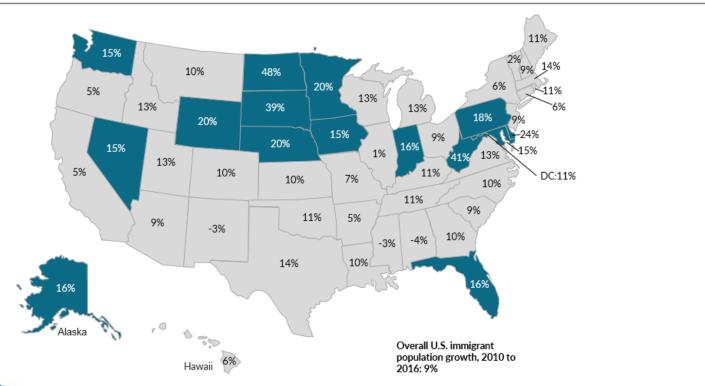




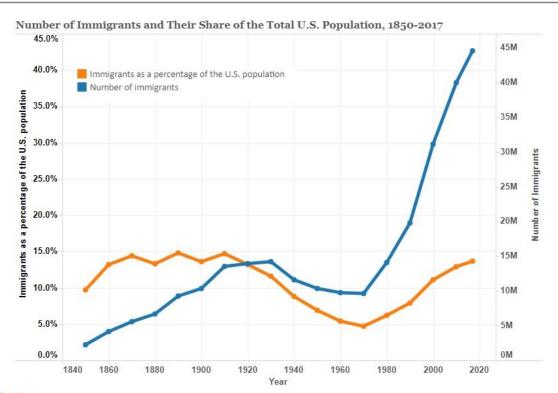


### **Fastest-growing States**

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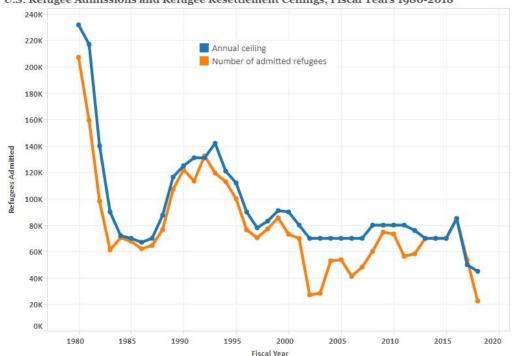


### Foreign-born Population



## Refugee Admissions

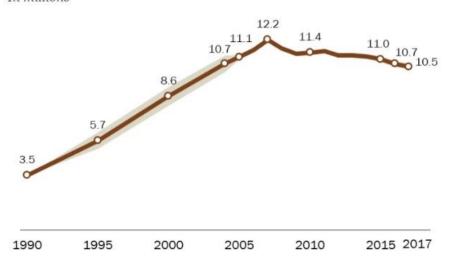




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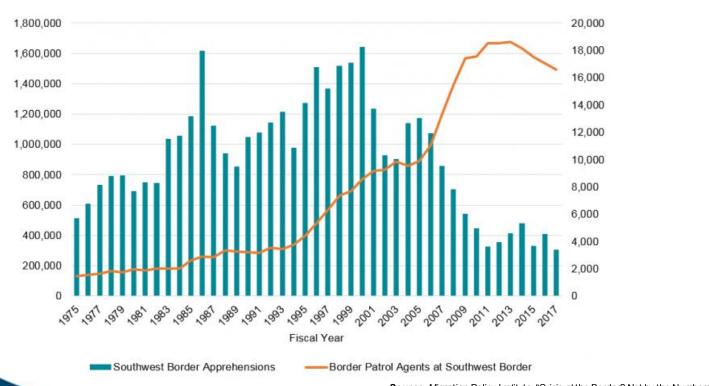
#### U.S. unauthorized immigrant total rises, then falls

In millions

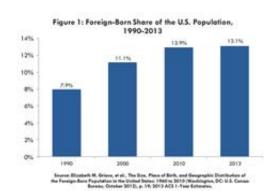


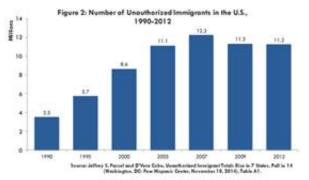
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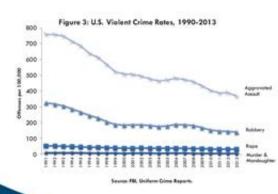
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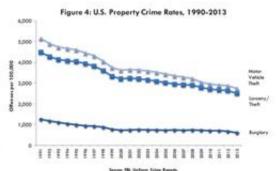


