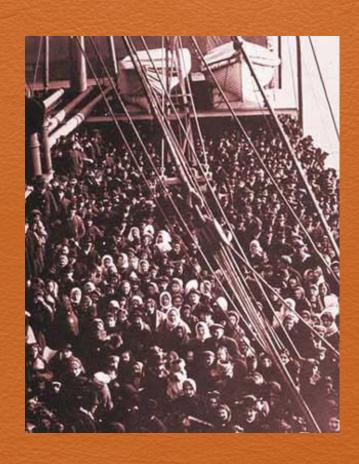
# Immigration Americanization



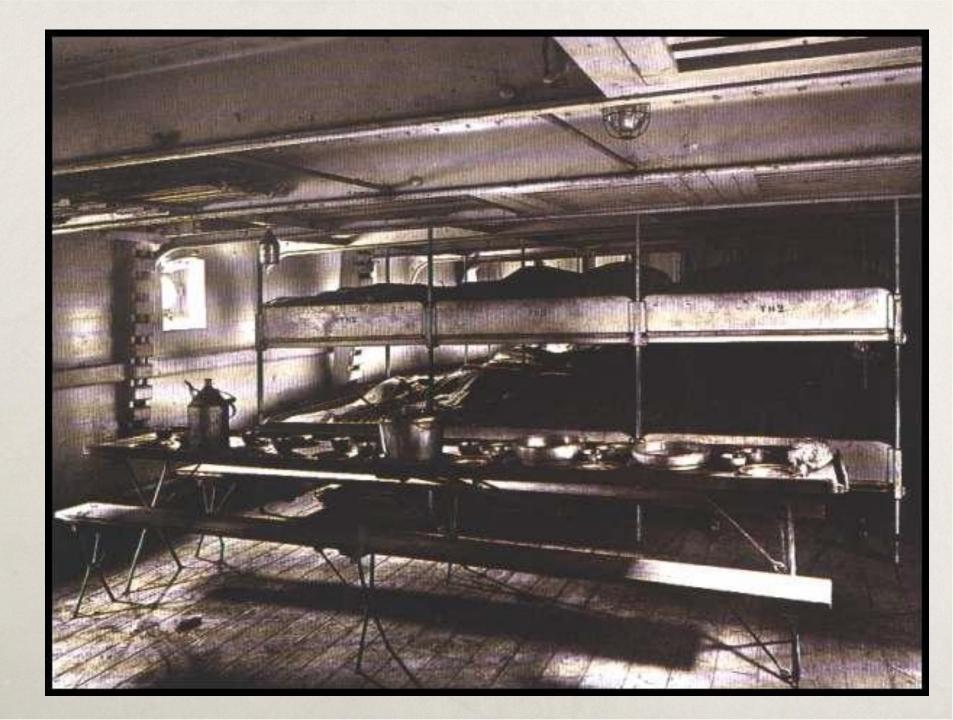
# 1. Immigrants after 1890

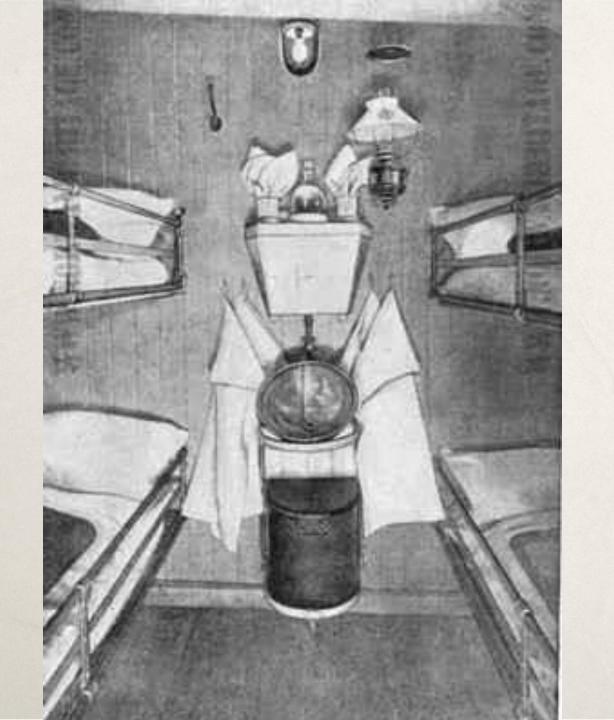
- \* Most from Southern and Eastern Europe (Italians, Poles, Russians)
- \* Catholic, Jewish, or Eastern Orthodox













