

An Overview of Migration, Sexual Health, and Sexual Risk among Immigrants to the United States

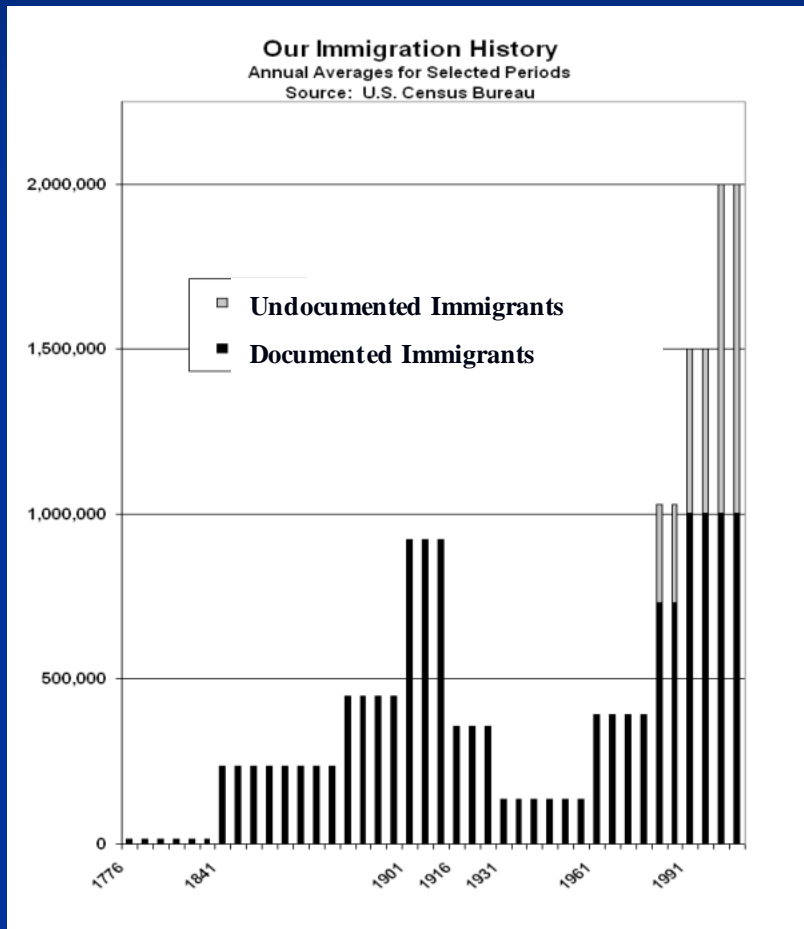
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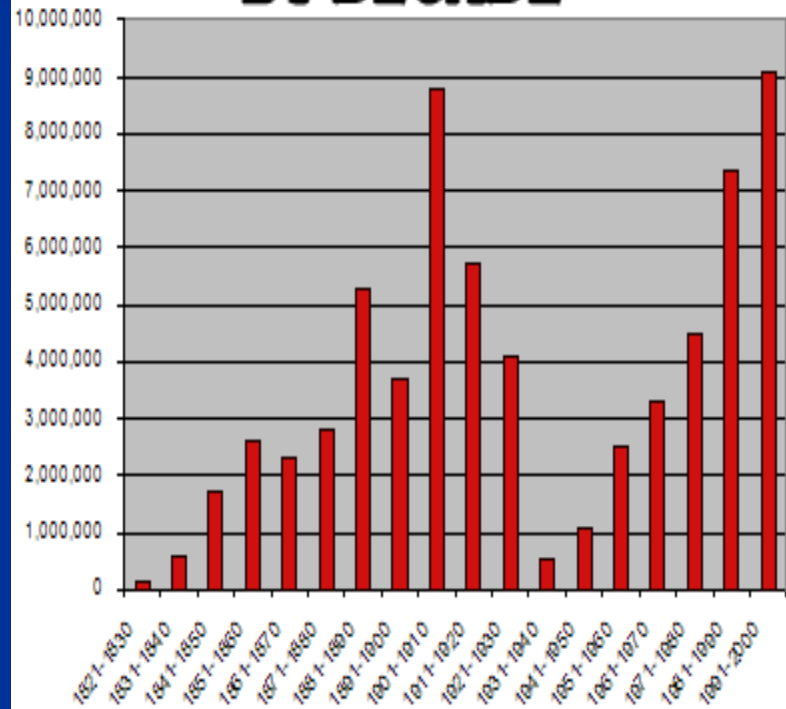
Presentation Overview

- Migration Patterns to the US
- Immigrant Groups
- Types of Migrants
- Investigating Immigrant Sexual Health
- Migration Processes and Sexual Health

