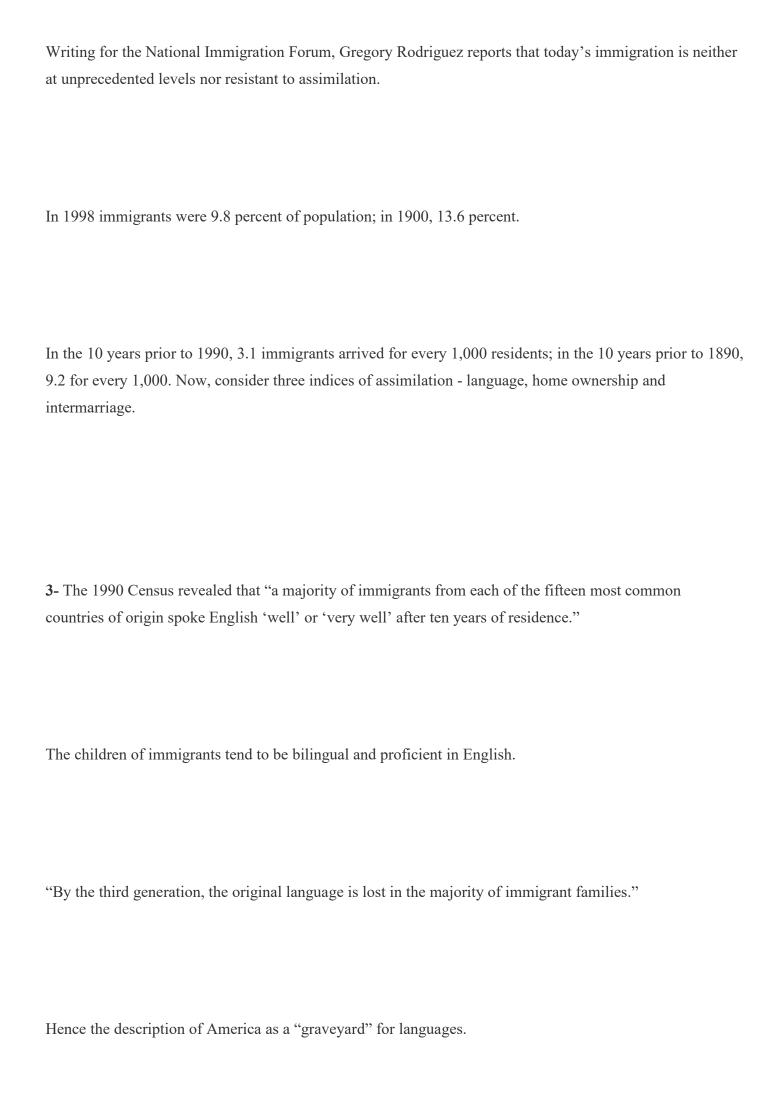
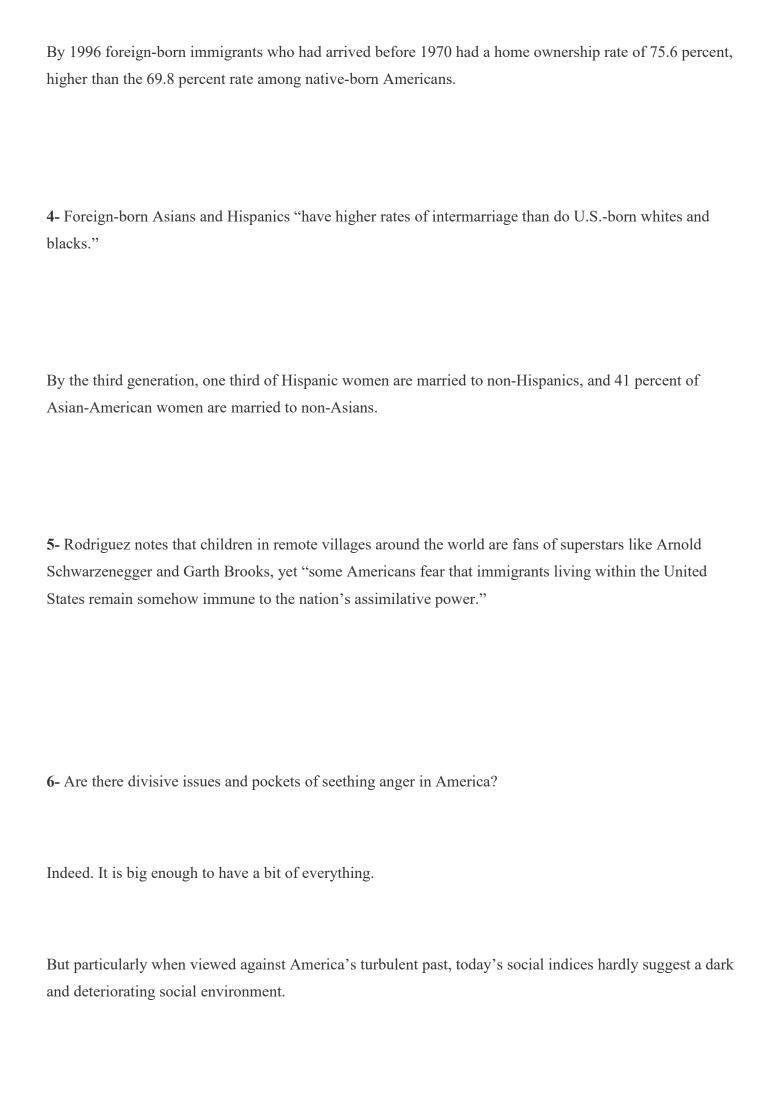
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People are absorbed into "a culture of consumption" launched by the 19th-century department stores that offered "vast arrays of goods in an elegant atmosphere. Instead of intimate shops catering to a knowledgeable elite" these were stores "anyone could enter, regardless of class or background. This turned shopping into a public and democratic act."
The mass media, advertising and sports are other forces for homogenization.
2- Immigrants are quickly fitting into this common culture, which may not be altogether elevating but is hardly poisonous.





[D] harmful