

# Shifting Narratives

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Removing "Illegal" from the Word Immigrant

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# History of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment



**Alien & Sedition Act**

1798



**Japanese Confinement**

1941



**Latino Segregation**

1946



**Latino Mobilization**

2006

From hate  
speech and  
hate-  
motivated  
behavior to  
hate crimes

Go back  
to your  
country

Immigrants  
are criminals

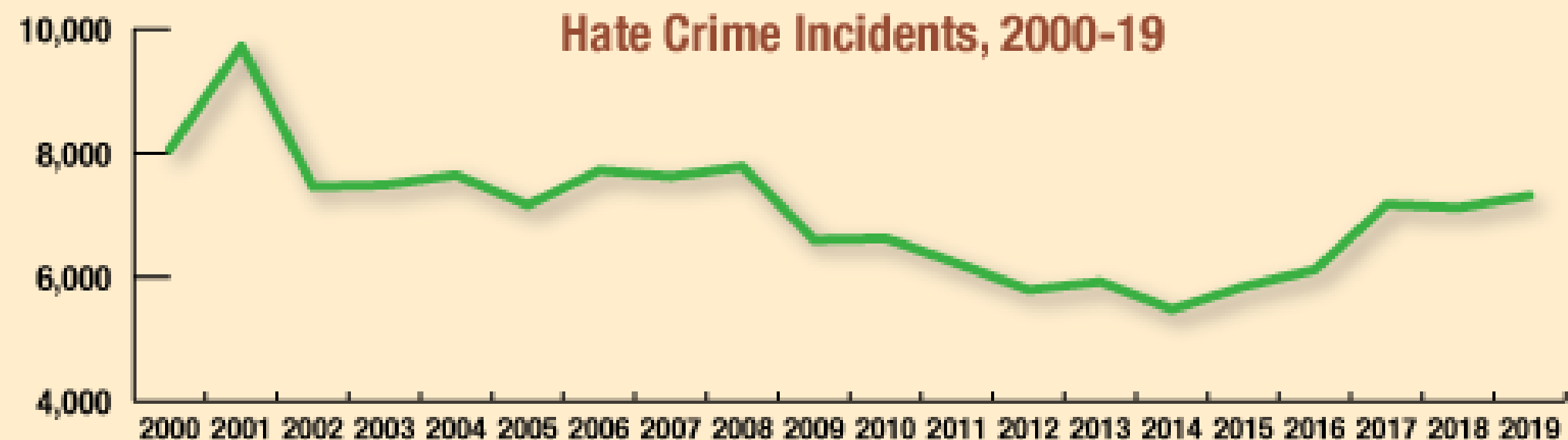
Build  
the  
Wall

# FBI

Hate Crime Statistics  
2016-2019

## Hate Crimes on the Rise Again

After reaching a peak of 9,730 incidents in 2001, the year of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, hate crimes declined to a 20-year low of 5,479 in 2014, according to FBI data. Since then, such crimes have been rising, reaching 7,314 incidents in 2019, the most recent year for which data are available.