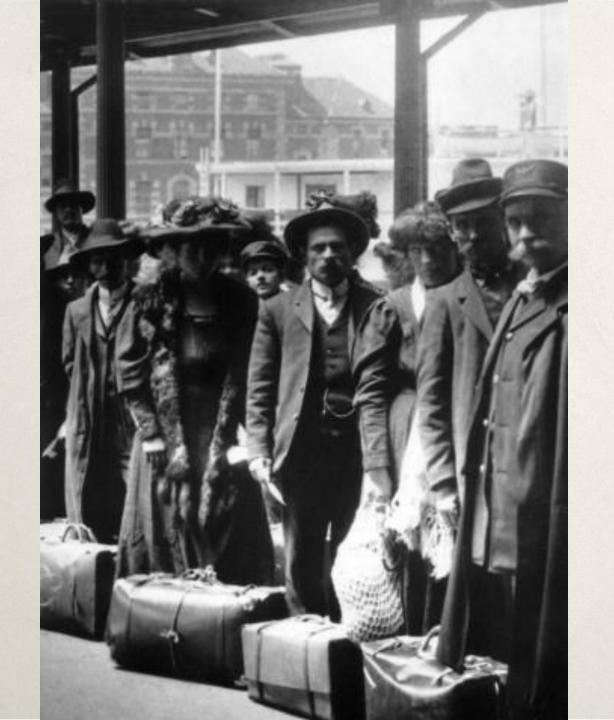
They would be given a registration number and wait for their turn for processing.









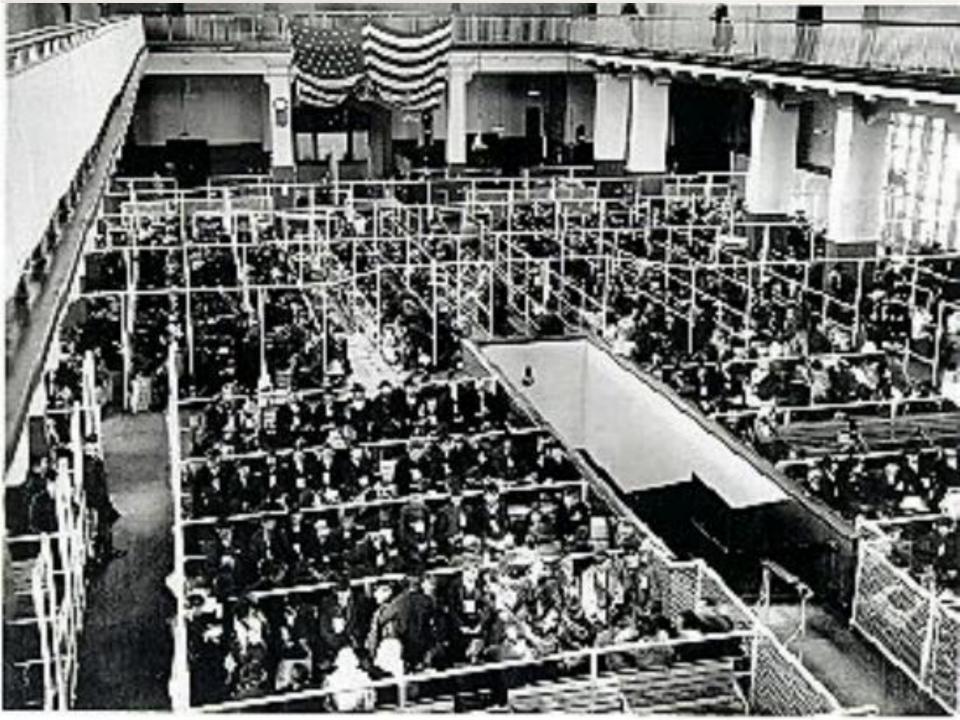




They were examined by doctors and could be quarantined or sent home if they were ill and could not be cured.

