



Globalization, Migration and Ethnicity: Opportunities and Challenges

Uma A. Segal, Ph.D.

Professor, School of Social Work
Research Fellow, International Studies and Programs
University of Missouri – St. Louis, USA

&

Fulbright Scholar & Specialist
U.S. Department of State



May 17, 2018

1

Immigrants: 3.4% of World Population

- 258 million people reside outside the country of birth
- Affected are **receiving** and **transit** nations, *and* **sending** nations
- Affected are immigrants *and* host country natives



2

2

The Debate on Immigration

- Immigrants benefit the country
- Immigrants enhance the culture
- A country with more resources has an ethical responsibility to accept others in need

- Immigrants deplete the country
- Immigrants destroy the culture
- Immigration to a country is a privilege that has to be earned

3

3

Definitions: Migrant Populations

Immigration Status

Legal/Authorized

Unauthorized

Reason for Migration

Voluntary



Work related, family reunification



Overstays, illegal entrants

Involuntary



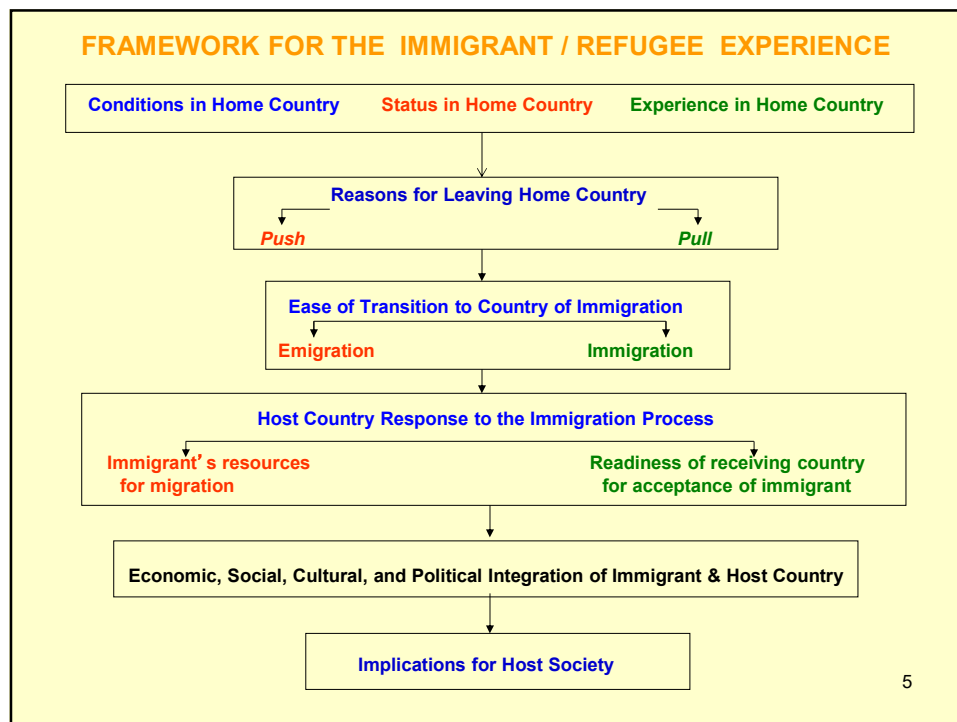
Refugees



Trafficked individuals

4


4



5

Migrant population data:

- World Population on **May 3, 2017** – **7.50+ billion**
- World Population on **May 3, 2018** – **7.62+ billion** (+100m)
- Less developed regions have 81% of world's population
- Of the 3.4% of world's immigrant population (258m)
 - About 64% in advanced (high income) economies
 - About 36% in developing (middle & low income) countries



www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/publications/migrationreport/docs/MigrationReport2017_Highlights.pdf