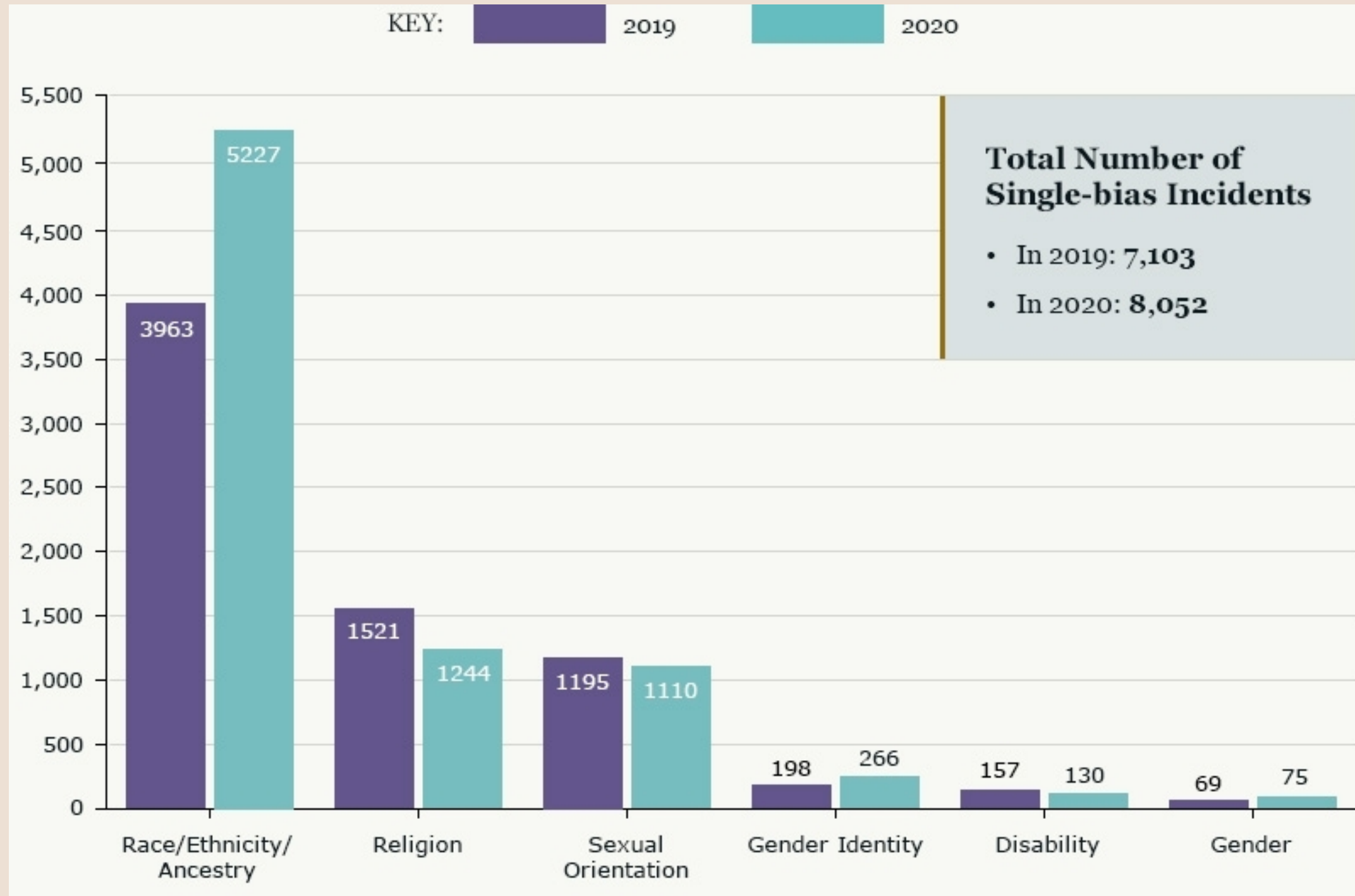
Source: "Hate Crime," FBI, accessed Aug. 4, 2021, <https://tinyurl.com/cx2zbhts>