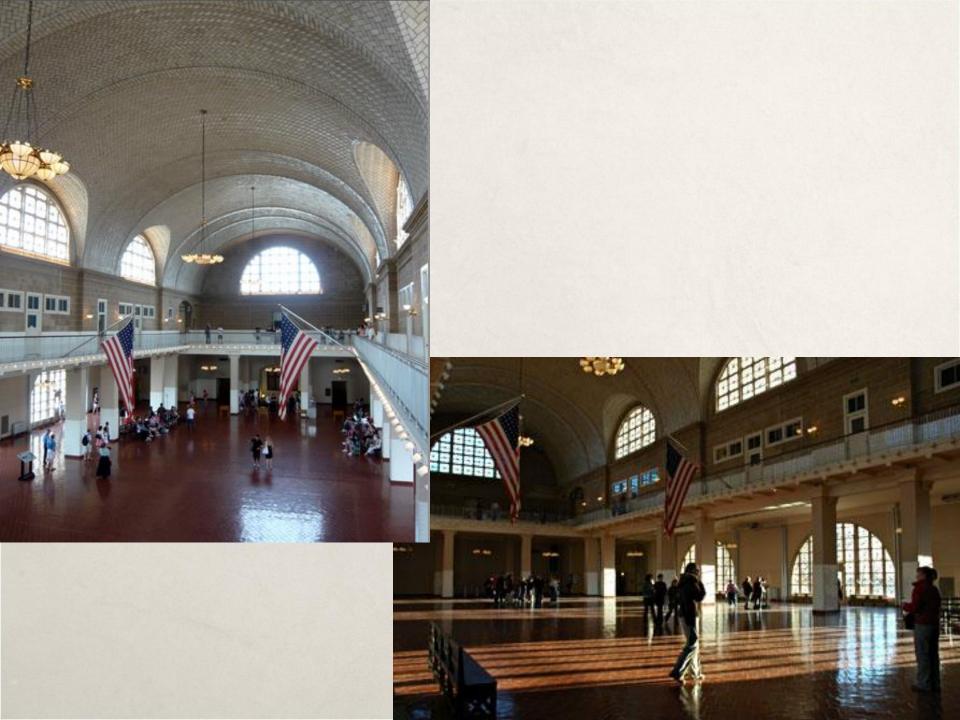


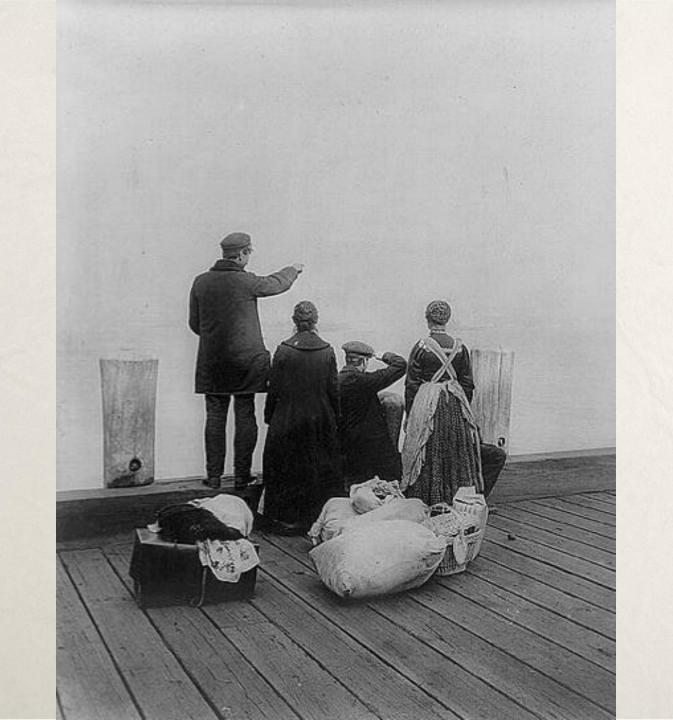




\* During processing, immigrants had to be careful what they said about jobs, or they could be in trouble. Sometimes the agent would change their names.

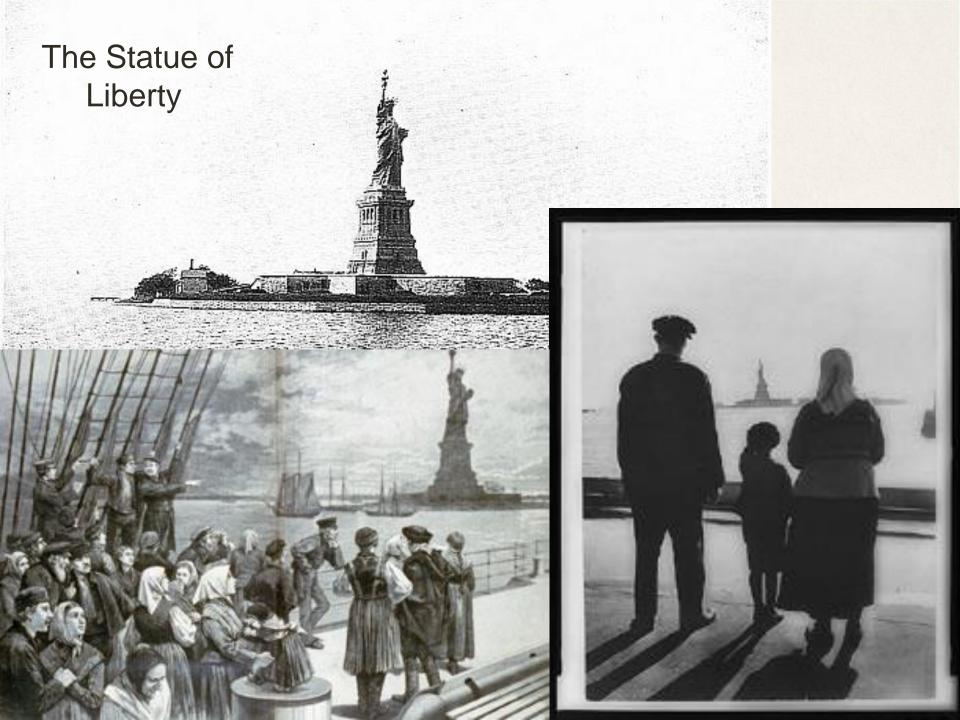
















### The New Colossus

Emma Lazarus, 1883

...Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand

A mighty woman with a torch...her name

Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand

Glows world-wide welcome...