### Immigrants and Crime



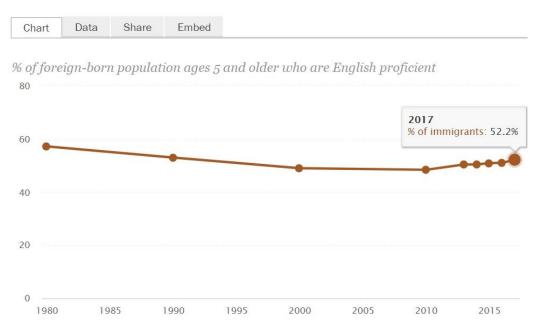






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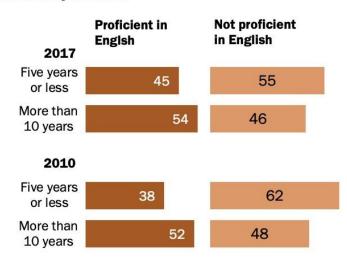
#### English proficiency among U.S. immigrants, 1980-2017



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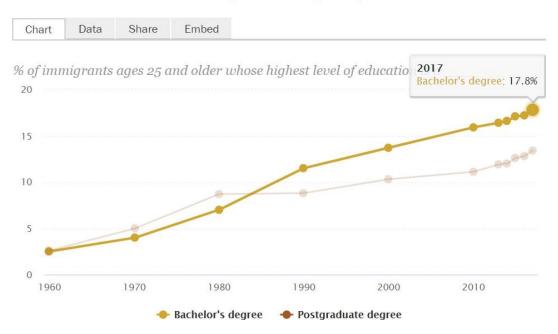
## English proficiency among recently arrived immigrants is up since 2010

% of U.S. foreign-born population ages 5 and older, by duration of residence



### Immigrants and Education

#### Educational attainment among U.S. immigrants, 1960-2017



## **Immigrants and Education**

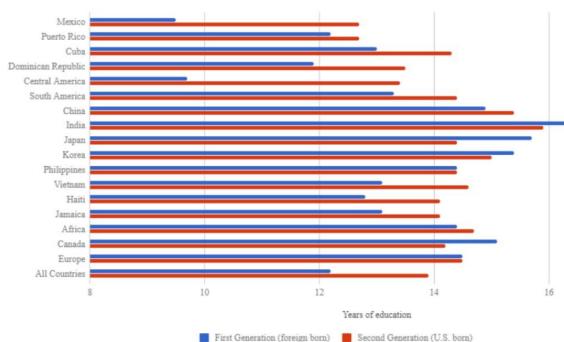
	1960	2015
Less than HS	75%	29%
HS graduate	13.5%	22.4%
2-year degree	6%	19%
Bachelor's degree	2.5%	17%
Advanced degree	2.6%	12.6% Source: Pew R

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### **Immigrants and Education**

Average education of first- and second-generation adult males, ages 25-59, by place of origin

Most surpass 13.8 years of average non-Hispanic U.S. white male

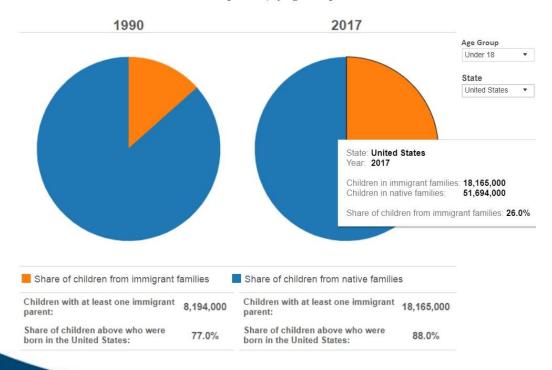


Source: Brian Duncan and Stephen J. Trejo, "Socioeconomic Integration of U.S. Immigrant Groups Over the Long Term" (working paper), 2018