Temporal Immigration Trends



IMMIGRATION TO THE USA, BY DECADE



| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1821-1830 | 143,439 |
| 1831-1840 | 599,125 |
| 1841-1850 | 1,713,251 |
| 1851-1860 | 2,598,214 |
| 1861-1870 | 2,314,824 |
| 1871-1880 | 2,812,191 |
| 1881-1890 | 5,246,613 |
| 1891-1900 | 3,687,564 |
| 1901-1910 | 8,795,386 |
| 1911-1920 | 5,735,811 |
| 1921-1930 | 4,107,209 |
| 1931-1940 | 528,431 |
| 1941-1950 | 1,035,039 |
| 1951-1960 | 2,515,479 |
| 1961-1970 | 3,321,677 |
| 1971-1980 | 4,493,314 |
| 1981-1990 | 7,338,062 |
| 1991-2000 | 9,095,417 |

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Top Ten Host States

| | State | 1995 | 2000 | 2005 |
|----|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | California | 7,995,000 | 9,053,000 | 9,994,000 |
| 2 | New York | 3,158,000 | 3,843,000 | 3,900,000 |
| 3 | Texas | 2,200,000 | 2,591,000 | 3,379,000 |
| 4 | Florida | 2,178,000 | 2,960,000 | 3,203,000 |
| 5 | New Jersey | 1,129,000 | 1,281,000 | 1,620,000 |
| 6 | Illinois | 1,059,000 | 1,243,000 | 1,417,000 |
| 7 | Massachusetts | 639,000 | 816,000 | 880,000 |
| 8 | Arizona | 537,000 | 692,000 | 851,000 |
| 9 | Georgia | 268,000 | 379,000 | 762,000 |
| 10 | Maryland | 343,000 | 479,000 | 725,000 |

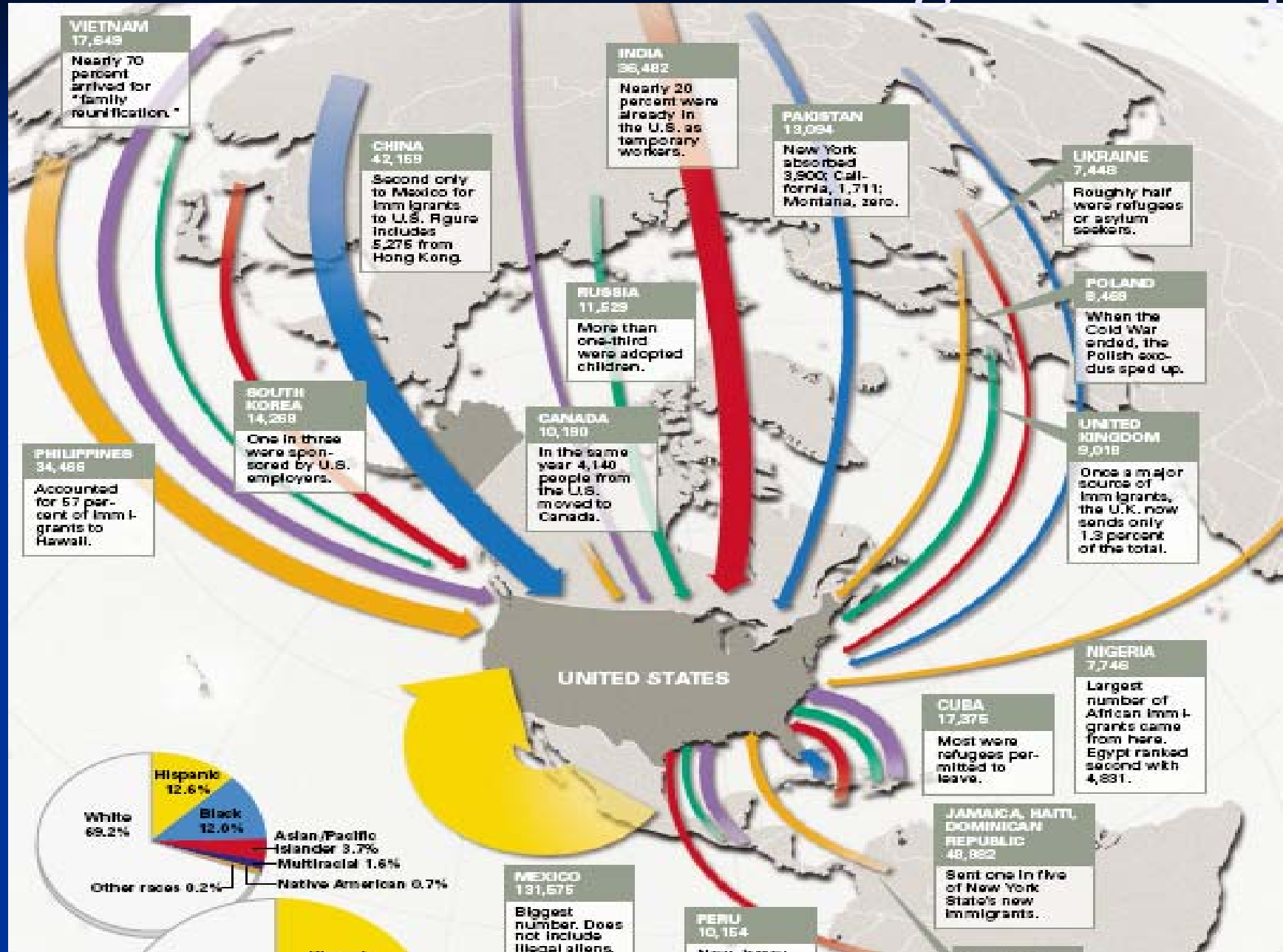
Source: The Center for Immigration Studies, 2005

