# Aim: Were immigrants to the U.S. welcomed or met with scorn during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century?

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**Define Tenement** 

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Populism & Immigration Quiz: Friday

#### **Ellis Island**

- Most European immigrants came through here. (NYC)
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class passengers were inspected on the ship then released.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> class had to go in to be inspected.
- A series of medical and legal inspections would take place before you were allowed to take a ferry in to the city.
- Ellis Island was the more welcoming of the two ports.

#### **Angel Island**

- Most Chinese and Asian immigrants came through here (San Francisco Bay)
- Opened in 1910.
- Made it very hard for Chinese immigrants to come into the U.S.
- Most had to prove they were American citizens to be let in.
- Immigrants were sometimes left here for days or weeks in poor conditions.





## **Nativism**

belief that native born white Americans were superior to immigrants.

- opposed to immigration

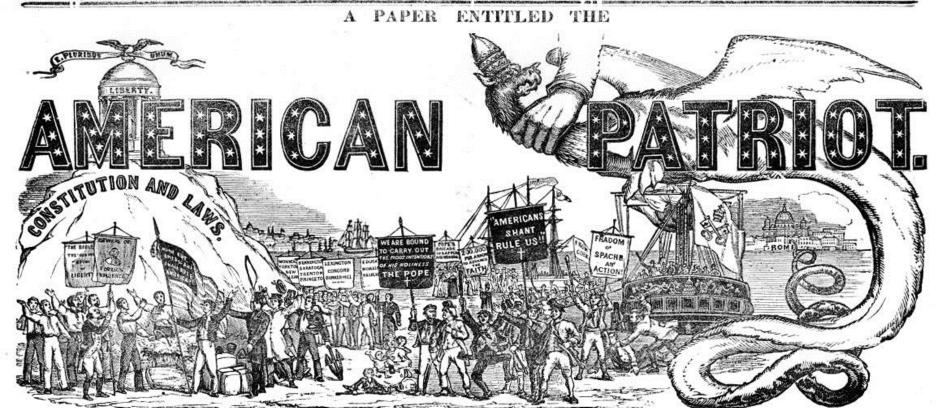
## **Early Nativism**

The Know Nothings (American Party) - 1854



### AMERICAN CITIZENS!

We appeal to you in all calmness. Is it not time to pause? Already the enemies of our dearest institutions, like the foreign spies in the Trojan horse of old, are within our gates. They are disgorging themselves upon us, at the rate of Hundreds of Thousands every year! They aim at nothing short of conquest and supremacy over us.



#### IN FAVOR OF

The protection of American Mechanics against Foreign Pauper Labor.

Foreigners having a residence in the country of 21 years before voting.

Our present Free School System.

Carrying out the laws of the State, as regards sending back Foreign Paupers and Criminals.

#### **OPPOSED** TO

Papal Aggression & Roman Catholicism. Foreigners holding office.

Raising Foreign Military Companies in the United States.

Nunneries and the Jesuits.

To being taxed for the support of Foreign paupers millions of dollars yearly. To secret Foreign Orders in the U.S.

We are burdened with enormous taxes by foreigners. We are corrupted in the morals of our youth. We are interfered with in our government. We are forced into collisions with other nations. We are tampered with in our religion. We are injured in our labor. We are assailed in our freedom of speech.

The PATRIOT is Published by J. E. Farwell & Co., 32 Congress St., Boston, And for Sale at the Periodical Depots in this place. Single copies 4 Cents.

## Mid- 19<sup>th</sup> century Nativism

 Largely anti-Catholic, anti-Irish. Response to large wave of immigration 1840s and 50s W. COLE, No. 8 Ann-st.

CROCERY CART AND HARNESS FOR SA July Line of Second order, and one chestnut horse, 8 years old excellent saddle horse; can be ridden by a lady. Also, young man wanted, from 16 to 13 years of age, able to will not be need apply. CLUFF & TUNIS, No. 270 Wington-st., corner of Myrtle-sv., Brooklyn.

DILLIARD TABLE FOR SALE—Of Leona Dimanufacture; been used about hine months. Also, tures of a Bar-room. Inquire on the premises. No.



