

Party political reaction to the 1962 Commonwealth Immigrants Act

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	Birthplace	'New' Commonwealth ethnic origin
Total	53,826,375	-
UK	50,514,820 (94%)	-
Irish Republic	720,985 (1%)	-
Old Commonwealth	145,250 (0.3%)	-
New Commonwealth	1,157,170 (2%)	1,486,000
India	322,670	384,000
Pakistan	139,445	169,000
West Indies	302,970	548,000
Cyprus	72,665	155,000
Africa	176,060	157,000
Other	143,355	73,000
Foreign (not stated)	1,076,935	-

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A number of commentators in both newspapers and journals have implied that the high rates of out-migration from Jamaica in the late 70s were essentially a response to the democratic socialist policies of the Manley administration in that country. Although MPs do not always make their line of reasoning clear — and the brevity of recorded minutes often strips down speeches to vague assertions — it is possible to discern different streams of opinion.

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In fact, the population of Britain has always been composed of different peoples. Indeed, Britain continued to decline as a world power in the post-war years and was forced to give up much of its empire. Spencer British Immigration Policy pp132-3.

The Passage of the 1962 Commonwealth Immigrants Act, a Case

Under capitalism workers are forced to compete for the scarce economic resources available to the working class. If we look at the recent past we can point to the failure to introduce identity cards and the obligations created by membership of the EU. The numbers that swung the argument were of Commonwealth and Colonial immigrants, who were overwhelmingly Black or Asian.

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It institutionalised the idea that immigrants alone were responsible for the rapidly deteriorating conditions which most workers were suffering. In California Order 187 seeks to deny healthcare and education to the children of 'illegal' immigrants.

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Contrary to 'popular' and racist mythology, many of the Caribbean workers who came to Britain in the 1950s and 1960s were highly skilled workers, but once here racism ensured that virtually all were forced into semi-skilled or unskilled work--often in those areas which had been

partially deserted by the indigenous workforce in favour of the higher pay and better conditions in industries associated with new technology.

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If the Tories succeed in pushing this legislation through, every non-white worker in Britain will be targeted as a potentially 'illegal' immigrant. The Monday Club became much quieter after Mrs Thatcher took over as Conservative leader 1975, as her strong views tended to converge with theirs on many matters, including immigration and race.

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Last night, , where immigration became a controversial topic and was used to reason why Labour lost a safe seat to the Conservatives.

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At the 1974 general election, a Sikh man unsuccessfully stood as a single-issue candidate in Ealing.

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