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"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!"

FROM *NEW COLOSSUS*, BY EMMA LAZARUS, 1883, ENGRAVED ON A TABLET WITHIN THE
PEDESTAL ON WHICH THE STATUE OF LIBERTY STANDS.

[B]

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE
CREATED EQUAL; THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH
CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS; THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY,
AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS,
GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, DERIVING THEIR JUST
POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED; THAT, WHENEVER ANY
FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS, IT IS THE
RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO ALTER OR TO ABOLISH IT, AND TO INSTITUTE A
NEW GOVERNMENT, LAYING ITS FOUNDATIONS ON SUCH PRINCIPLES,
AND ORGANIZING ITS POWERS IN SUCH FORM, AS TO THEM SHALL SEEM
MOST LIKELY TO EFFECT THEIR SAFETY AND HAPPINESS.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, EXCERPTED FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,
JULY 4, 1776

[C]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America
in Congress assembled, That from and after the expiration of ninety days next after the
passage of this act, and until the expiration of ten years next after the passage of this act,
the coming of Chinese laborers to the United States be, and the same is hereby,
suspended; and during such suspension it shall not be lawful for any Chinese laborer to
come, or having so come after the expiration of said ninety days to remain within the
United States.*

Excerpted from The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

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I, Too

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother,
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

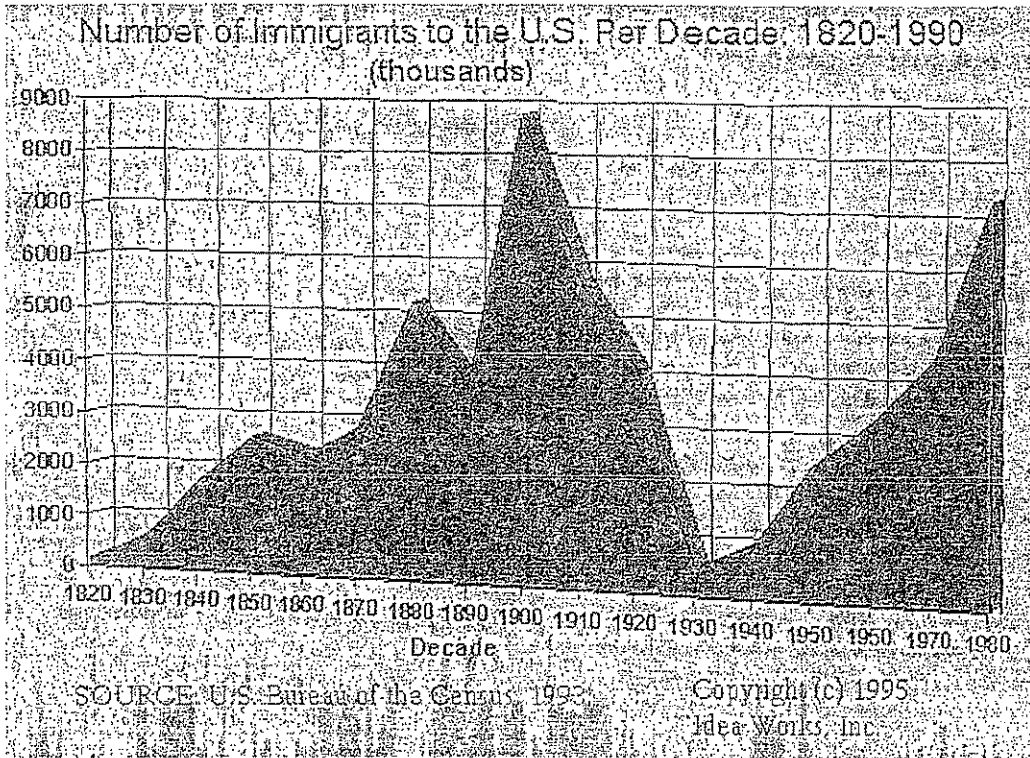
Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed--

