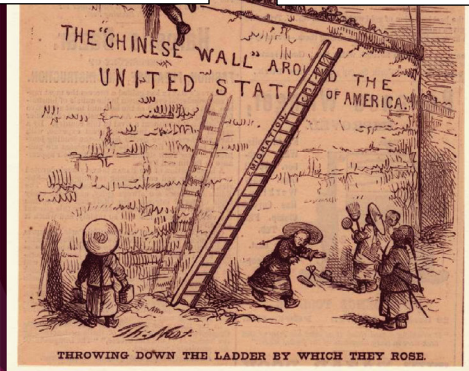


Opportunity and Precarity

As seen through US immigration history, such major shifts in the political economy create both "opportunity and precarity," as certain sectors of the economy decline, while others emerge and grow.

Correlating Decline and Growth

During such times, there is a correlation between declining industries and growing xenophobic sentiment deployed against migrants, particularly those considered nonwhite.



ANTI-CHINESE XENOPHOBIA

Civil War

1869
1865

Transcontinental Railroad

Incomplete Abolition of Slavery

The end of the US Civil War and the incomplete abolition of slavery (except as punishment for a crime) ushered a dramatic structural shift in the political economy.

Expanded Connection between Coasts

Combined with the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad that linked the economy between the two coasts, the US economy both expanded and transformed.

new migrants

cheap manufactured goods

high prices

high wages