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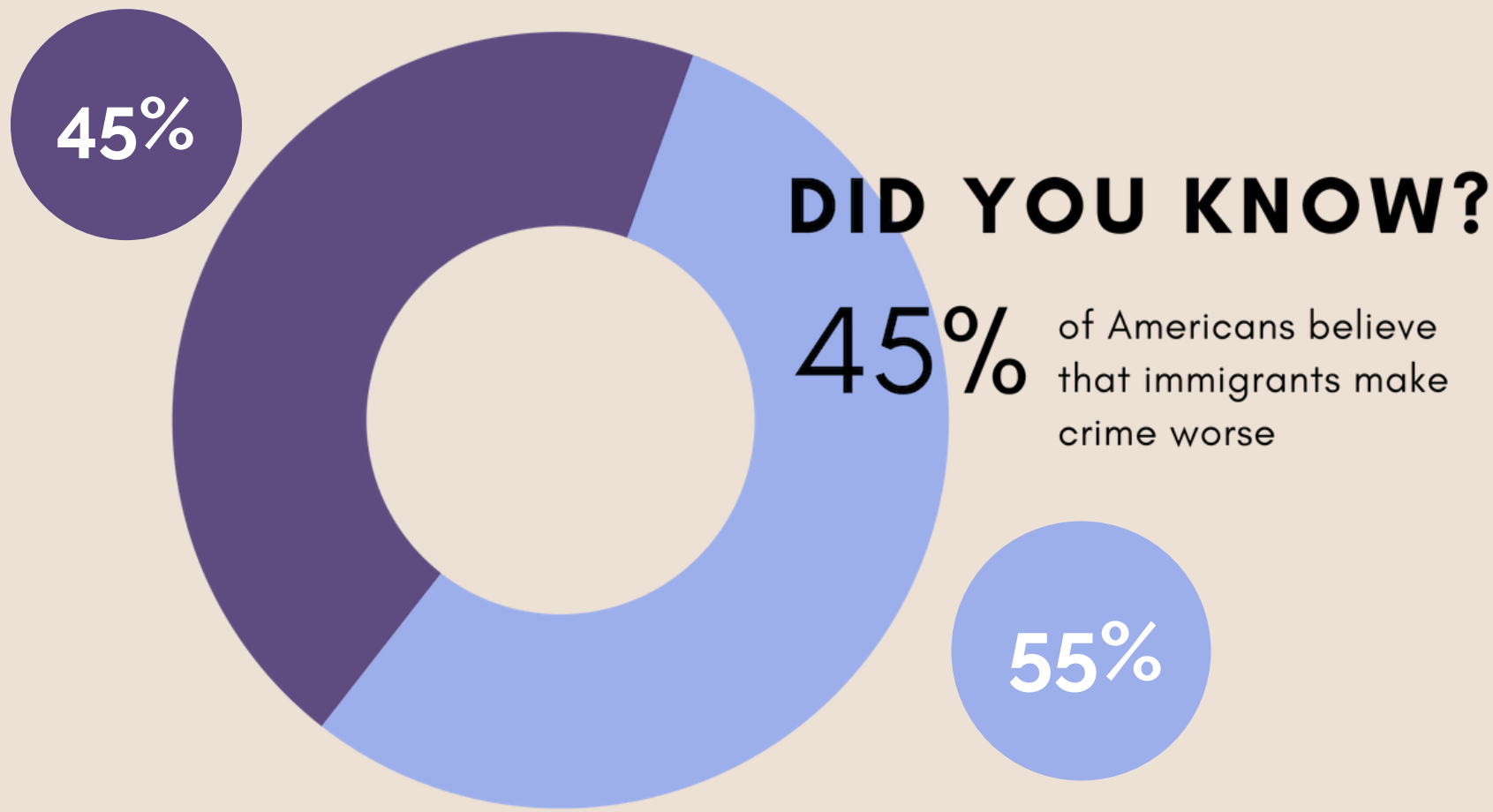
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## Hate Crime Statistics

2020



# False Narratives & Violent Rhetoric Against Immigrants



**America First**

**Speak in English**

**Immigrants steal our jobs**

# From 1990 – 2013,

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immigration in the United States increased significantly, including the number of undocumented immigrants, which more than tripled. During that time, the violent crime rate in this country declined **48%**.

# Family Separation

Zero-Tolerance Policy (2018)