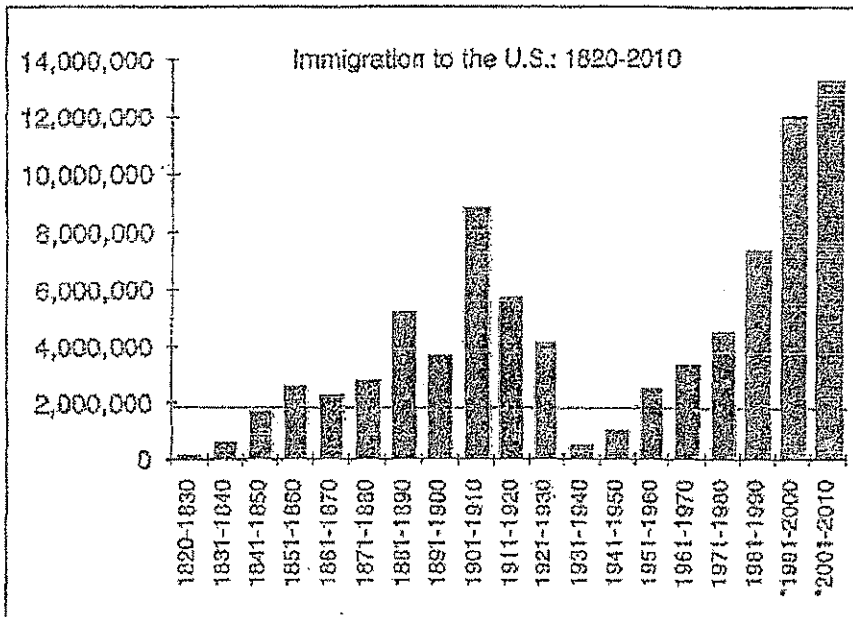
I, too, am America.