### Children in Immigrant Families

#### Children in U.S. Immigrant Families:

Number and Share of the Total U.S. Child Population, by Age Group and State

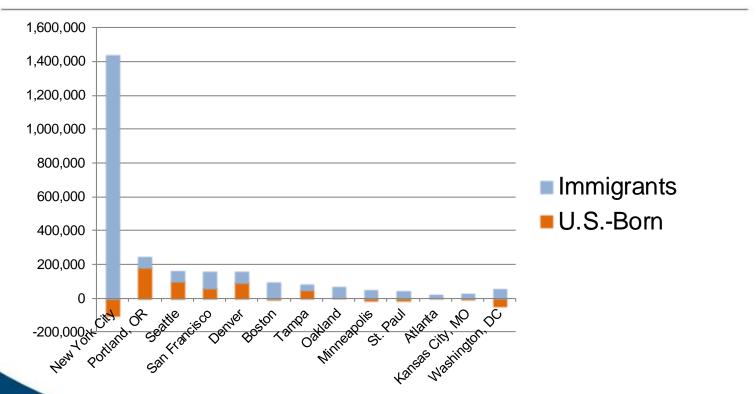


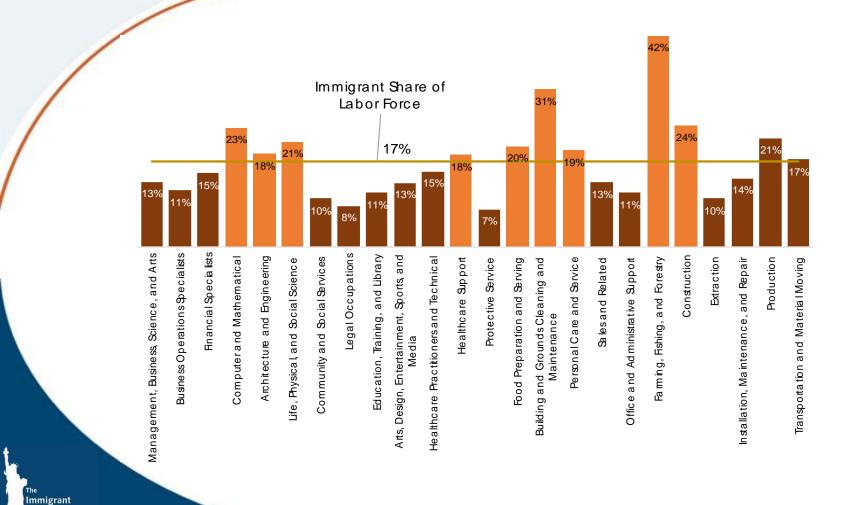
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Source: Migration Policy Institute

### Immigrants and Population Growth





#### Immigrants are **13.7%** of the U.S. population but:

28%

physicians/surgeons

22%

nursing, psychiatric and home health aides **15%** 

nurses

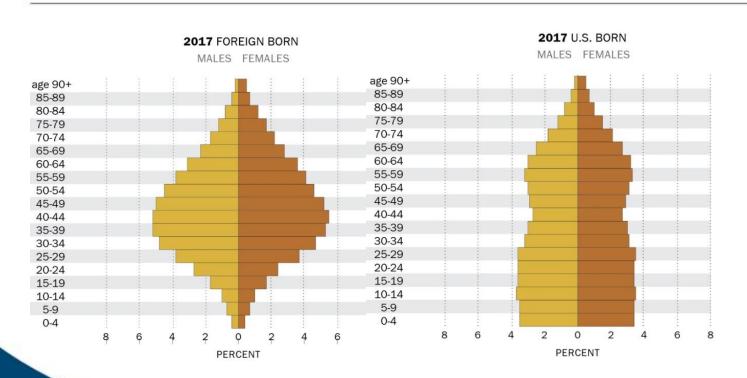
40%

medical scientists in manufacturing R&D

50+%

biotechnology workers

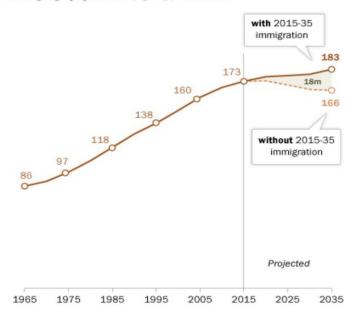
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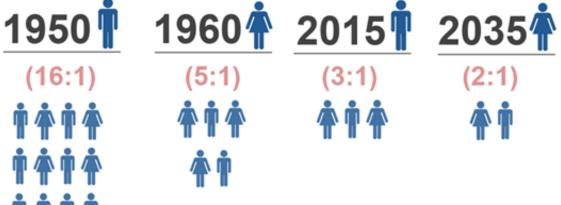
### Immigrants and the Labor Force