# Immigrant's Impact

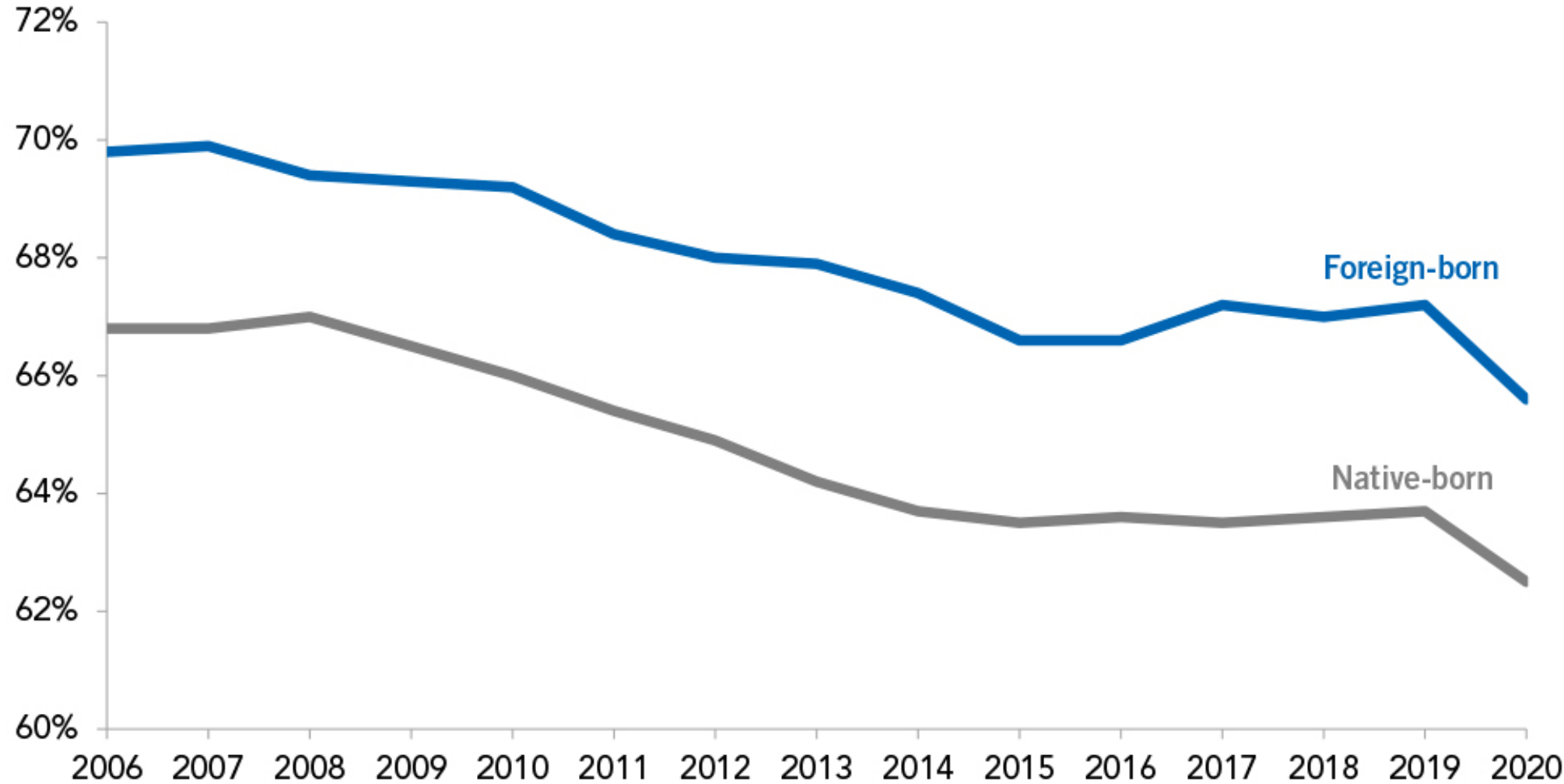
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## Economic & Cultural