6

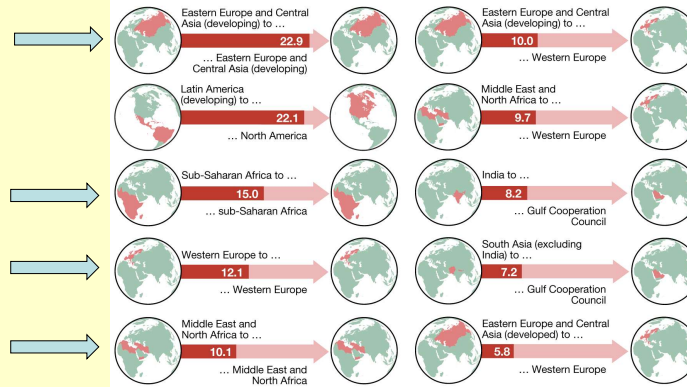
6

Most Migration Movements

<https://www.mckinsey.com/global-themes/employment-and-growth/global-migrations-impact-and-opportunity>

Most migration consists of people moving to another country in the same part of the world.

Top 10 regional movements,¹ total migrant population in millions, 2015



¹Includes movement both between and within regions.

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs; World Bank; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

McKinsey&Company

<https://www.mckinsey.com/-/media/McKinsey/Global%20Themes/Employment%20and%20Growth/Global%20migrations%20impact%20and%20opportunity/MGI-People-on-the-Move-Executive-summary-December-2016.aspx>

7

7

Perceived and actual percentages immigrant population

Country	Perceived	Actual
Italy	25	
Spain	25	
USA	42	
Netherlands	24	
Germany	20	
United Kingdom	32	
Portugal	42	
France	25	

<http://www.businessinsider.com/population-of-immigrants-2017-8>

8

8

Perceived and actual percentages immigrant population

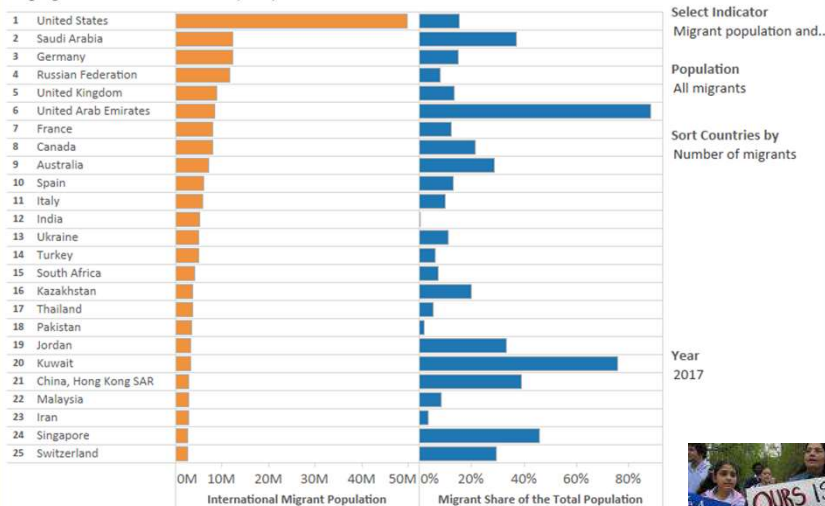
Country	Perceived	Actual
Italy	25	8
Spain	25	15
USA	42	14
Netherlands	24	11
Germany	20	14
United Kingdom	32	13
Portugal	42	13
France	25	12

<http://www.businessinsider.com/population-of-immigrants-2017-8>

9

9

International Migrant Population and Migrant Share of Total Population Top 25 Countries of Destination, 2017



Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Data Hub
<http://migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub>

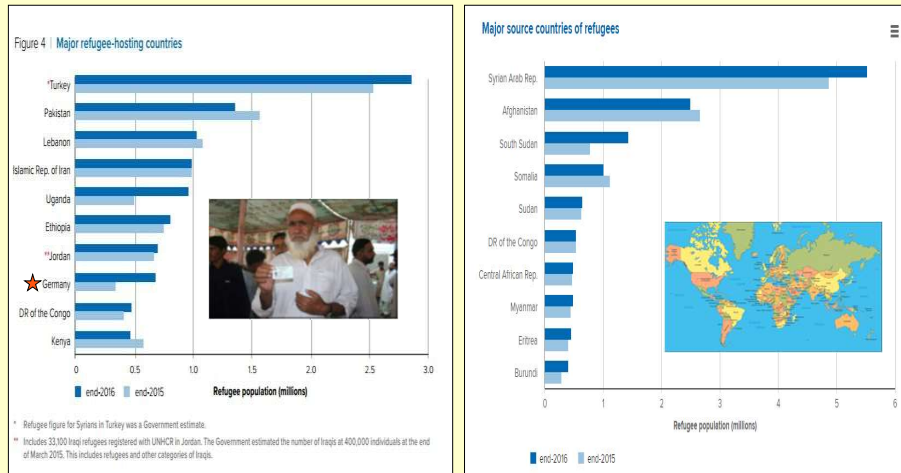
<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/top-25-destinations-international-migrants>