#### Without future immigrants, working-age population in U.S. would decrease by 2035

Working-age population (25-64), in millions



### Immigrants and Social Safety Systems



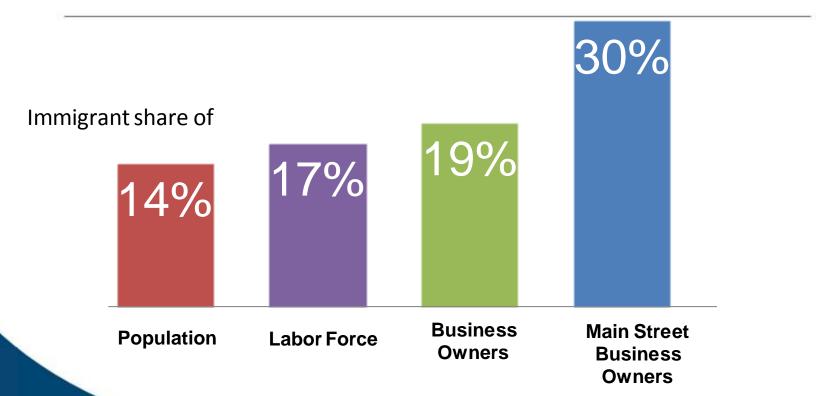
- Number of seniors will double by 2050
- Ratio of seniors to workers will soar by <70% by 2040
- Immigrants are subsidizing Medicare's core trust fund
- More workers needed, especially in healthcare

### Immigrants and Taxes

- Immigrants pay up to \$140 billion annually in federal, state, local taxes
- Undocumented immigrants use ITINs to pay an estimated \$11.6 billion per year (2015)
- Effective rate of 8%, more than other taxed groups
- In Florida \$23.4b: Amount paid in taxes
  - -\$2.5b to Medicare
  - \_\$9.5b to Social Security



### Immigrants and Entrepreneurship



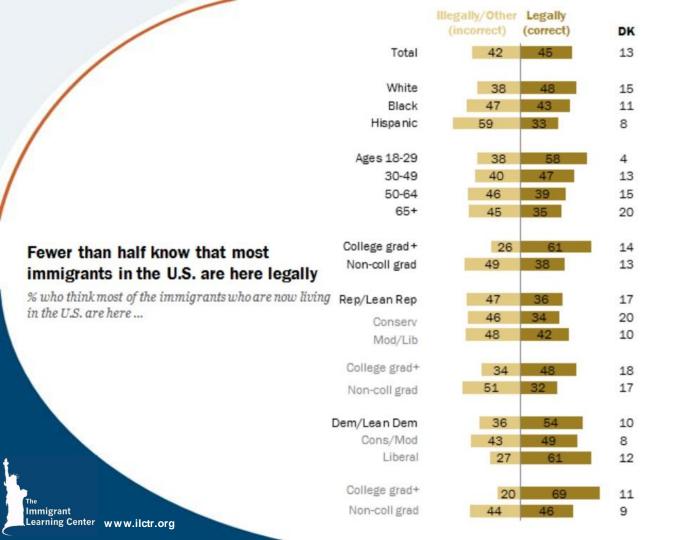
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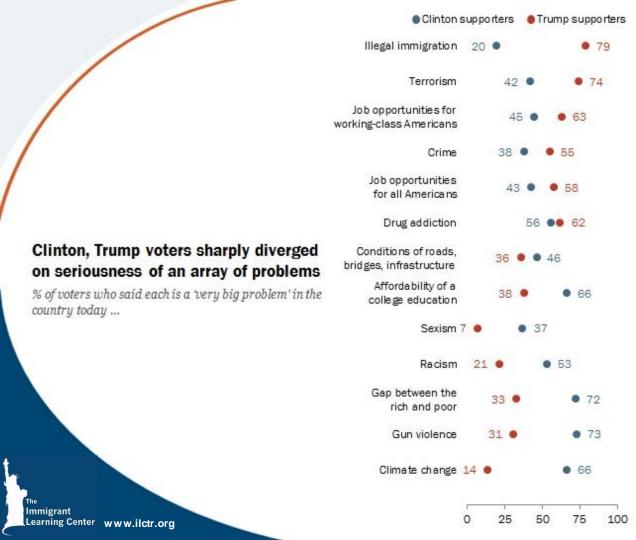
**Source:** FPI analysis of 2015 ACS. Analysis is updated from data in David Dyssegaard Kallick, *Bringing Vitality to Main Street*, Fiscal Policy Institute and Americas Society/Council of the Americas, 2015.



