

## Ethnic Studies 21AC Lecture Notes

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### Issue of Migration

- Loaded because of how we have talked about migration and immigration in the US
- This is a hot topic in the US because we're being exposed to it because of the presidential elections
- Immigration is important because big electoral college are in states that have many immigrants.
- In 2004, proposition 187 was passed to limit rights of immigrants.
  - Legal residents who want to become permanent residents
- Immigrants are important, economically○Especially in agriculture
- Immigrants are important, socially
  - Are young, and high birth rates
  - Producing more than the Caucasian population
  - More immigrant children are entering the workforce
  - Acquired a great deal of power
    - Electing their own folks to office
- Immigrants are important, culturally
  - More people eating salad than ketchup
  - 60% of Mexican-made tortillas are sold to the United States
  - Physically – salsa, tango,-Immigration is a spatial experience
  - Little Tokyo, Chinatown, Little Saigon
  - Asian space, black Wednesday
- Men and women experience migration differently; gender and class cut-across all areas
  - Politically○Socially – Social Status, Class position
  - Economically – Wages because of gender
- 80% of political campaign money is from 10% of the US population

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- Migration – movement of the people; within or across geopolitical entity
  - Numbers – how many?
  - Flow of migration
    - Is it large or small? Does it start large or small?
    - Why do these flows fluctuate?
    - What is the composition of the flow?
      - Gender, economic background
- Emigration – movement within empire-Immigration Policy
  - Laws that influence migration – descending and receiving countries
- Citizenship (naturalization)
  - Naturalization – the process in which you become a citizen
  - Different kinds of citizenships
    - Political citizenship
    - Cultural citizenship
    - Social citizenships

- You can be legally but not socially – in an equitable matter
  - Suffrage to women – but women are still not treated equally, like in jobs
  - African American MEN were able to vote and become citizens because of the 14th amendment but they continue to have Unequal citizenship

-Migration/immigration policy/citizenship is a process and it depends on a number of factors in order to understand all the various lines and intersections.

-Articulation within the matrix

- outside of the matrix-Master Narratives
- Our interpretation of history

-Positioning/Positional

-Location

-“Capital”

- Economic
- Social
- Cultural-Beachhead
- Hired first Mexican waiter
- 10 years year, 80% of those who work in the back were from Mexico

-Destinations Points

- People tell people in their homeland of job opportunities

-Secondary Migration

- Once area saturated and become too expensive to live , people migrant

-Settlement

- They buy a house and settle-Return Migration

-Transnational Migration

- Migration that circulates and not one-way
- 50% of polish migrant to US went back to Poland and never came back