Immigrants and Immigration to the US

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Figure 3. Contexts of reception of recent immigrant groups in the United States, 1990.


note: The four figures for each nationality are absolute numbers of foreign-born persons from that nationality in 1990, followed by the percentage of adults who completed four years or more of college, the median household income in 1989 dollars, and the poverty rate.

- Accrued in recent years only to legal refugee groups.
- Accrued primarily to white immigrants.
- Experienced primarily by nonwhite immigrants.
- Foreign-born groups of fewer than 100,000 not concentrated in a particular location.
### Table 17
Political Orientations of Contemporary Immigrants

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<td>Salience of politics</td>
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<td>Locus of early political concerns</td>
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One of three research projects in which CVIIC has been involved in since 2017.

CVIIC conducted the field research.

Research coordinated by California Institute for Rural Studies (CIRS) and funded by San Joaquin Valley Health Fund.

Lead author, Ed Kissam.

Project interviewed over 600 people throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Also organized 8 focus groups, various ethnicities.

Has produced 4 reports.

Research findings useful to develop 2 amicus briefs to oppose citizenship question.

Sites:
- https://www.shfcenter.org/San-Joaquin-Valley-Census-Research-Project
- https://CVIIC.org
Some Key Findings

Adding the citizenship question dramatically decreases willingness to participate in Census 2020.

Most survey respondents (84%) were willing to respond to a “simple” census without the citizenship question, but if the citizenship question were added, only 46% said they would be willing to participate.

Latinos in Study:

Only 25% of **undocumented** said they would participate in a census with the citizenship question.

**Legal resident** response would drop from 85% to 63%.

**Naturalized citizen** participation would drop from 89% to 70%.

**Second generation** Latino participation would drop from 89% to 49%.
Some Challenges to Achieve Complete and Accurate Count

• Some rural communities have no home mail delivery. U.S. Census Bureau does not deliver to P.O. boxes. Applies to 28% of respondents.

• 24% of Latino respondents lack internet access. While more than 90% of the respondents 25 years of age or younger had Internet access, less than 20% of the older respondents (65+) did.

• 22% of Latino respondents live in complex households – multiple families under one roof.

• (37%) of the first-generation Latino immigrants have only an elementary school education and know only a little English or no English.