"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

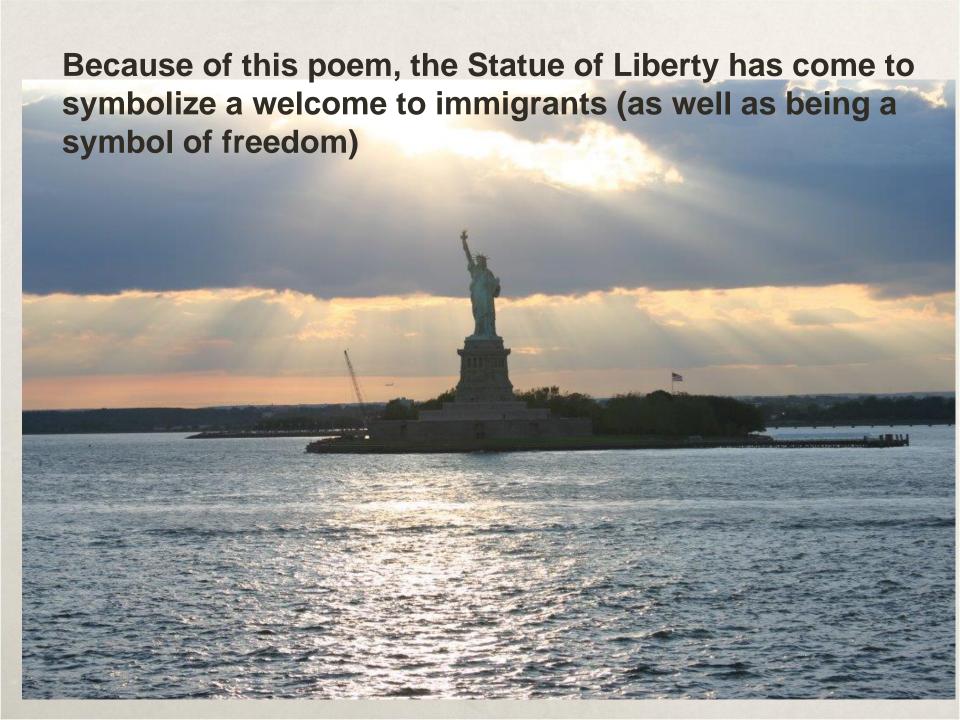
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"



The Colossus of Rhodes (artist's rendition)



### 2. Concerns about Immigrants/Immigration:

A. Anglo-Saxonism = belief that the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant ("WASP" or "Anglo") "race" was superior to the other groups and was in danger from immigrants. Led to "Eugenics."



Eugenics Movement (Eugenics means "good breeding")

\* Program which focused on developing "fitter" Americans based on the "science" of the period



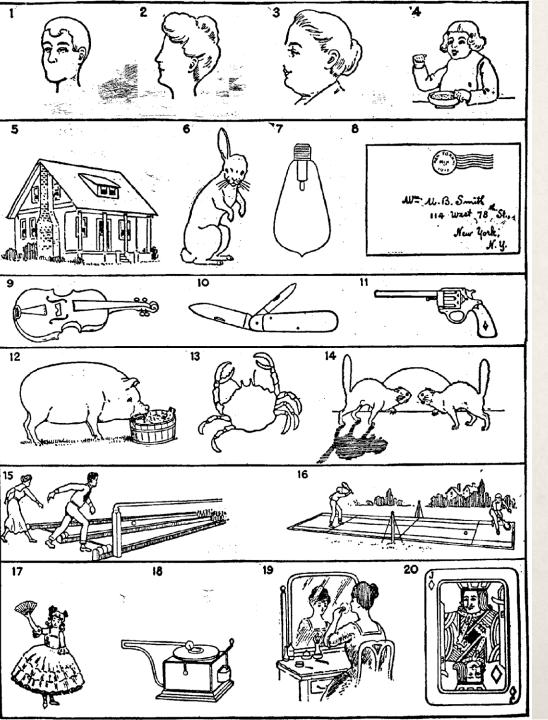


#### Methods of implementing Eugenics:

1.Testing – immigrants were tested upon arrival to determine if they were "fit" or "feeble-minded" -- this starts IQ and the standardized testing movement



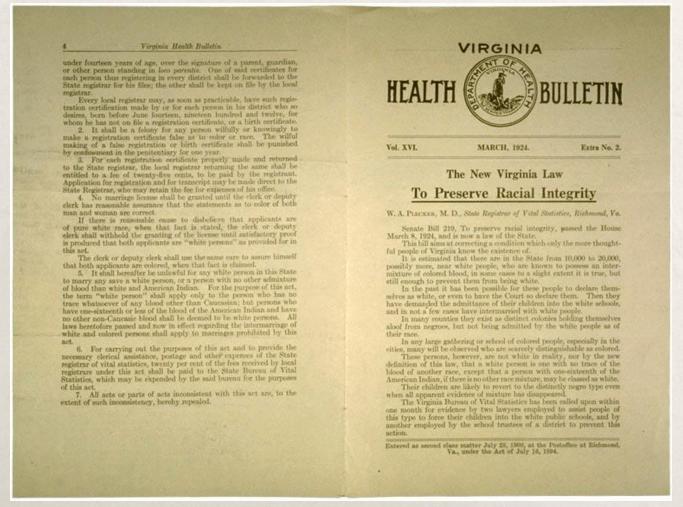
Administration of IQ Test to Immigrant (Ellis Island, circa, 1913)