1

10

Major Refugee Hosting & Source Countries (84% Live in Developing Countries)

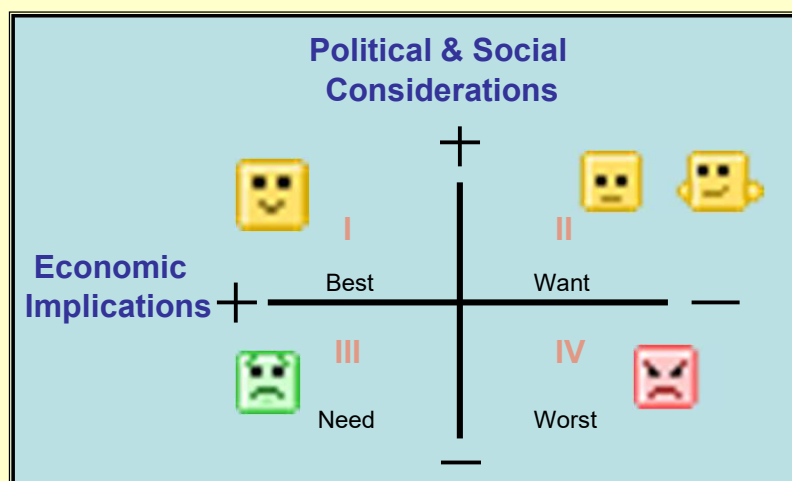


<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/06/eighty-four-percent-of-refugees-live-in-developing-countries/>

11

11

Host Country Attitudes



12

12



Policy Questions

- **Immigration policies**—*labor/reunification/humanitarian* (admission)

- Who we allow entry
- Why we admit them
- Who we keep out and how



- **Immigrant policies** (integration)

- Once they are in, how do we help them integrate?
- What resources do we allow them to access?
- Do we place stipulations on accessing resources?

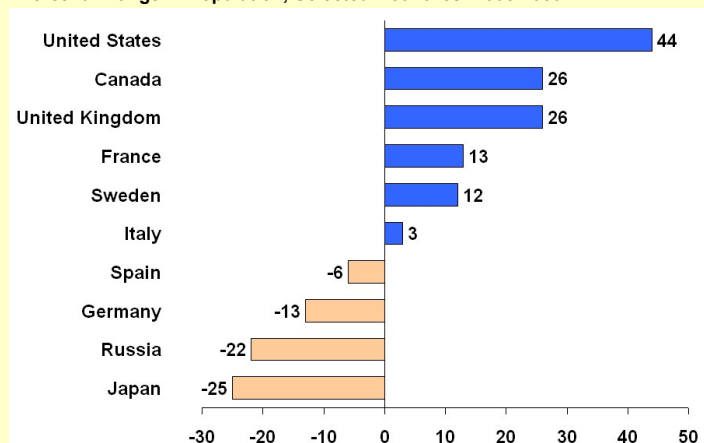


13

13

Projected Population Growth: U.S. & other Developed Countries

Percent Change in Population, Selected Countries: 2008-2050



Source: Carl Haub and Mary Mederios Kent, 2008 World Population Data Sheet.
© 2008 POPULATION REFERENCE BUREAU

14

14

Labor market trends

- Current demographic trends in **advanced** economies:
 - Lower birth rate, cannot replace retirements at the same rate
 - Longer survival, increasing population of retired people
 - Consequences are insufficient population for labor force requirements at all levels



