NO longer “a nation of immigrants”?  

The US Immigration and Citizenship Services changed its mission statement: 


Before Feb. 2018

“The USCIS secures America’s promise as a nation of immigrants by providing accurate and useful information to our customers, granting immigration and citizenship benefits, promoting an awareness and understanding of citizenship, and ensuring the integrity of our immigration system.”

After Feb. 2018

“The USCIS administers the nation's lawful immigration system, safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits while protecting Americans, securing the homeland and honoring our values.”
A Historical Perspective on Immigration: The increased “browning” of the USA

1820-1880
- North and West Europe: 95%
- North America: 5%
- Other: 2%

1921-60
- North and West Europe: 38%
- South and East Europe: 20%
- North America: 19%
- Latin America: 18%
- Asia: 4%
- Other: 1%

1961-1970
- North and West Europe: 18%
- South and East Europe: 15%
- North America: 12%
- Latin America: 39%
- Asia: 13%
- Other: 3%

1981-1985
- North and West Europe: 5%
- South and East Europe: 6%
- North America: 2%
- Latin America: 35%
- Asia: 48%
- Other: 4%

2001-2011: Latinos grew by 43%> 50.5 million
2020: 60 million
### Noteworthy Data

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“Outbreak of ‘hate’ since Trump elected”: 867 incidents in 10 days after election – Southern Poverty Law Center
San Diego Union Tribune 12/01/2016 p. B3

▶ TRUMP: [re Mexican immigrants]
▶ “They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists.”
▶ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/9-outrageous-things-donald-trump-has-said-about-latinos_us_55e483a1e4b0c818f618904b

▶ Anti-Latino hate crime increased 176 % in major U.S. cities in the three weeks after the 2016 presidential election.
▶ [ Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism , California State University, San Bernardino ]
“What trash are you speaking?”: A San Diego man beat a Syrian refugee teen for talking in Arabic [Oct. 15, 2019]

A 17 year old Syrian refugee was beaten on a trolley, on his way home from school, for speaking Arabic on the phone- by a 26 yr old.


INSULTING LABELS:
“aliens” “illegals” “wetbacks” “rapists” “anchor baby” “chain migration”, “invasion” “TERRORISTS”
27% of San Diego’s pop is foreign born [344,000]


Origin: 115 countries and territories

43.7% < Latin America [39.1% < Mexico],
42.9% < Asia [Philippines 13%, Vietnam 7.5%,
    China 6%, India 3.6%]
6.3% < Europe

By 2030, the plurality will be from
1) ASIA 2) LATIN AMERICA 3)AFRICA

70 different languages and dialects:
1) Spanish 2) English 3) Filipino/Tagalog

20% are undocumented
In San Diego Pre COVID 94% of immigrants were employed:

1/3 of essential workers are foreign born:
1/3 of Health workers are non-citizens [= green card plus undocumented]
2/3 of food production, agriculture workers are non-citizens.

Wong, Tom K. and Mikayla Sanchez. 2020. *Immigrant Integration in the City of San Diego*. La Jolla, CA: U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC) at UC San Diego

IN SAN DIEGO: There are 62,299 immigrant entrepreneurs
Immigrants pay $9.6 Billion in taxes yearly
Immigrants have $16.3 B in spending power
Immigrant households have 27.8% of all spending power in the county [San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium]
EXCLUSION/ DEPORTATION

“Trump expelled >100,000 adults and children”
Adults separated from children
“2,000 unaccompanied children sent home” 8/28/2020

Muslim travel ban, Jan. 2017:
Executive Order 13769, titled Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States:  Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen
Amended and supported by Supreme Court [6/2018] Now 13 countries.

Naturalization process limited to 3 categories:
[Online naturalization application: $640>$1,160, Asylum= $50 [Oct 2]

1-Those w immediate family members who are citizens
2-Highly skilled professionals requested by companies
3-Political humanitarian refugees
[“Temporary Protection Status (TPS) dissolved” for 400,000 immigrants” allowed to stay in US after disaster, upheld Sept 13, 2020]
Anti Immigrant policies/practices/projects

DACA
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)= DEAMERS
Pursuant to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf’s July 28, 2020... today USCIS issued implementing guidance (PDF, 1.7 MB). We will reject all initial DACA requests from aliens who have never previously been granted DACA. https://www.uscis.gov/i-821d

RENEWAL yearly, not every two years @$495.00 [7/20200]


Nothing is easier, or gives greater satisfaction, than to blame others for what has gone wrong in our own life [or in the world] This is the beginning of racist persecutions, ethnic cleansings, and holocausts. This is the beginning of witch-hunts and all kinds of personal or collective inhumanity. This is one of the most terrible parts of human nature: that we can take a perverse pleasure in blaming others, projecting on them our own problems and faults, making them scapegoats.

... But deep prayer leads us out of the darkness. It allows us to forgive. It tells us the only way is the way of forgiveness and love. In fact, Jesus makes this the crux of his moral teaching. It is all he tells us to do: love one another. Especially our enemies.
Dear Anne

Have you so much for your name letter. The temporary l official no executive order is a great tragedy. Not only to the undocumented, but to the unity of our nation and the cause of justice. I believe that the failure of comprehensive reform is a great wound in the heart of Christ today in all U.S. I hope friends today you don’t

V 615 St. 665

In Christ,
Bishop Robert McElroy

“...the failure of comprehensive reform is a grave wound in the heart of Christ today”

note from Bishop Robert McElroy to ACZ, 2017
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium

----a project started by ALLIANCE SAN DIEGO in 2007 now includes over 50 organizations.

It seeks to continue fostering our region’s values by defending the civil and human rights of immigrants and refugees, educating and empowering immigrants and refugees on their rights and the resources available to them, and countering the myths and untruths made about immigrants and refugees.

LOCAL:
Push local measures and resources such as Welcoming San Diego

STATE:
Monitoring the implementation of SB 54, in our local law enforcement agencies

FEDERAL:
A New Border Vision, a framework that upholds the dignity and rights of all people at our borders
REFORMS NEEDED:
NATIONAL: Pathways to citizenship for immigrants in USA
Expanded family visas
Market driven worker visas [2M farmworkers, 50,000 visas]
Close the camps
Hold 20,000 Border agents accountable

STATEWIDE: Enforce California Senate Bill 54.. commonly referred to as "SB 54" and also known as the "California Values Act" is a 2017 California state law that prevents state and local law enforcement agencies from using their resources on behalf of federal immigration enforcement agencies. The law allows for cooperation between local, state and federal law enforcement in cases of violent illegal immigrants.

LOCAL: Welcoming San Diego [https://welcomingsd.org/strategic-plan/]
Economic Opportunity
Education
Inclusive Access
Civic Engagement
Safe and Connected Communities
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Diversity contributes to the strengthening of our nation by offering us the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to democracy, equality and justice for all. E PLURIBUS UNUM.

THE AMERICAN DREAM IS NOT DREAMT IN ENGLISH ONLY