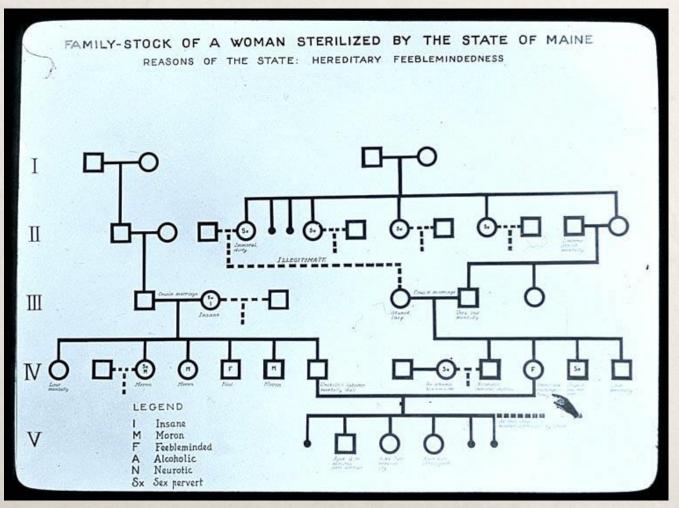
Beta IQ Test 5 (1917)

Tests were often culturally biased.

# 2. Anti-miscegenation laws – it was illegal in most States for people of different ethnicities to marry (Miscegenation means "mixing of genes")

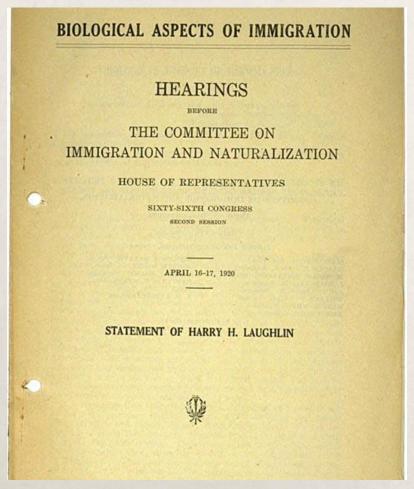


3. Forced sterilization – the state could order a "feeble-minded" person to have an operation so he or she could not have children



Pedigree Chart Used as Evidence for a State Sterilization (circa, 1935)

# 4. Immigration restrictions – Eugenics experts advised Congress to pass laws reducing the numbers of immigrants



Transcript of "Expert Eugenics Adviser" testimony to Committee On Immigration (1920)

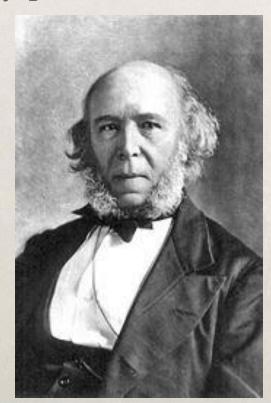
#### B. Social Darwinism

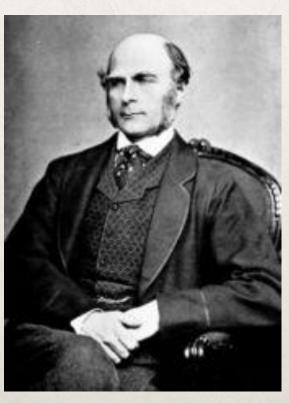
Belief that the rich had risen to the top because they were the "fittest" – compared this to natural selection in science

Poor were poor because they were weak

Rich used this to justify position and business methods







# C. Religious intolerance

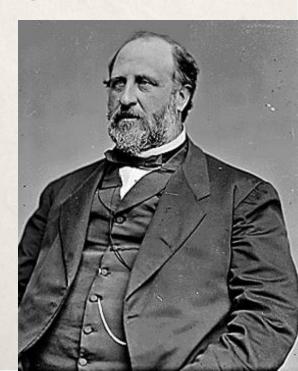
Lack of understanding of other faiths caused fear (ignorance → prejudice)

Anglos feared Catholics and Jews would come to dominate; discriminated against them





- D. Political Machines (also "City Machines")
- \* Organizations led by city "bosses" (power from bribes; fraud; kickbacks; graft)
- \* won votes of immigrants (jobs, apartments)
- \* Hated by reformers (corruption; greed)



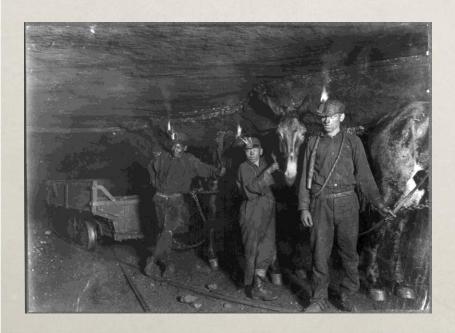
## E. Immigrant customs

- \* Saloons -- social centers for immigrants, especially single men
- \* alcohol -- part of immigrant culture; social drinking was common; part of meals
- \* Temperance workers saw as a social evil