UN & IMF Classifications

- 1 = advanced economy
- 2 = emerging/developing
- 3 = least developed/developing

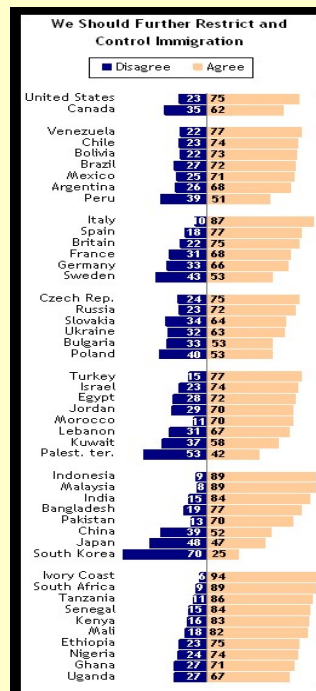
5

15

Overwhelming Worldwide Resentment Toward Immigration

(2010)

<http://www.limitstogrowth.org/articles/2010/12/13/excessive-immigration-and-illegal-entry-vex-governments-around-the-world/>

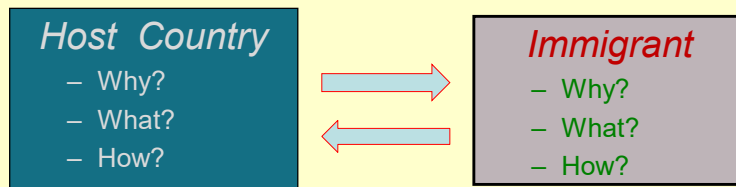


16

“We wanted workers, but we got people instead”

Max Frisch, Swiss novelist (1911 – 1991)

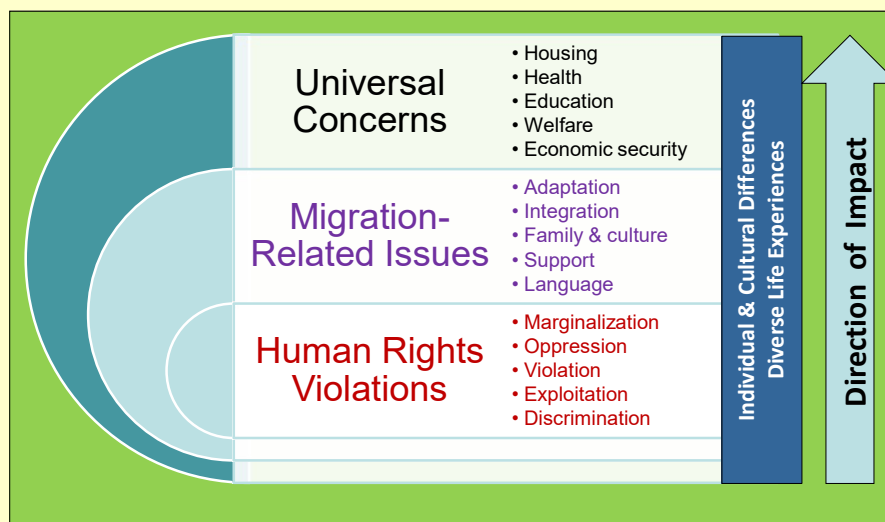
- Host country needs immigrants to integrate fully and efficiently
- Cannot foster “temporary” illusion
- Integration is a mutual responsibility



17

17

Immigrant & Refugee Experiences



Segal, U.A. (2014). Human rights and migration. In Libal, K., Berthold, M., Thomas, R. & Healy, L. (eds). *Advancing human rights in social work education*. Washington, DC: Council on Social Work Education, 435 - 453.

18

18

The New Colossus

Emma Lazarus on the Statue of Liberty



Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "**Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.**
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

19

19



Thank you for your interest!

