

Immigration Features

“Push” factors – What makes people want to leave their homeland?

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“Pull” factors – What makes people come to the US instead of other countries?

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US Immigration Policy

Before 1820 – immigrants were not counted

Involuntary immigration (importation) of Africans for slavery – ended 1808

1820-1880 – 70% came from NW Europe

1880-1920 – majority from SE Europe

1860-1880 – Asians to West Coast

1882 – Chinese Exclusion Act

1906 – “Gentlemen’s Agreement” with Japan

1924 – National Origins Act

Limit European immigration to 2% of its proportion in the US population in 1890

	Pros	Cons
Immigrant (individual)		
Country (USA)		