#### Immigrants and Job Creation/Innovation



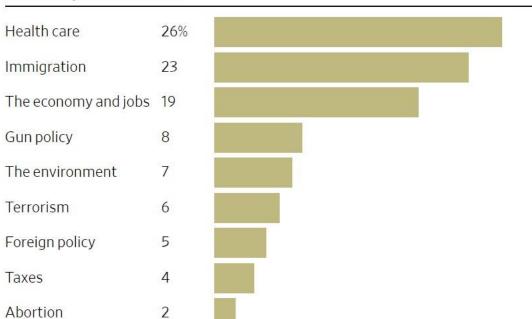




Source: Pew Research Center, "A Divided and Pessimistic Electorate," 2016

### Views on Immigration

#### Most Important Issue



### Views on Immigration

#### Immigration policy - immigrants living in the U.S. illegally

	SHARE	DEMOCRAT	VOTED REPUBLICAN	VOTED OTHER
Offered a chance to apply for legal status	69%	66%	32%	3%
Deported to the country they came from	30	19	79	3

#### Views of immigrants in the U.S.

		VOTED	VOTED	VOTED
	SHARE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	OTHER
Do more to help the country	59%	72%	26%	3%
Do more to hurt the country	39	20	77	3

#### U.S.-Mexico border wall

	SHARE	VOTED DEMOCRAT	VOTED REPUBLICAN	VOTED OTHER
Strongly favor	31%	9%	90%	2%
Somewhat favor	17	25	71	4
Somewhat oppose	13	64	32	4
Strongly oppose	39	90	7	3

#### The Hidden Tribes of America







younger

highly engaged secular cosmopolitan angry

8%

#### **Traditional** Liberals

open to compromise rational

11%

#### **Passive** Liberals

15%

#### Politically Disengaged

young low income distrustful detached patriotic conspiratorial

26%

#### Moderates

engaged civic-minded middle-of-the-road pessimistic Protestant

15%

#### **Traditional** Conservatives

religious middle class patriotic moralistic

19%

#### Devoted Conservatives

white retired highly engaged uncompromising patriotic

6%

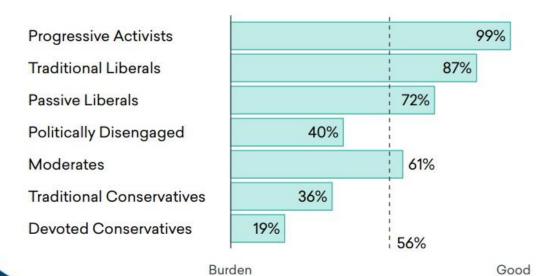
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**Exhausted Majority** 

Wings

## **Immigration: Good or Bad?**

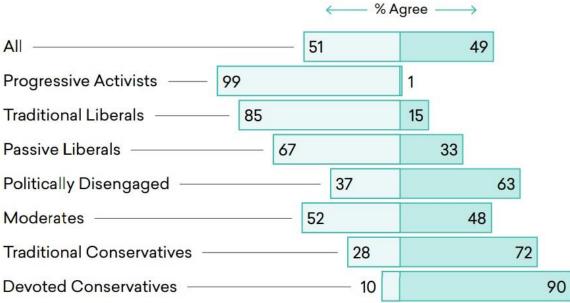
Tribes differ in their views on the overall impact of immigration for the country



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#### **Immigration impact**

Immigration is good for America, helping sectors of our economy to be more successful and competitive Immigration nowadays is bad for America, costing the welfare system and using resources that could be spent on Americans

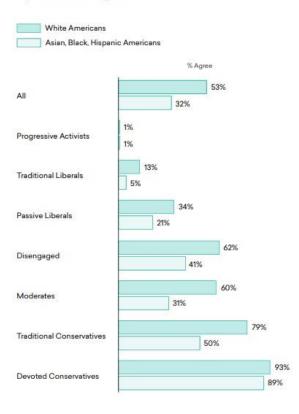


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#### **Protection of Rights**

Perceived prioritization of immigrants by tribe and gender



- Anti-immigrant sentiment in the U.S. is more passionate than pro-immigrant sentiment
  - —Of the Americans who consider immigration the most important voting issue, far more oppose immigration than support it.