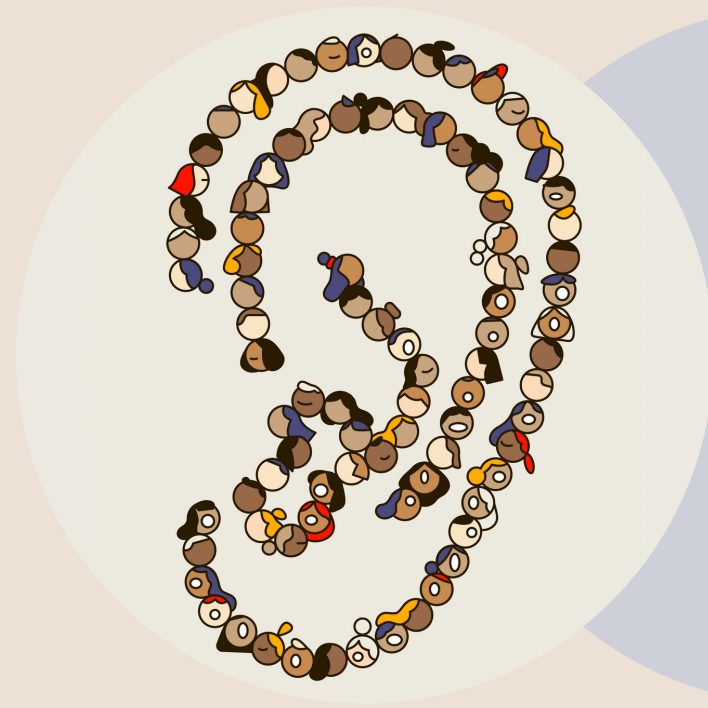
The foreign-born population has a higher labor force participation rate than does the native-born population

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE FOR INDIVIDUALS 25 AND OLDER



SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Foreign-Born Workers: Labor Force Characteristics* — 2020, May 2021; and previous editions.  
NOTES: The foreign-born population is defined as persons residing in the United States who were not U.S. citizens at birth. The foreign-born population includes legally-admitted immigrants, refugees, temporary residents such as students and temporary workers, and undocumented immigrants.

