Latest Immigration Data and Impact

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2019 Immigrant Student Success
Foreign-born Distribution 1880

Foreign-born Distribution 1900

Foreign-born Distribution 1920

Foreign-born Distribution 1970

Foreign-born Distribution 1980

Foreign-born Distribution 1990

Foreign-born Distribution 2000

Fastest-growing States

Source: Migration Policy Institute, "Immigrants in the U.S. States with the Fastest-Growing Foreign-Born Populations," 2018
Refugee Admissions

U.S. Refugee Admissions and Refugee Resettlement Ceilings, Fiscal Years 1980-2018

Source: Migration Policy Institute, U.S. Immigration Trends
Undocumented Immigrant Population

U.S. unauthorized immigrant total rises, then falls

In millions

Note: Shading shows range of estimated 90% confidence interval. Source: Pew Research Center estimates based on augmented U.S. Census Bureau data.

Undocumented Immigrant Population

Source: Migration Policy Institute, “Crisis at the Border? Not by the Numbers,” 2018
Immigrants and Crime

Immigrants and English Proficiency

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

# Immigrants and English Proficiency

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

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

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Immigrants and Education

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

% of immigrants ages 25 and older whose highest level of education

# Immigrants and Education

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<td>2-year degree</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree</td>
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<td>Advanced degree</td>
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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

Mexico
Puerto Rico
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Central America
South America
China
India
Japan
Korea
Philippines
Vietnam
Haiti
Jamaica
Africa
Canada
Europe
All Countries

Years of education

First Generation (foreign born) Second Generation (U.S. born)

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

1990

2017

Source: Migration Policy Institute
Immigrants and Population Growth

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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

Source: The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. and the Institute for Immigration Research at George Mason University, *Immigrants in Health Care: Keeping Americans Healthy Through Care and Innovation*, 2016; Renew Our Economy: America’s Aging Crisis: How Immigration Reform Can Strengthen the U.S. Health Care System, 2015
Immigrants and the Labor Force

Immigrants and the Labor Force

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

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

Immigrant share of:

- Population: 14%
- Labor Force: 17%
- Business Owners: 19%
- Main Street Business Owners: 30%

Immigrants and Job Creation/Innovation
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Fewer than half know that most immigrants in the U.S. are here legally

% who think most of the immigrants who are now living in the U.S. are here ...

Source: Pew Research Center, “Shifting Public Views on Legal Immigration Into the U.S.,” 2018
Clinton, Trump voters sharply diverged on seriousness of an array of problems

% of voters who said each is a 'very big problem' in the country today ...

Views on Immigration

Most Important Issue

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<td>Immigration</td>
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<td>The economy and jobs</td>
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<td>Gun policy</td>
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<td>The environment</td>
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<td>Terrorism</td>
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<td>Foreign policy</td>
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<td>Taxes</td>
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# Views on Immigration

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

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<td>Offered a chance to apply for legal status</td>
<td>69%</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Deported to the country they came from</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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## Views of immigrants in the U.S.

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<td>Do more to help the country</td>
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<td>72%</td>
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<td>Do more to hurt the country</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>20%</td>
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## U.S.-Mexico border wall

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<td>Strongly favor</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Somewhat favor</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Somewhat oppose</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Strongly oppose</td>
<td>39%</td>
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The Hidden Tribes of America

Progressive Activists
- younger
- highly engaged
- secular
- cosmopolitan
- angry

Traditional Liberals
- older
- retired
- open to compromise
- rational
- cautious

Passive Liberals
- unhappy
- insecure
- distrustful
- disillusioned

Politically Disengaged
- young
- low income
- distrustful
- detached
- patriotic
- conspiratorial

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

Traditional Conservatives
- religious
- middle class
- patriotic
- moralistic

Devoted Conservatives
- white
- retired
- highly engaged
- uncompromising
- patriotic

Wings

Exhausted Majority

Progressive Activists: 8%
Traditional Liberals: 11%
Passive Liberals: 15%
Politically Disengaged: 26%
Moderates: 15%
Traditional Conservatives: 19%
Devoted Conservatives: 6%
Immigration: Good or Bad?

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

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<th>Bad</th>
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<td>Traditional Liberals</td>
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<td>Passive Liberals</td>
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<td>19%</td>
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The diagram shows the percentage of positive and negative views among different tribes on the impact of immigration.
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

% Agree

All 51 49
Progressive Activists 99 1
Traditional Liberals 85 15
Passive Liberals 67 33
Politically Disengaged 37 63
Moderates 52 48
Traditional Conservatives 28 72
Devoted Conservatives 10 90
Protection of Rights

Perceived prioritization of immigrants by tribe and gender

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? These days the rights of immigrants are more protected than the rights of American citizens.

Bridging Divides in the Immigration Debate

• 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.
Bridging Divides in the Immigration Debate

• 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
Bridging Divides in the Immigration Debate

• 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

Source: Marisa Gerstein Pineau, FrameWorks Institute
“Them”
- Law Breakers
- Illegal Mexican/Highly-Skilled Asian
- Takers
- Immigration Nostalgia
- Security and Control

“Us”
- Humanist—People are People
- Nation of Immigrants
- Celebrate Diversity

Zero Sum
- Job Competition
- Drain on the System

Punitive
- Secure the Border
- Set an Example—Rational Actor

What’s in the Swamp of…
Immigration

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

Pragmatism
- Economic Fit
- Make it Work

Black Box
Numerical Data → Charts, Graphs, Tables, More Data → More Evidence → Epiphany

Source: Marisa Gerstein Pineau, FrameWorks Institute
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)

Explanation
(how this issue works)

Solutions
(what to do and why)

Shared Values
(why the issue matters)

Understanding, Efficacy, Support

Source: Marisa Gerstein Pineau, FrameWorks Institute
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

SORRY!
NO RIGHTS FOR YOU!
"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.”
Rethink and Redefine

• “Coming out of the shadows”

• “Broken immigration system”

• Immigration

• Immigrant
Bridging Divides in the Immigration Debate

Hidden Tribes:
A Study of America’s Polarized Landscape
Institute for Immigration Research at GMU:

iir.gmu.edu/idod
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