## Reasons for Late 19<sup>th</sup>, early 20<sup>th</sup> c. Nativism

#### Economic

- Competition for Jobs
- New Social Theories
  - Influence of Social Darwinism, Eugenics, racism maintain racial purity and social stability (prevent crime, poverty, etc.)
  - Concerns about <u>assimilation</u> become part of American culture
- Political
  - Fear of radicalism (socialism/communism/anarchism)
  - Continued Anti-Catholicism
  - Anti-Semitism

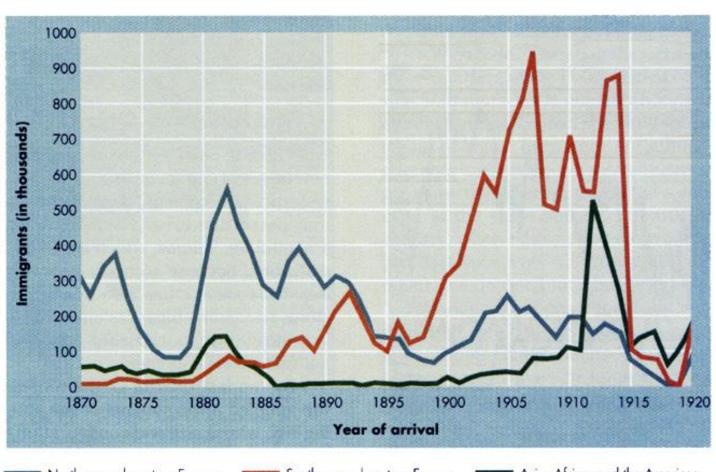
## Manifestation of Nativism – late 19<sup>th,</sup> Early 20<sup>th</sup> century

- Anti-East Asian Immigration
  - Chinese Exclusion Act (1881) began prohibition
  - Gentleman's Agreement (1907) –denial of Passport to Japanese laborers
- Anti-Southern and East European
  - Literacy Test Act (first proposed 1896, passed
     1917) required ability to read
- Rise of New Ku Klux Klan (1915)

## Immigration Restrictions before 1920

- 1881 Chinese Exclusion Act
- 1907 Gentleman's Agreement
- 1917 Literacy Test Act

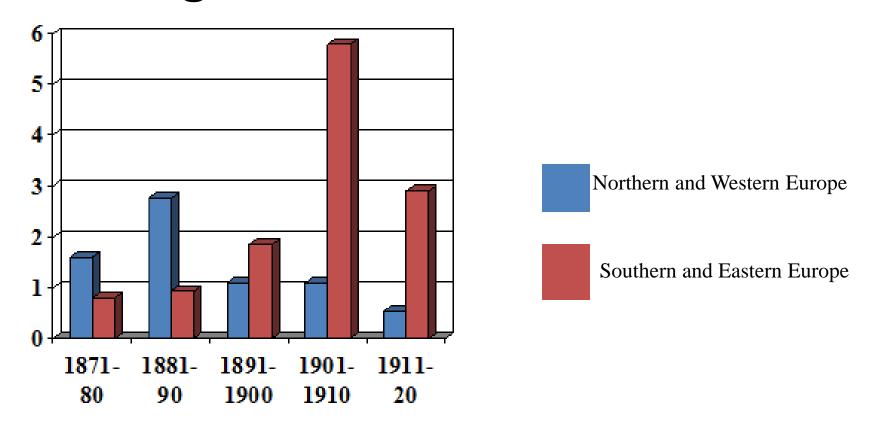
#### Immigration to the United States, 1870–1920



Northern and western Europe —— Southern and eastern Europe —— Asia, Africa, and the Americas

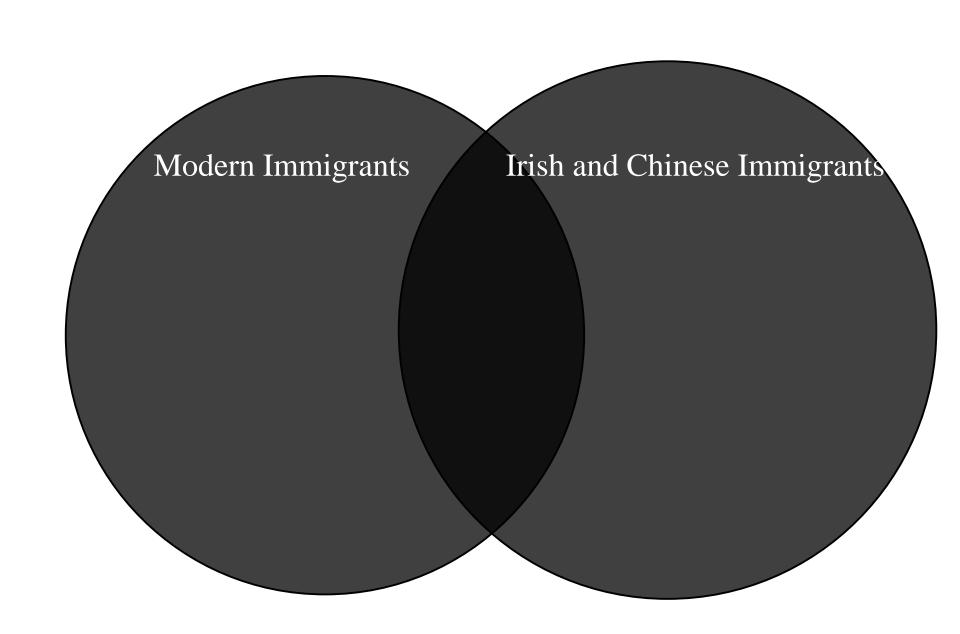
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

