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Immigration Politics and Policy
GO 315 (4 credits)
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Immigration is one of the most important forces in American society today –re-shaping cities, suburbs, and rural areas, altering racial dynamics, influencing families, education, culture, labor markets, and politics. This class will examine these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective incorporating readings from economics, sociology, demography, and political science as well as the depiction of immigration in popular culture. Some of the topics we will address are: the historical evolution of American immigration policy, push and pull theories of immigration, the economic costs and benefits of immigration, the assimilation of recent immigrant, and the future direction of US immigration policy.

Readings

Daniel Tichenor, Daniel J. *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America* (2002).
Jorge Durand, Nolan J. Malone, and Douglas S. Massey, *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Era of Economic Integration* (2003)
George Borjas, *Heaven's Door: Immigration Policy and the American Economy* (2001)
Samuel P. Huntington, *Who Are We: The Challenges to America's National Identity* (2004)

You should complete the assigned reading and assignment before class. Class will consist primarily of discussion and student presentations.

REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

As befitting your status at one of the “New Ivies”, I have high expectations of student performance. Grades will be determined by student performance on all of the following

1. Class participation/presentations (10%)
2. Explanation of Major U.S. Immigration Legislation 3-4 pages (15%)
3. Migration Paper 3-4 pages (15%)
4. Economic Analysis of Immigration 3-4 pages (15%)
5. Huntington paper 3-4 pages (15%)
6. Final policy paper 10-12 pages (30%)

COURSE ABSENCES

A well functioning class that promotes learning requires good attendance. You are allowed two personal days (absences), after that I will deduct 2.5% from your final grade. For example, you receive a 90%, but have missed four classes; your final grade is an 85%. You have an unlimited number of excused absences for illnesses, family crises, etc, though they count against your two absences. For each of these absences, you must provide written excuse from the Dean of Students' office.

Sep 7 Introduction – Why Study Immigration?

Section I. US Immigration Policy: Past and Present

Sep 9 Theoretical Foundations of Immigration Policy Reform

Tichenor, Ch. 2 “The Politics of Immigration Control: Understanding the Rise and Fall of Policy Regimes”
Tichenor, Ch. 3 “Immigrant Voters in a Partisan Polity: European Settlers, Nativism and American Immigration Policy, 1776-1896.”

Sep 14 The Politics of Restrictionist Immigration Policy: Closing the Door?

Tichenor, Ch. 4 “Chinese Exclusion and Precocious State-Building in the 19th-Century American Policy”
Tichenor, Ch. 5 “Progressivism, War, and Scientific Policymaking: The Rise of the National Origins Quota System, 1900-1928”

Sep 16 The Politics of Immigration Policy Reform: Open- and Closed-Doors Policies

Tichenor, Ch. 6 “Two-Tiered Implementation: Jewish Refugees, Mexican Guestworkers, and Administrative Politics.”

Tichenor, Ch. 7 “Strangers in Cold War America: The Modern Presidency, Committee Barons, and Postwar Immigration Politics.”

Sep 21 The Politics of Immigration Policy Reform: The Prelude and Rise of the Restrictionist (and Expansionist) Approach to Illegal Immigration

Tichenor, Ch 8 “The Rebirth of American Immigration: The Rights Revolution, New Restrictionism, and Policy Deadlock.”

Tichenor, Ch. 9 “Two Faces of Expansion: The Contemporary Politics of Immigration Reform.”

Sep 23 Tichenor Catch-up Day.

Sep 28 A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Politics and Policies

Gary P. Freeman and Bob Birrell. Divergent Paths of Immigration Politics in the United States and Australia, Population and Development Review, Vol. 27, No. 3 (Sep., 2001), pp. 525-551 902.

Christian Joppke. Are "Nondiscriminatory" Immigration Policies Reversible? Evidence from the United States and Australia. Comparative Political Studies, Vol. 38, No. 1, 3-25 (2005)

Sep 31 Policy Paper Due

Section II. Immigration Policy and the Mexican Immigration System or Do Fences Work?

Sep 30 Why do people migrate?

Massey, Chapters 1-3, p. 1-51

Oct 5 History of US-Mexico Migration

Massey, Chapters 4-5 p. 52-104

Oct 7 Policy Implications

Massey, Chapter 6 and 7 p. 105-164

Optional: 10 minute video Gaming the Border: a Report from Cochise County, Arizona

<http://cis.org/Videos/GamingtheBorder-CochiseCounty>

Oct 12 A Contrasting Perspective

Gary P. Freeman, Can Liberal States Control Unwanted Migration? The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Vol. 534, No. 1, 17-30 (1994)

Mark Krikorian, Immigration Enforcement? Yes, We Can! August 2008 <http://www.cis.org/node/742>

Marti Dinerstein, IDs for Illegals, The Matricula Consular Advances Mexico's Citizenship Agenda

<http://www.cis.org/MatriculaConsular-IDCards>

Mark Krikorian, Enforcement at Work: The strategy of attrition is bearing fruit,

<http://www.cis.org/OpedsandArticles/EnforcementatWork>

Steven A. Camarota “Use Enforcement to Ease Situation,”

