First Wave: 1840s and 1850s

* **Who?**
  + Irish and German Catholics
* **Why?**
  + Industrialization and famine; political upheaval (Germans)
* **US at the time?**
  + Era of westward expansion; abundant land and (after California gold rush began) capital, shortage of labor
* **Popular reaction?**
  + Know Nothing Movement formed in 1843, won 22% of seats in the US House of Representatives in 1854 election
* **Government reaction?**
  + “Open border” policy for white immigrants maintained until 1880s; restrictions focused on naturalization, not immigration

Second Wave: 1890s to WWI

* **Who?**
  + Jews, Catholics, and Orthodox Christians from southern, central, and eastern Europe were migrating to the East Coast of the US. Chinese, Japanese, and (after 1900) Mexicans were migrating to the West Coast.
* **Why?**
* **US at the time?**
* **Popular reaction?**
* **Government reaction?**

Third Wave: 1965 to Present

* **Who?**
  + Increased migration from Latin America, Asia, Africa; massive growth in illegal immigration
* **Why?**
* **US at the time?**
* **Popular reaction?**
* **Government reaction?**