# Peace & Justice Institute



**Listen Deeply**

Principle #2



**Ask Open Questions**

Principle #4



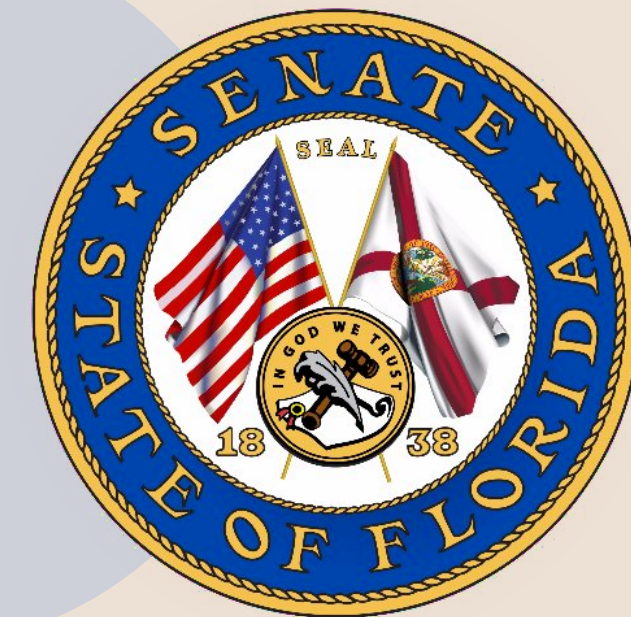
**Hospitable Community**

Principle #1

# Mainstream Media & Policy



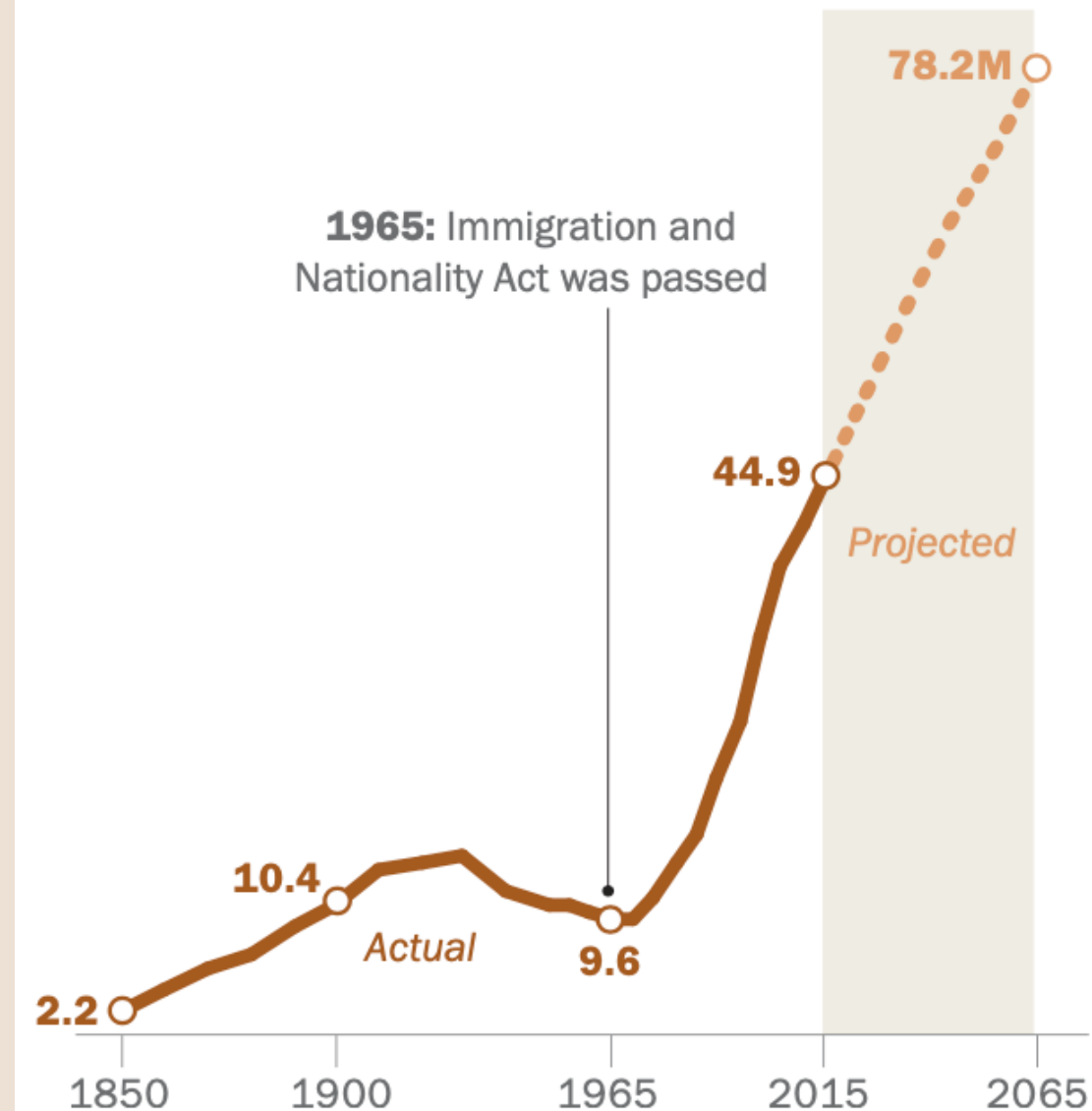
**H. R. 5378**  
House of Congress



**S. B. 1808**  
Florida Senate

There are more than **45 million** immigrants in the U.S.

**U.S. foreign-born population reached 45 million in 2015, projected to reach 78 million by 2065**



Source: Gibson and Jung (2006) for 1850 to 1890; Edmonston and Passel (1994) estimates for 1900-1955; Pew Research Center estimates for 1960-2015 based on adjusted census data; Pew Research Center projections for 2015-2065.

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# My Trip to Arizona



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# Conclusion

**Recognize**  
Immigrant's  
**accomplishments**  
and **struggles**

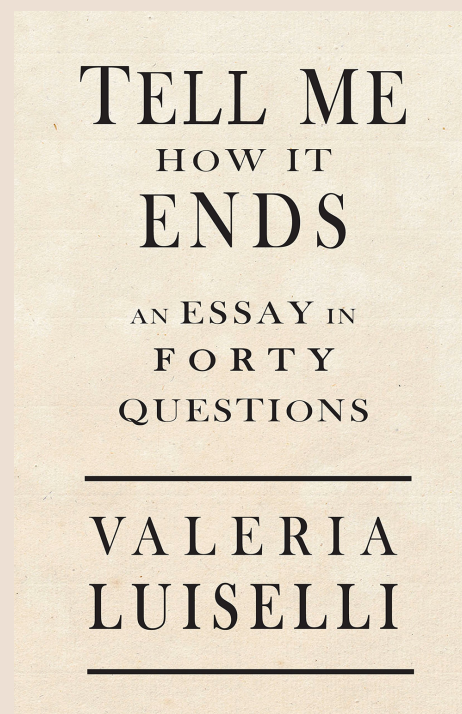
**Listen** and  
**educate** yourself  
on **immigrant's**  
**stories.**