• The "Wings" are increasing in size, the "middle" is fast decreasing.

The politically disengaged tend to veer right

 Both race and economics are driving Americans farther right

 For change to take place, we need to connect with working class Americans

Find ways to build broad, local support bases

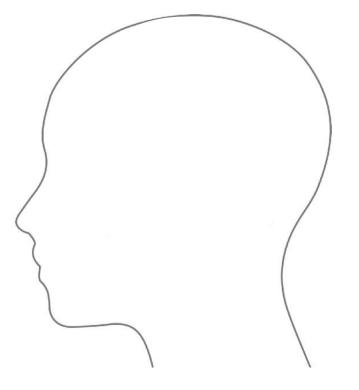
 Go back to the basics, and connect with values, issues and humanity

# **Bridging Divides**

in the Immigration Debate

# Formula

## **Public Mind**





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#### "Them"

- Law Breakers
- Illegal Mexican/Highly-Skilled Asian
- Takers
- Immigration Nostalgia
- Security and Control

#### **Fatalism**

- Immigration Surge
- Money Talks
- Politics as Usual
- System Too Big and Screwed Up

#### Zero Sum

- Job Competition
- Drain on the System

#### **Punitive**

- Secure the Border
- Set an Example
   –Rational Actor

What's in the Swamp of...

**Immigration** 

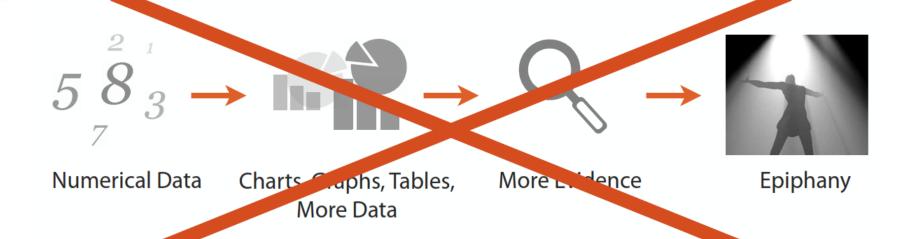
# "Us"

- Humanist-People are People
- Nation of Immigrants
- Celebrate Diversity

### **Black Box**

#### **Pragmatism**

- Economic Fit
- Make it Work



## Strategies to Reach Beyond Your Base

- Act fast
- Act now
- Act for the long haul

- Deep canvassing
- Get diverse allies
- Strength in numbers and perspectives/origins

#### Elements of a Successful Narrative

Narrative

(what is the issue about)



#### **Shared Values**

(why the issue matters)

#### **Explanation**

(how this issue works)

#### **Solutions**

(what to do and why)







**Understanding, Efficacy, Support** 

## Framing the Immigration Debate

- Shared values
  - American value of treating others with respect, compassion
- Pragmatism
  - -Use logic, common sense, practical solutions
- Shared prosperity
  - -Everyone benefits when all can fulfil their potential

## Explain, don't Assert Rights





DREAMER, ACHEIVER, GO GETTER MARIA PRAELI

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"I didn't let anything keep me from advancing academically.

Unfortunately, when high school ended, I couldn't attend the university of my dreams. I was getting all these acceptance letters, but I couldn't go to any of these schools, because I didn't have a social security number, and therefore I wasn't eligible for financial aid. I couldn't

## Never Repeat Myths

- Never repeat the myths when you're refuting them – always start with the facts.
- People tend to remember the myths as true, so myth busting is ineffective.
- Instead of saying, "Immigrants aren't taking our jobs," say, "Immigrants *create* jobs."

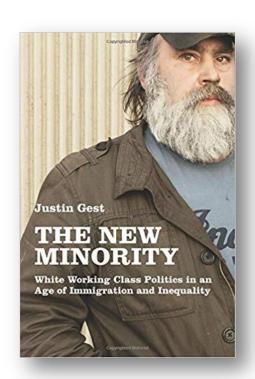
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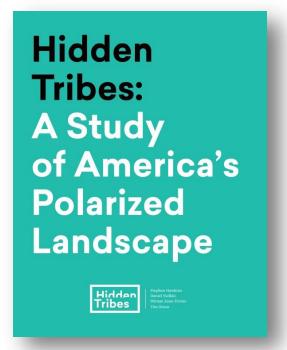
"Coming out of the shadows"

"Broken immigration system"

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