Langston Hughes, 1925

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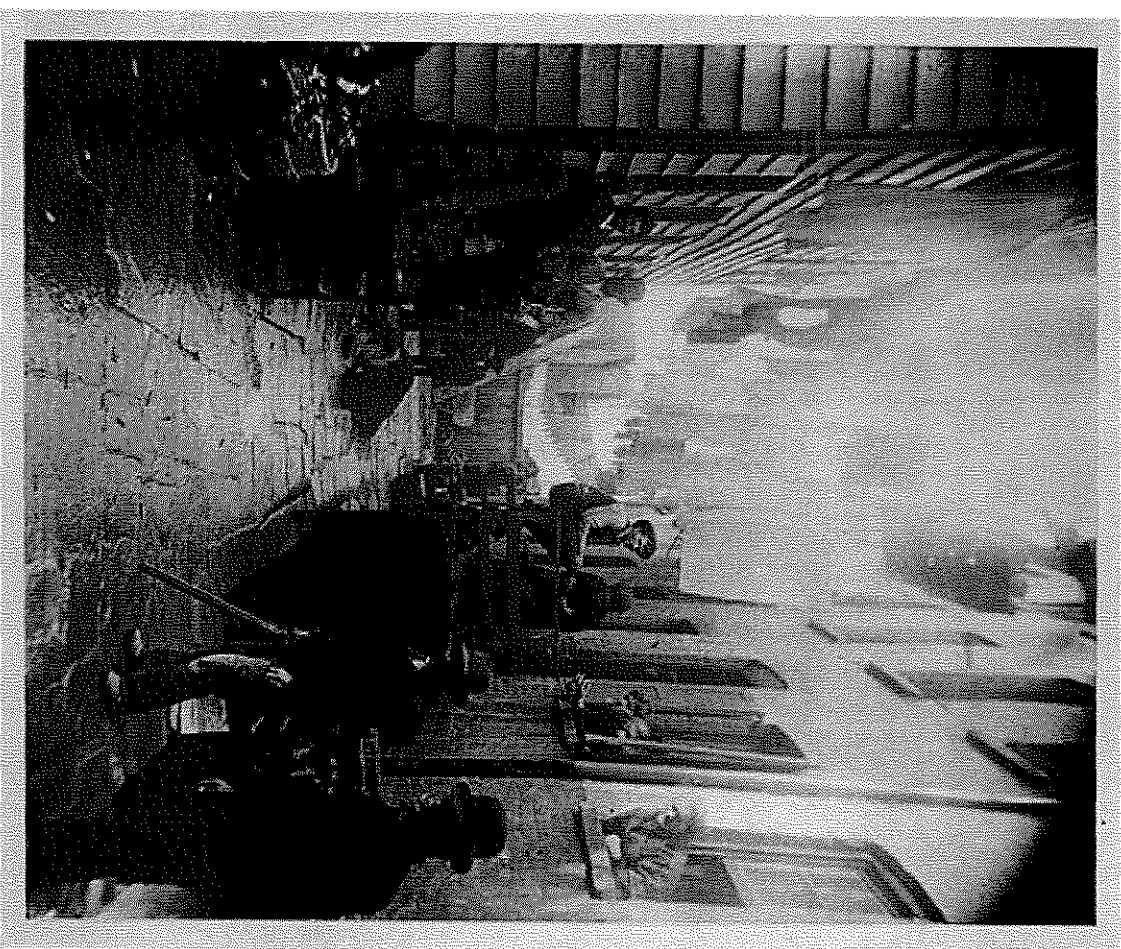
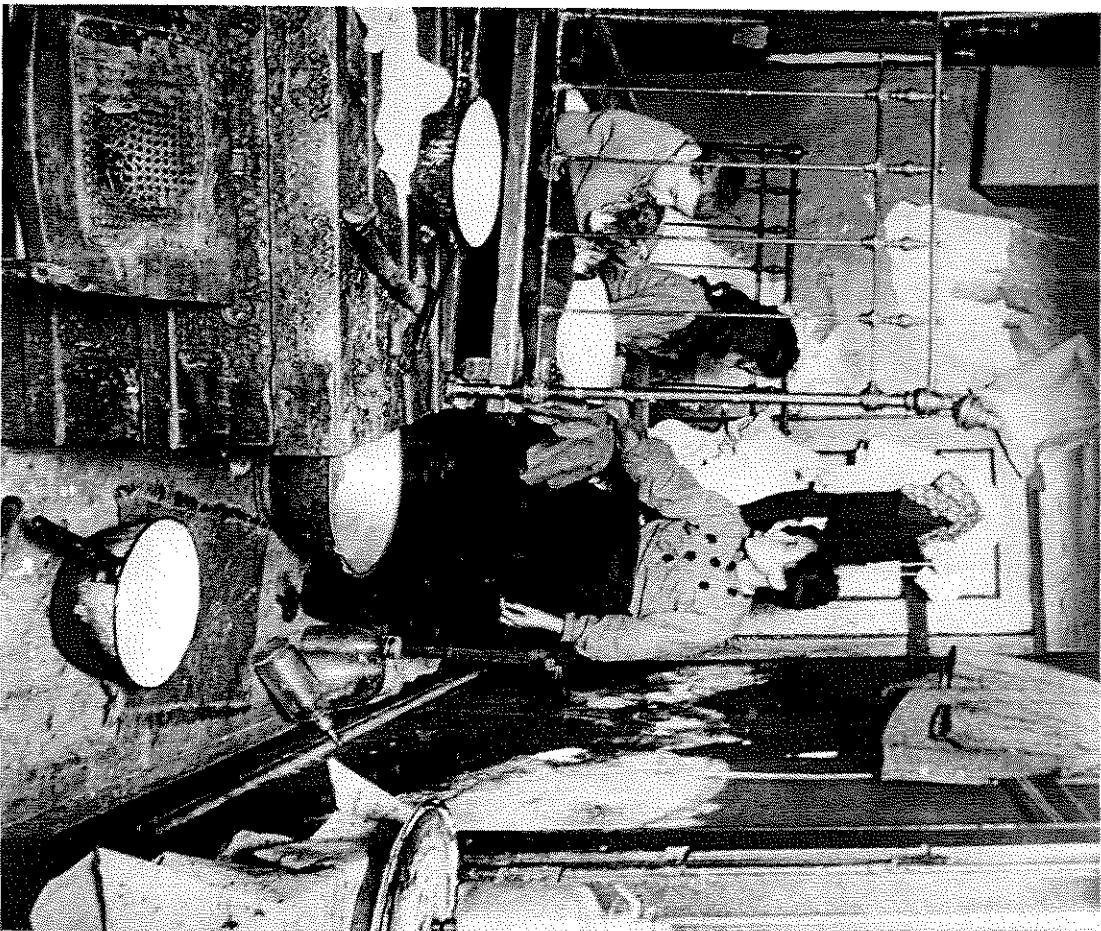
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- Suffragettes, c. 1910

