The “Anglo” Americans

Population of Canada and the United States
Introduction

• Both the United States and Canada have been highly influenced by immigration
  – Most Canadians and Americans can trace their roots to Europe, Africa, or Asia

• Land inhabited by indigenous natives prior to European migration
  – Native Americans now make up 1.7% of United States population
  – First Nations represent up to 4.3% of Canada’s population
Canadian Migration

- Canada originally colonized by France
  - Quebec still speaks variation of French
- Canada came under control of Britain in 1763
  - Still remains part of British commonwealth
Canada’s Aboriginal Population

Aboriginal Identity Population (2011 NHS = 1,400,685)

Aboriginal percentage of Provincial/Territorial population

Non-Aboriginal population

Sources:
- Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey; AANDC tabulations.
Early Immigration to the United States

Prior to 1840, 90% of U.S. immigration was from Britain

Two Big Waves:
- **1840 - 1930**: W. and N. European transitioning to Southern and Eastern European by 1910
  - Pre 1900s - Irish and Germans
  - Early 1900s: Italians and Eastern Europeans
- **1950 - Today**: Asians and Latin Americans; declining Europeans
  - Asians: China, India; 1980s -1990s: Philippines, Vietnam, and South Korea
  - Central Americans and Caribbean
Trends of Migration to the U.S.

Destinations of U.S. Immigrants - ethnic neighborhoods often result of chain migration

– Mexicans: California, Texas, Illinois, New York
– Caribbean: Florida or New York
– Chinese and Indians: New York & California
– Other Asians: West Coast
U.S. Immigration Policies

- 1882, Bars Asian immigration for ten years (extended)
- 1921, Quota Act - country by country quotas
- 1924 National Origins Act - country by country quotas
- 1965, Immigration Act - quotas for countries replaced, in 1968, with hemisphere quotas of 170,000 for East and 120,000 for West
- 1978, Immigration Act - global quota of 290,000
- 1980, Refugee Act - quotas do not apply to those seeking political asylum
- 1986, Immigration Reform and Control Act admitted large numbers of former illegals.
- 1990, Immigration Act raised global quotas to roughly 675,000
- 1995, visas issued Preferentially:
  - 480,000 - to relatives of people here
  - 140,000 - to those with special skills and education
  - 55,000 - to diversity candidates (i.e., mostly not from Latin Amer. or Asia)

Current Total: 675,000
US Population by Race and Ethnicity, 1990-2050

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Top 10 Countries of Origin for US Legal Immigrants, 1998

- Mexico
- China
- India
- Philippines
- Dominican Republic
- Vietnam
- Cuba
- Jamaica
- El Salvador
- Korea

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