## Immigration, "Old and New"

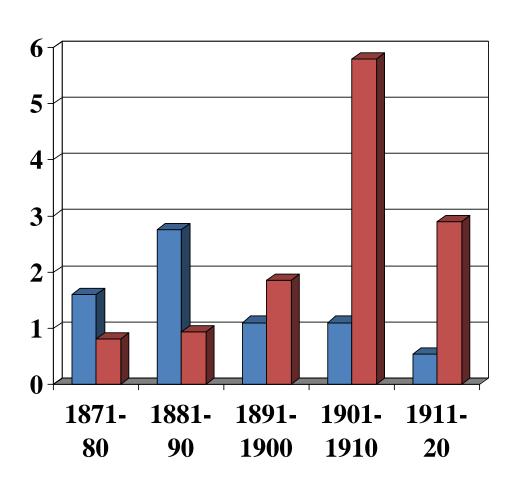


Old Immigration – Primarily from Northern and
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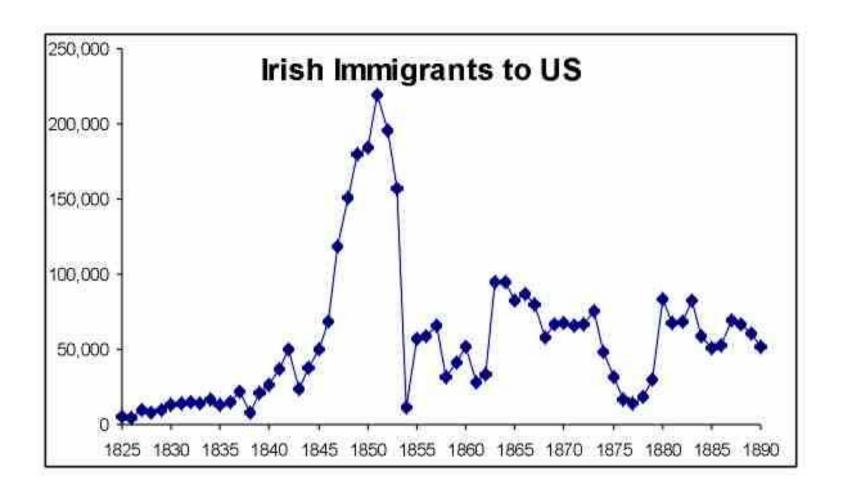
New Immigration – Primarily from Southern and Eastern Europe (1890s to early 1920s)