Top Fifteen Countries of Origin

| | Region | Total | Year of Entry | | | |
|----|---------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | Pre-1980 | 1980-1989 | 1990-1999 | 2000-2005 |
| 1 | Mexico | 10,805,000 | 1,839,000 | 2,262,000 | 3,852,000 | 2,852,000 |
| 2 | China/ HK/ Taiwan | 1,833,000 | 359,000 | 473,000 | 646,000 | 355,000 |
| 3 | Philippines | 1,530,000 | 449,000 | 386,000 | 431,000 | 264,000 |
| 4 | India | 1,411,000 | 170,000 | 209,000 | 573,000 | 459,000 |
| 5 | El Salvador | 1,120,000 | 123,000 | 380,000 | 411,000 | 206,000 |
| 6 | Vietnam | 996,000 | 193,000 | 277,000 | 362,000 | 164,000 |
| 7 | Cuba | 948,000 | 435,000 | 171,000 | 214,000 | 128,000 |
| 8 | Dominican Republic | 695,000 | 145,000 | 206,000 | 223,000 | 121,000 |
| 9 | Canada | 674,000 | 344,000 | 49,000 | 165,000 | 116,000 |
| 10 | Korea | 672,000 | 167,000 | 225,000 | 153,000 | 127,000 |
| 11 | Russia | 621,000 | 46,000 | 79,000 | 397,000 | 99,000 |
| 12 | Jamaica | 607,000 | 148,000 | 202,000 | 195,000 | 62,000 |
| 13 | Great Britain | 589,000 | 272,000 | 89,000 | 121,000 | 107,000 |
| 14 | Haiti | 570,000 | 123,000 | 163,000 | 193,000 | 91,000 |
| 15 | Guatemala | 546,000 | 72,000 | 126,000 | 193,000 | 155,000 |

Source: The Center for Immigration Studies, 2005

Brief Information about Immigrant Groups



Source: National Geographic Society, 2001

What's Being Served at Your Thanksgiving Dinner this year?



Types of Migrants

- Immigrants and Emigrants
- Why do People Migrate?
 - Push Factors
 - Pull Factors
- Voluntary Migrants
- Forced/ Involuntary Migrants
- Economic/ Labor Migrants
- Sexual Migrants/ Migrant Sex Workers

Sources: International Organization for Migration, National Geographic Society, Agustin, L. (2006). The disappearing of a migration category and www.forcedmigration.org

Investigating Immigrant Sexual Health

- Why study sexual health and risk of immigrants to the US?
 - To understand risk and protective factors in diverse US populations
 - To be able to develop effective interventions
- Why study migration (as a process) and sexual health and risk?
 - To understand how, why, and under what conditions people move and the influences on sexual health
 - Migration as a “structural” (vs. individual behavioral) influence on health

Migration Processes and Sexual Health

- What theories have emerged from studies of migration and other health conditions?
 - Healthy migrant effect
 - Salmon bias
 - Second generation effects

Migration Processes and Sexual Health: Some Possible Pathways

- Population movements and bi-directional travel promote sexual mixing
- Immigrants face challenges that may expose them to risky environments or predispose them to risky behaviors
 - Unequal sex ratios
 - Long-term separation from partners
 - Social isolation
 - Discrimination
 - Poverty
 - Limited access to health services
 - Undocumented immigration status

Migration Processes and Sexual Health: Some Possible Pathways

■ Gender relations

- Gender-based power
- Gender roles
- Acculturation
- Who migrates and how? – in family groupings, couples, singles

■ Heterogeneity of immigrant groups

- Country of origin
- Reasons for migration
- Migration experiences
- Conditions in host country

Thank you

- Feel free to contact me at:
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- Each of our panel speakers will elaborate on the topics introduced here
- Stay tuned...