#### F. Child Labor

- \* immigrants saw it as a necessity; wages were low, families were large and costs were high
- \* reformers opposed it:
  - \* kept wages low
  - \* unhealthy for children
  - \* prevented education of children





### 3. Americanization Movement:

- \* 1890s plan to "Americanize" immigrants
- \* huge educational movement; schools taught American values and traditions

\* Effect: generations of immigrants assimilated

into American culture

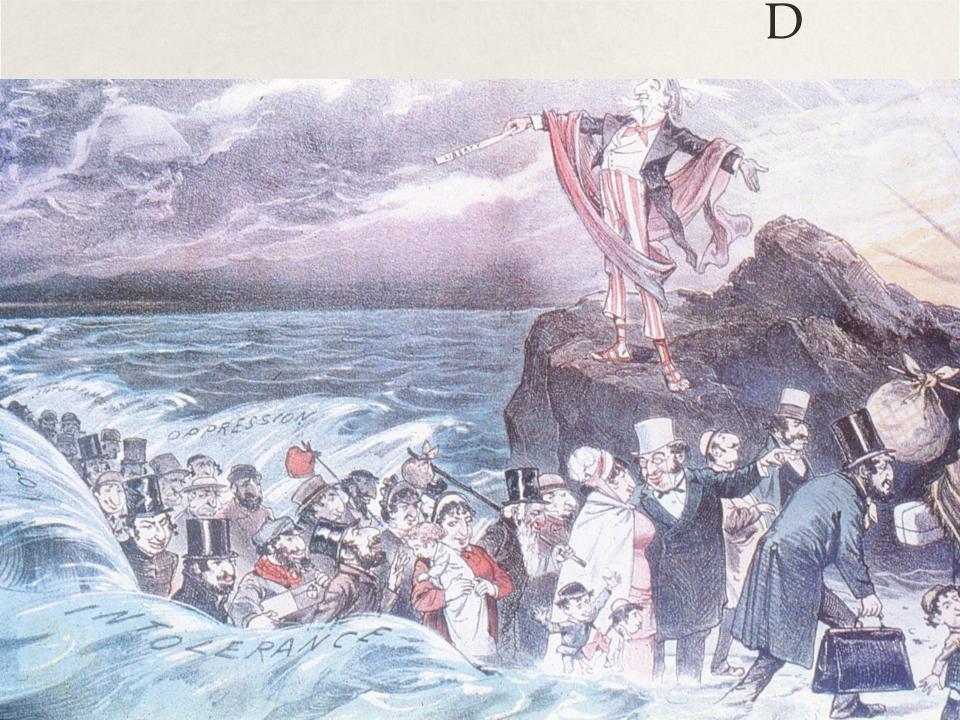


# Analyzing Attitudes through Immigration Cartoons





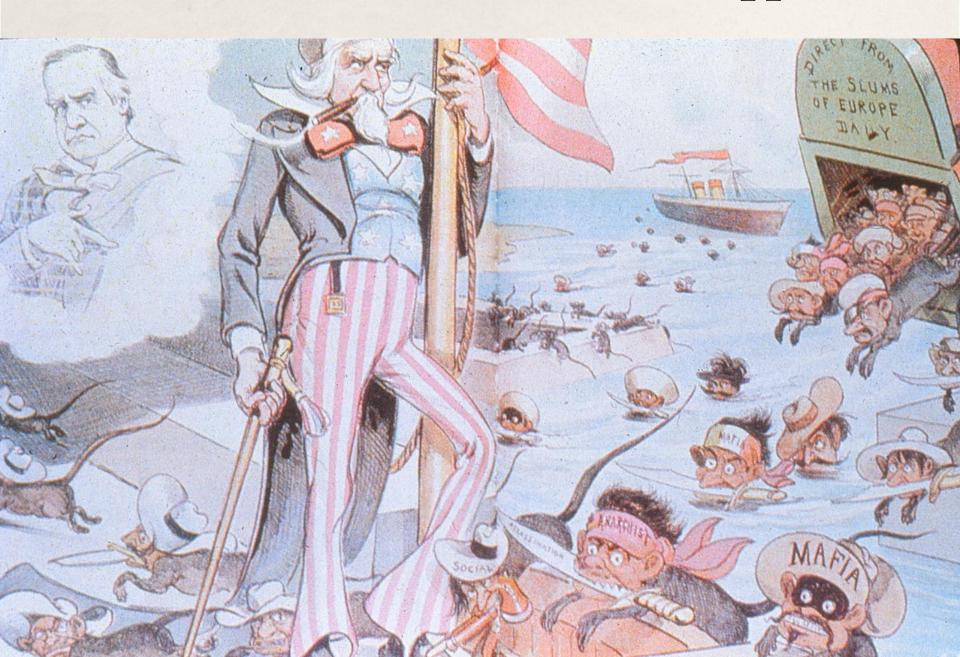


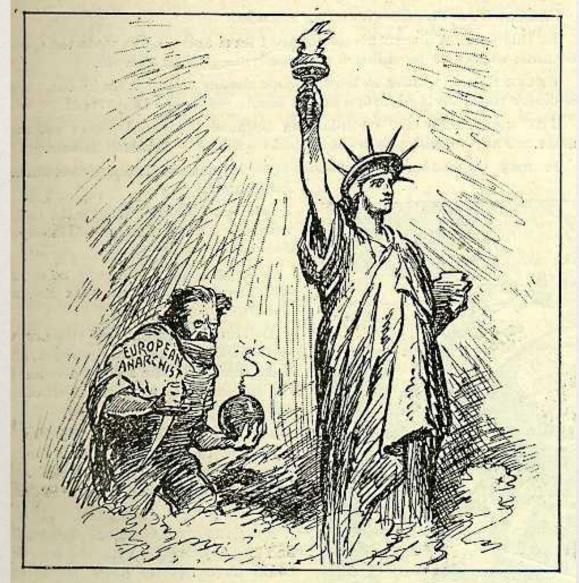


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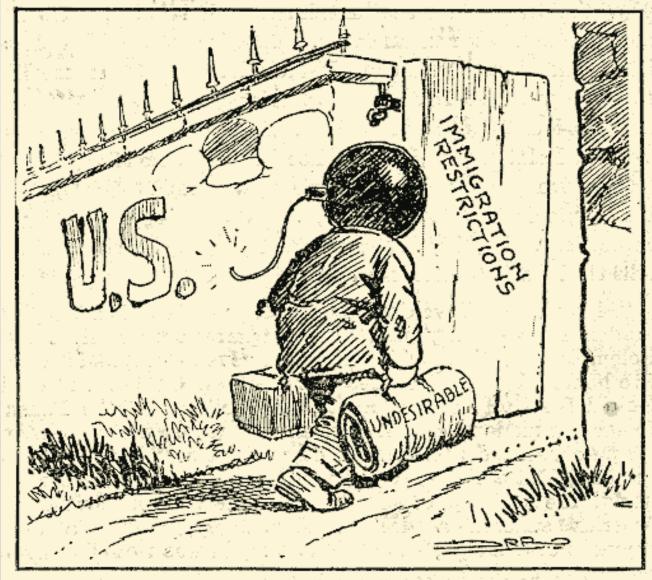
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"COME UNTO ME, YE OPPREST!"

—Alley in the Memphis Commercial Appeal.