<http://www.cis.org/articles/2005/camerataoped1005.html>

Oct 14 Obama Administration Policy

Brick by Brick: A Half-Decade of Immigration Enforcement and the Need for Immigration Reform

June 28, 2010 - C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., Center for American Progress

http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/06/pdf/dhs_enforcement.pdf

James McKinley Jr. “Napolitano Focuses on Immigration Enforcement,” *New York Times*, August 11, 2009. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/12/us/12border.html>

Peter Slevin, Deportation of Immigrants Increases Under Obama Administration,

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/25/AR2010072501790.html>
NYT Op-ed, Immigrant Bait and Switch, Aug 17, 2010,
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/18/opinion/18wed3.html>
It's Official: We Are an America That Deports 393,000 People a Year
http://americasvoiceonline.org/blog/entry/its_official_we_are_an_america_that_deports_393000_people_a_year/
Office of Homeland Security, "Immigration Enforcement Actions: 2009, Annual Report,"
www.ilw.com/immigrationdaily/news/2010.0819-dhs.pdf
Center for Constitutional Rights, Briefing Guide to Secure Communities ,
http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/uploadedFiles/Cardozo/Profiles/immigrationlaw-741/NDLON_FOIA_Briefing%20guide.final.pdf
Michael Dukakis and Daniel Mitchell, "Raise Wages, Not Walls," *New York Times* OP-Ed, July 25, 2006.
Alan Greenblat, "The Immigration Debate," in *CQ Researcher* 18(5): 97-120. February 1, 2008.

Oct 15 Migration paper due.

Section III. Economic Impact of Immigration: Who wins, who loses?

Oct 19 Who comes to America?

Borjas, Heaven's Door, Preface, Ch 1, 2, 3

Oct 21 Who wins and loses from immigration?

Borjas, Heaven's Door, 4, 5, 6

Oct 26 An Economic Approach to Immigration- A Point System

Borjas, Heaven's Door, Ch 10-11

Oct 28 The Opposing View

Executive Office of the President, Council of Economic Advisers, [Immigration's Economic Impact](#), Washington, DC: June 20, 2007, p 1-8

Roger Lowenstein, The Immigration Equation, *New York Times*, July 9, 2006

Giovanni Peri, The Effects of Immigrants on US Productivity and Employment, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Aug 30, 2010, <http://www.frbsf.org/publications/economics/letter/2010/el2010-26.html>

Fiscal Policy Institute, Executive Summary, "[Working for a Better Life: A Profile of Immigrants in the New York State Economy](#)," 2007, p. 1-4

Skim Ira Gang and Ann Piehl, Program on Immigrant and Democracy, [Destination New Jersey: How Immigrants Benefit The State Economy](#)

Nov 2 Brain Circulation

AnnaLee Saxenian, Brain Circulation: How High-Skill Immigration Makes Everyone Better Off, The Brookings Institution http://www.brookings.edu/articles/2002/winter_immigration_saxenian.aspx

AnnaLee Saxenian, The New Argonauts, Chapter 1 http://thenewargonauts.com/SAXNEW_excerpt.pdf

Skim Richard Florida, Creative Class War: How the GOP's anti-elitism could ruin America's economy. January/February 2004 *Washington Monthly*,
<http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2004/0401.florida.html>

Nov 4 Economics Wrap-Up Day

Readings TBD

Nov 5 Economics and Immigration Paper due

Section IV American Identity in an Era of Mass Immigration- The Huntington Challenge

Nov 9 A Crisis in American Identity

Huntington, Foreword, Ch 1 and 3

Nov 11 The American Identity

Huntington, Ch 4-6, 59-141

Rogers Smith, Alien Rights, Citizen Rights, in Swain, Debating Immigration p. 114-129

Nov 16 Challenges to American Identity

Huntington, Ch 7 Deconstructing America, and Ch 8 Assimilation

Peruse nativist websites <http://www.fairus.org> and Dick Lamm, [How to Destroy America](#) - Ewa Morawska, Transnationalism

Nov 18 Assimilation

Huntington, Ch. 9 Mexican Immigration and Hispanization

Jack Citrin, et al. Testing Huntington: Is Hispanic Immigration a Threat to American Identity?

Perspectives on Politics (2007), 5:1:31-48

--See also Pew Hispanic Center, [Hispanic Attitudes Towards Learning English](#)

--See also Jeffrey Passell, Pew Hispanic Center, [Growing Share of Immigrants Choosing Naturalization](#)

Nov 23 Renewing American Identity

Huntington, Ch 11 and 12

Zolberg. Why Islam is like Spanish: Cultural Incorporation in Europe and the United States, Politics & Society, 1999

Peruse Center for Immigration The French Riots and U.S. Immigration Policy Panel Transcript,

http://www.cis.org/articles/2005/frenchriots_transcript.html

Nov 25 Huntington Conclusion

Nov 29 Huntington American Identity Paper Due

Section V. Presentations

Nov 30, Dec 2, 7, 9