



Immigration

Benefit

Or

Burden

Immigration Questions

- The United States is a country built on immigrants. The objective of this presentation is to look at the next wave of immigration in the United States, England and France. How are immigrants viewed, where do they fit in, what obstacles do they face?
- The problems faced in the United States are similar to that in France and England

Who is an immigrant?



- Somebody who has come to a country and settled there.

How does an immigrant fit in?

	France	United Kingdom	United States
Current Population	63,713,926	60,776,238	301,139,947
Median Age	39	39.6	36.6
Population Growth	.588%	.275%	.894%
Life expectancy	77.35	78.8	78
Median Income	\$31,100	\$31,800	\$44,000
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	2.9%	4.8%

Why do people immigrate?

- Be with family members
- Seek new economic opportunity
- Escape political persecution
- Evade religious persecution
- Flee from war

2006 Immigration Patterns To The United States

According to Wikipedia:

- "There were 1,266,264 immigrants who were granted legal residence in 2006, up from 601,516 in 1987, 849,807 in 2000, and 1,122,373 in 2005. The top twelve sending countries in 2006, by country of birth: Mexico - 173,753, China, People's Republic - 87,345, Philippines - 74,607, India - 61,369, Cuba - 45,614, Colombia - 43,151, Dominican Republic - 38,069, El Salvador - 31,783, Vietnam - 30,695, Jamaica - 24,976, South Korea - 24,386, Guatemala - 24,146, Other countries - 606,370.[7] In fiscal year 2006, just 202 refugees from Iraq were allowed to resettle in the United States."
- "Those who immigrated between 2000 and 2005, 58% were from Latin America."

European Migration Pattern



How to Immigrate to France



- Apply at the French Consulate in the country where they are a legal resident
- Must have financial means
- Prove you are not a threat to public order politically or medically

How to Immigrate to England



- Apply at the English Consulate in the country where they are a legal resident:
- Restriction on employment or occupation
- Maintain and provide for himself and family members
- Register with police
- Subject to medical exam

How to the Immigrate United States



- Apply at United States Consulate where they are a legal resident
- Meet qualifications of the varieties of Green Cards
- Medical exam
- Police background check

European Union Immigration

- Ever since 1957, the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community has contained provisions for ensuring the free movement of workers within the Community
- The Amsterdam Treaty, signed in 1997, aims to create an "area of freedom, security and justice" without controls at internal borders for individuals, whatever their nationality.
- The Union has established a policy for asylum and immigration.

Positive Impact of Immigrants

- Understand the “new” culture
- Can speak, read and write the language
- Serve in military
- Pay into the tax system
- Work at low paying jobs
- May possess a special trade/skill
- Native culture enriches new culture

Negative Impact by Immigrants

- Do not understand the culture
- Cannot speak, read or write the language
- Do not pay taxes
- Send money home (out of country)
- Drain on health and education system
- Take jobs away from native citizens
- High crime rate
- Viewed as a threat to society

On going problems

- Assimilation into Western Society
- Racial tension
- Religious difference within groups and other religious groups
- Borders viewed as porous
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Terrorism
- Drain on countries resources

Government attempts to regulate the flow of immigrants

- Great Britain
 - Create a Border and Immigration Agency
- France
 - Proposed Office of National Identify
- United States
 - New immigration law – Proposed by President Bush but not passed by Congress
 - Military on borders
 - Fence

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