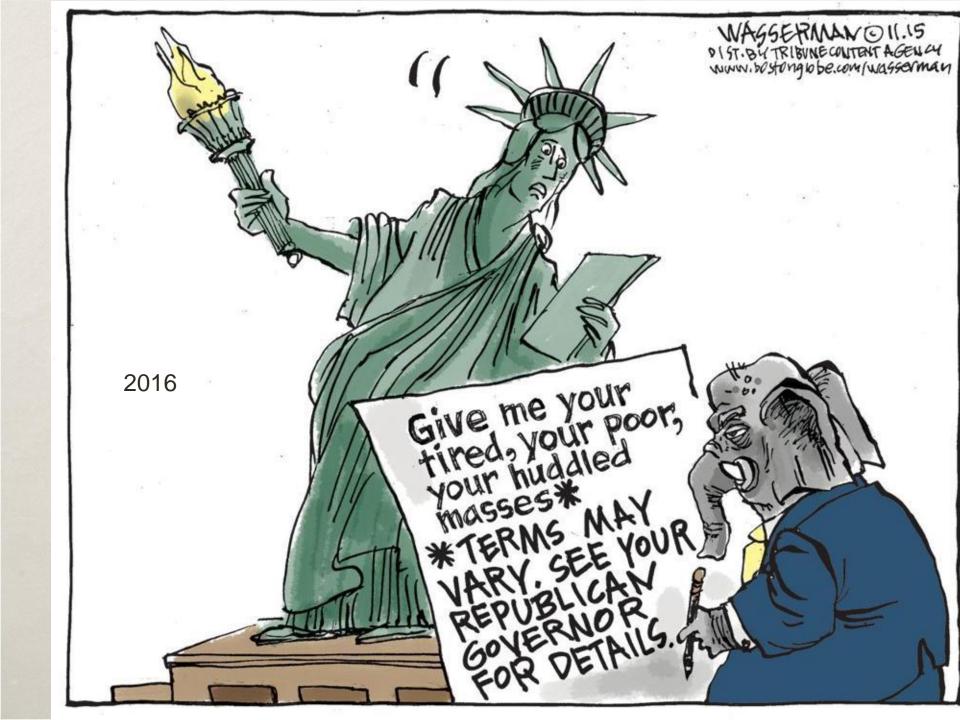


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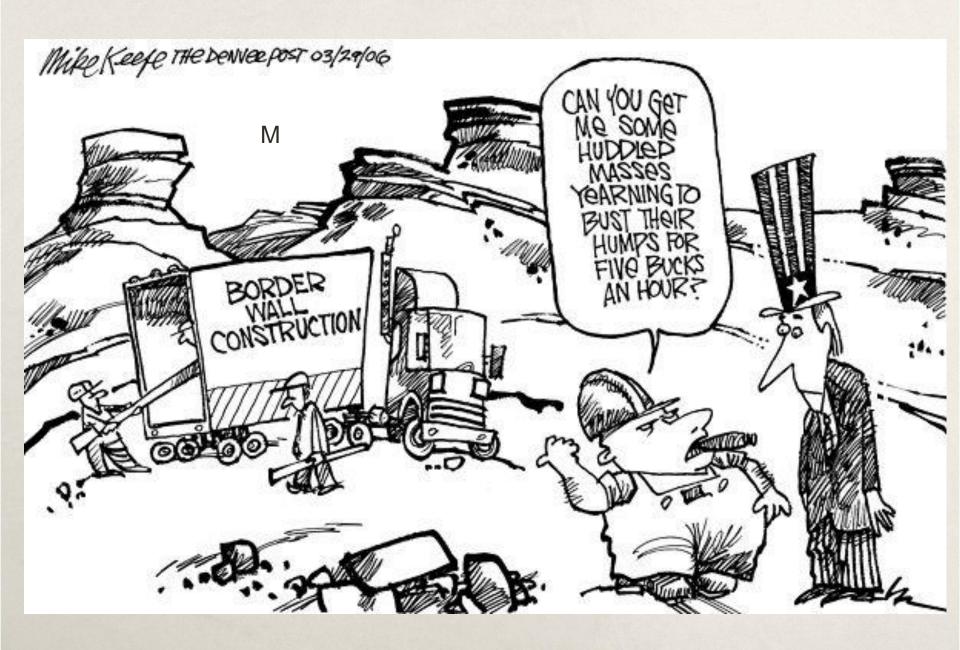
-Orr in the Chicago Tribune.