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Tenements, Jacob Riis, 1888





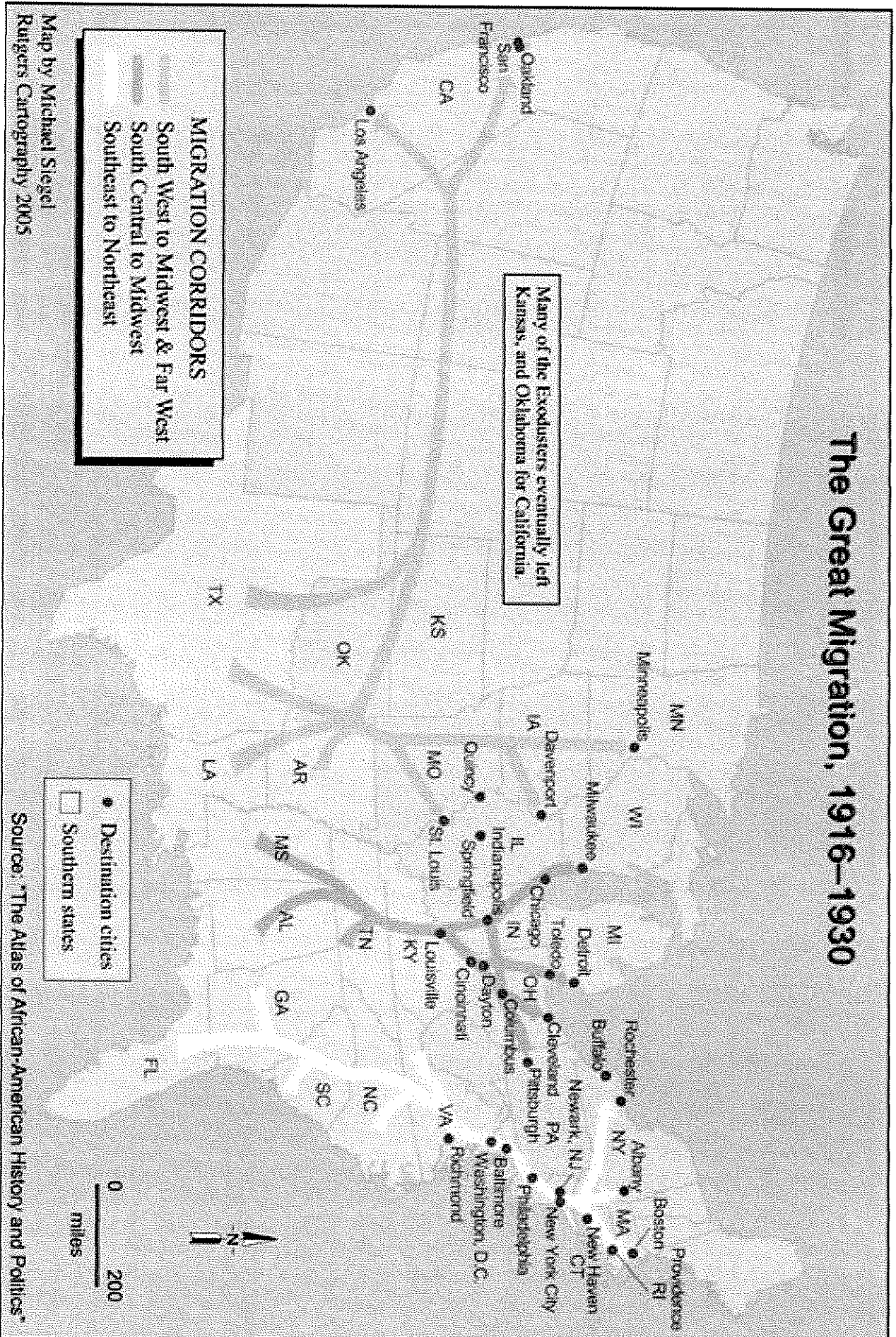
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LOOKING AT THE WAY
THEY DRESS IN THE
THEIR OWN COUNTRY

1904

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The Great Migration, 1916–1930



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Two different approaches from the African American perspective

**Booker T. Washington's
Atlanta Speech (1895)**

...To those of my race who depend upon bettering their condition in a foreign land, or who underestimate the importance of cultivating friendly relations with the Southern white man, who is his next-door neighbor, I would say: 'Cast down your bucket where you are'—cast it down in making friends in every manly way of the people of all races by whom we are surrounded.

Cast it down in agriculture, mechanics, in commerce, in domestic service, and in the professions. . .

**The Souls of Black Folk by
W.E.B. Du Bois (1903)**

... The Nation has not yet found peace from its sins; the freedman has not yet found in freedom his promised land. Whatever of good may have come in these years of change, the shadow of a deep disappointment rests upon the Negro people. . .

... He felt his poverty; without a cent, without a home, without land, tools, or savings, he had entered into competition with rich, landed, skilled neighbors. To be a poor man is hard, but to be a poor race in a land of dollars is the very bottom of hardships. . .

A people thus handicapped ought not to be asked to race with the world, but rather allowed to give all its time and thought to its own social problems.

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Biltmore, Asheville, North Carolina