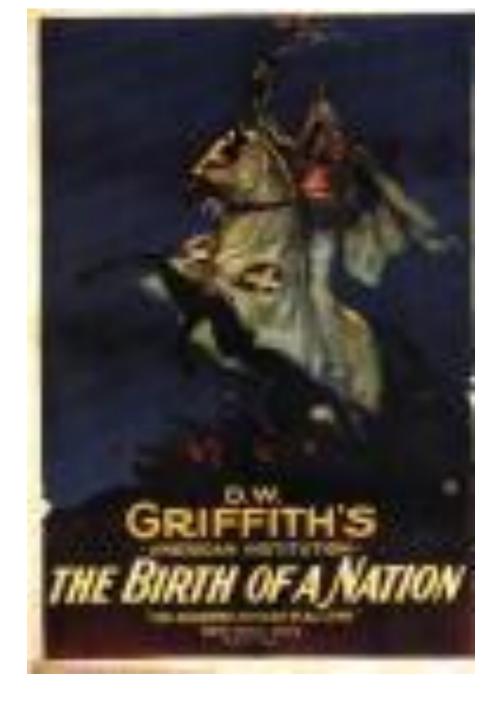


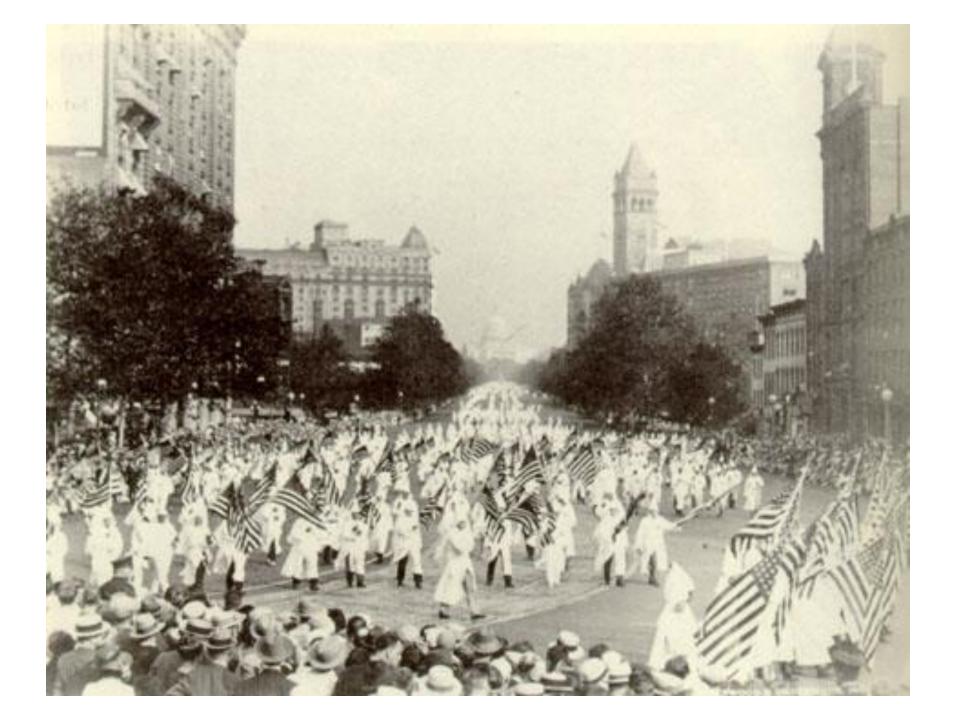
## Immigration, "Old and New"



- Old Immigrants (North and West Europe)
- New Immigrants (South and East Europe)





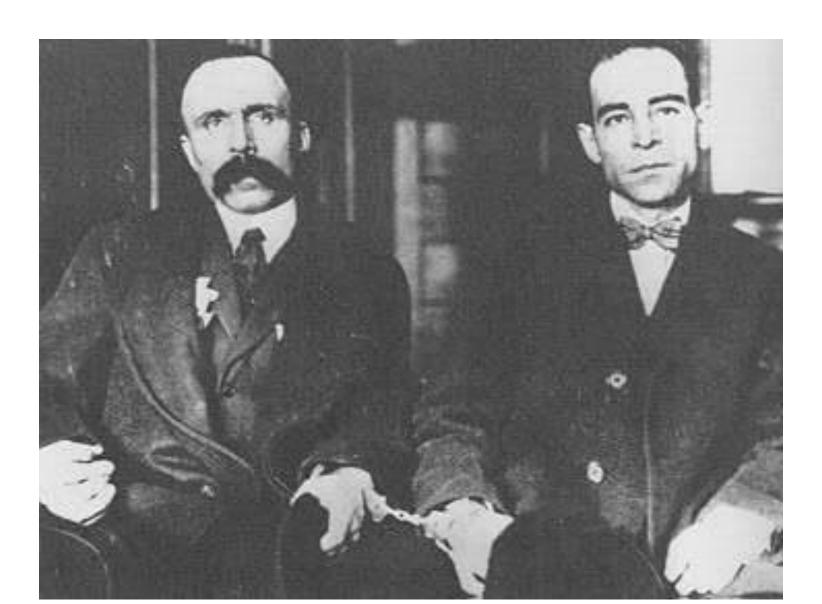


## Manifestation of Nativism 1920s

- Re-emergence of the Ku Klux Klan
- Red Scare (1919-21)



## Sacco and Venzetti



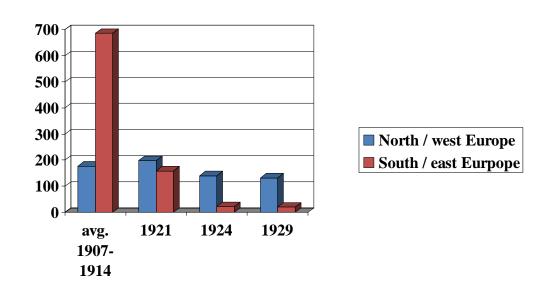
## Immigration Restrictions – 1920s

 1921 – 3% of total of that nationality according to 1910 census

 1924 – 2% of total of that nationality according to 1890 census

## Impact of Immigration restrictions (in

thousands)



## **Essay Writing**

## Thesis – Too Vague

 There were many reasons why people supported immigration and many reasons why people opposed it. By the 1920's, Congress passed many laws restricting immigration

## **Good Thesis**

 While many Americans believed that American culture and the economy benefitted from open immigration, others believed that immigration posed a threat to the American way of life and to jobs. By the 1920s opponents of immigration had persuaded Congress to impose harsh restrictions on those arriving from areas outside of Western Europe.

## A good topic sentence

Business leaders and those who wanted the U.S. to remain a land of opportunity were often the biggest supporters of open immigration.