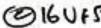


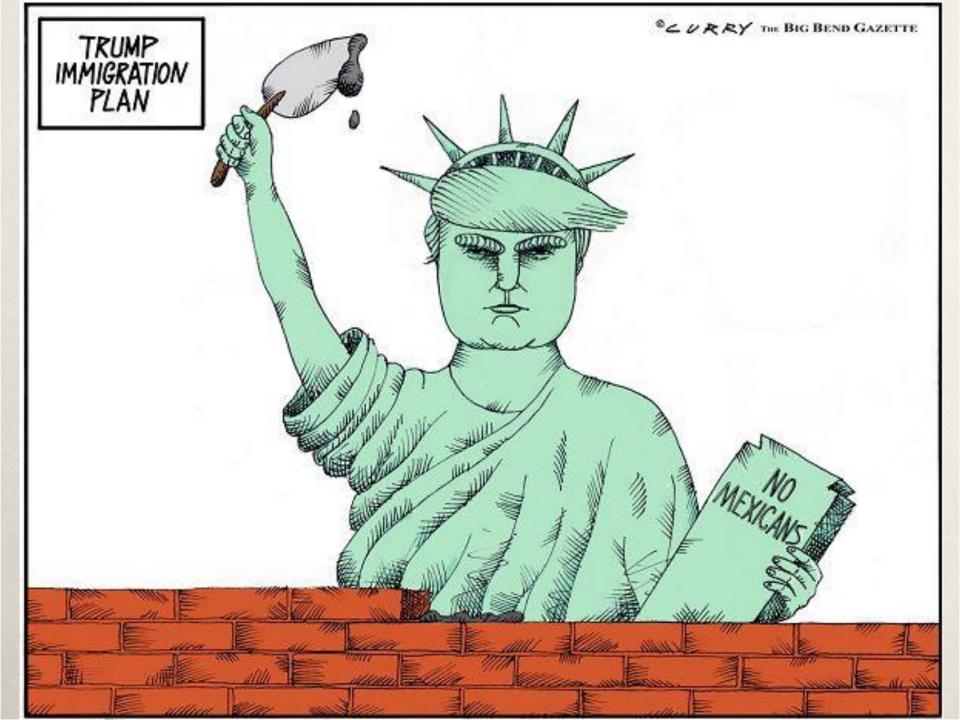




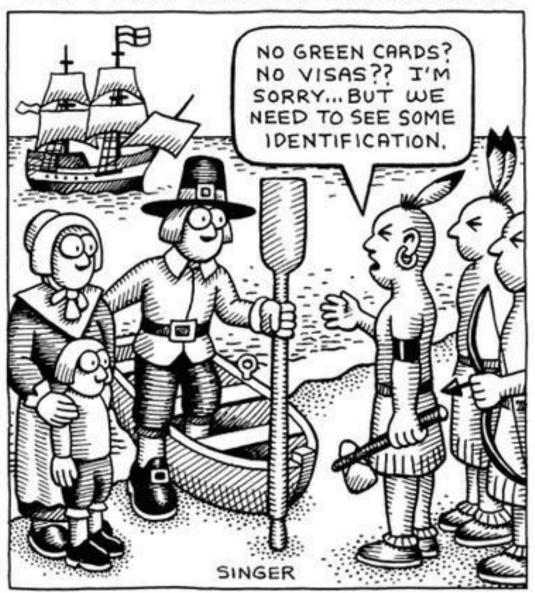








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