**Vote** for  
politicians in favor  
of a **fair**  
**immigration**  
**system**

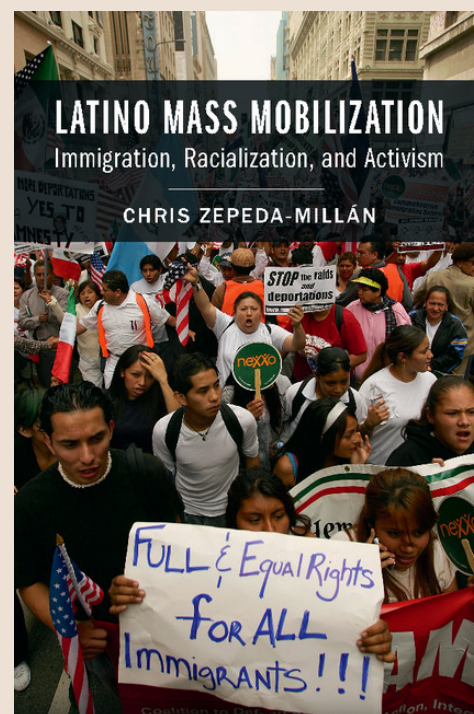
**Donate** and  
**volunteer** to  
organizations that  
help **refugees.**

# Resources

## BOOKS



**Tell Me How It Ends**  
Valeria Luiselli

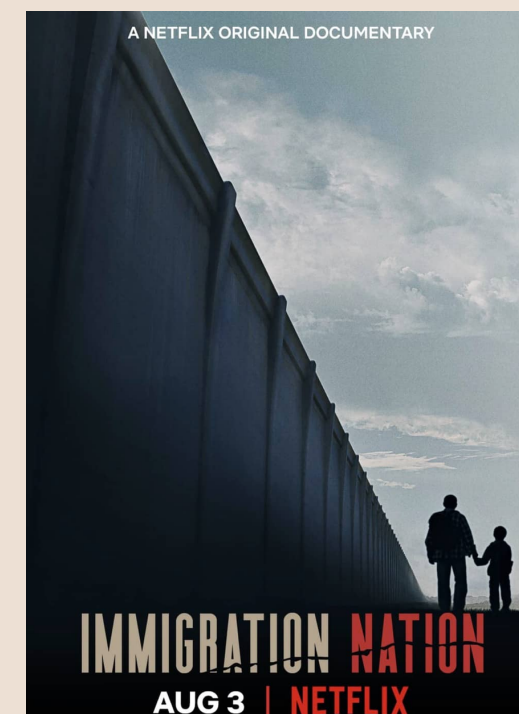


**Latino Mass Mobilization**  
Chris Zepeda-Millán

## DOCUMENTARIES



**Living Undocumented**  
Netflix 2019



**Immigration Nation**  
Netflix 2020

## PODCAST



**Modern Immigrant**  
By Vero



# Resources

## ORGANIZATIONS



**Humanitarian Action**

<https://humanitarianactionorg.com/>



**Amigos Center**

<https://amigoscenter.org/our-ministries/immigration-services-family/>



**Hope Community Center**

<https://www.hcc-offm.org/>



**United We Dream**

<https://unitedwedream.org/our-work/>



**Florida Immigrant Coalition**

<https://floridaimmigrant.org/>



**The Young Center For Immigrant  
Children's Rights**

<https://www.theyoungcenter.org/>

"To  
leave is  
to die  
a little

To  
arrive  
is never  
to  
arrive"

-The migrant's prayer-

Thank  
you for  
listening!

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