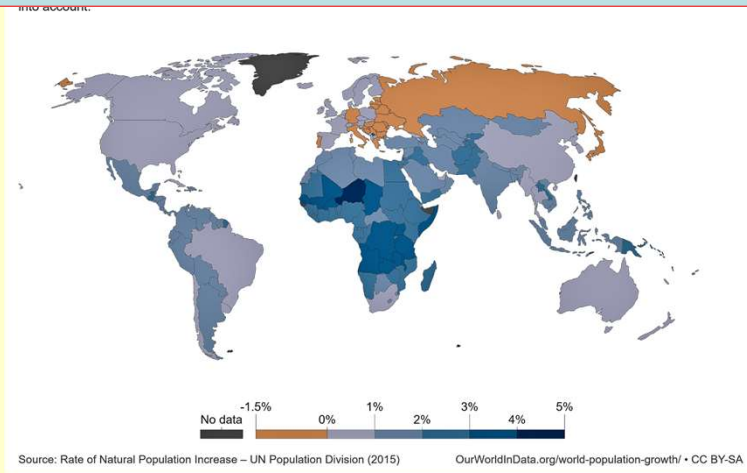
Uma A. Segal

Phone: +1-314-516-6379

email: umasegal@umsl.edu

20

Natural Population Growth in 2015

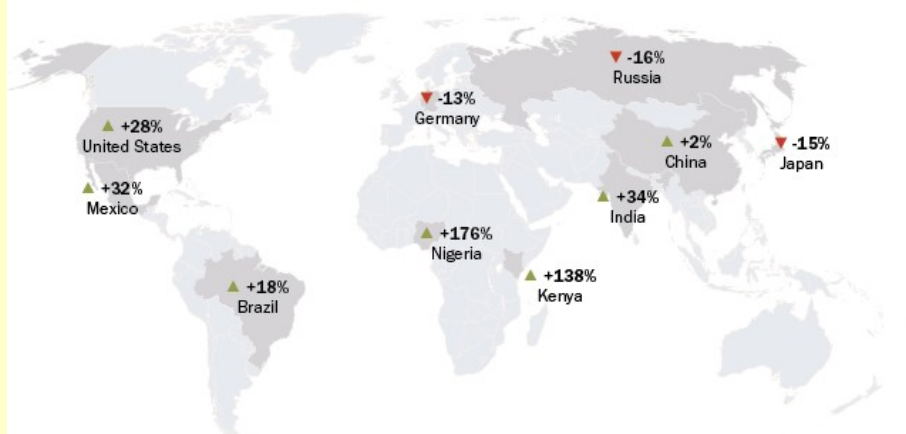


Max Roser and Esteban Ortiz-Ospina (2018) - "World Population Growth". Published online at OurWorldInData.org. Retrieved from: 'https://ourworldindata.org/world-population-growth'

21

21

Projected Population Change Selected Countries (2010 – 2050)



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *World Population Prospects: 2012 Revision*, June 2013, <http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/index.htm>

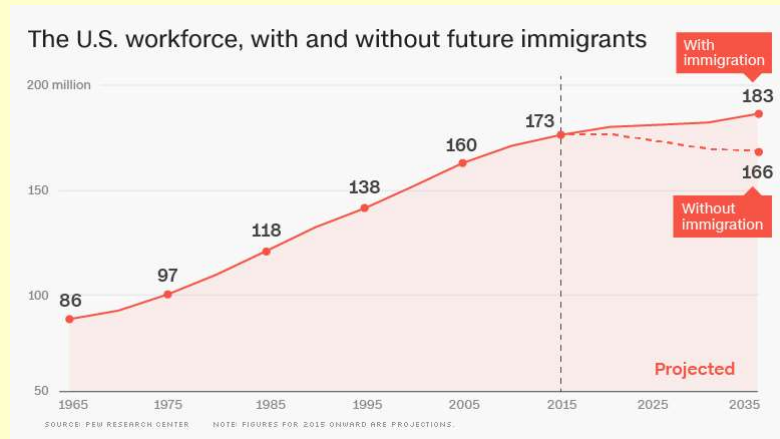
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/02/03/10-projections-for-the-global-population-in-2050/>

22

22

Projections of the U.S. Workforce



http://money.cnn.com/2017/03/08/news/economy/immigration-workforce/?utm_source=Pew+Research+Center&utm_campaign=9e5a28b629-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_02_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3e953b9b70-9e5a28b629-399386937

23