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Politics of Development

Week 14, Lecture 2:  
Migration

# Recap

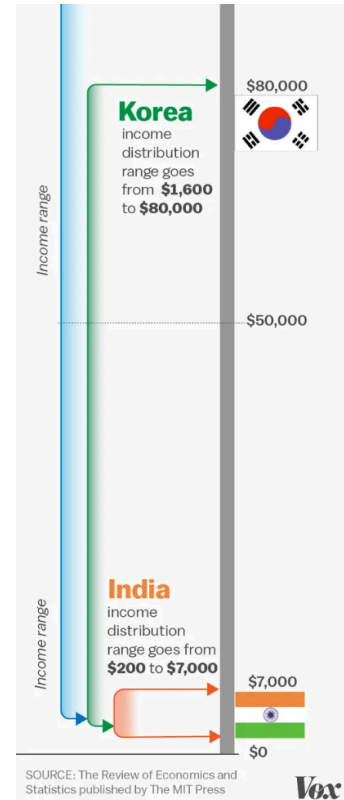
- Limited efficacy of development interventions intended to bring about broad-based development
- Developmental benefits of globalization most pronounced in countries with political conditions conducive to development

# Plan for today

- International migration:
  - Opportunities
  - Constraints
  - Effects
  - Politics

# Global inequality of opportunity

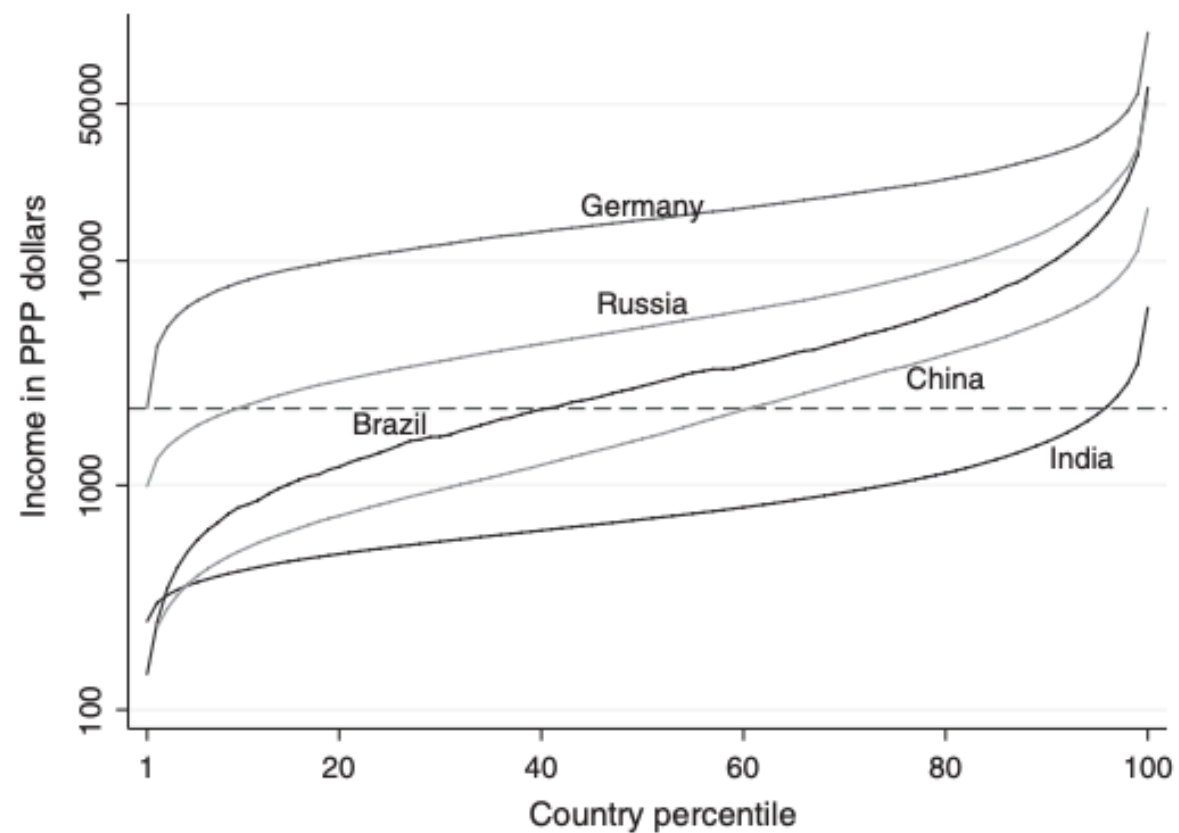
- Over half of global income variability attributable to country of residence and income distribution



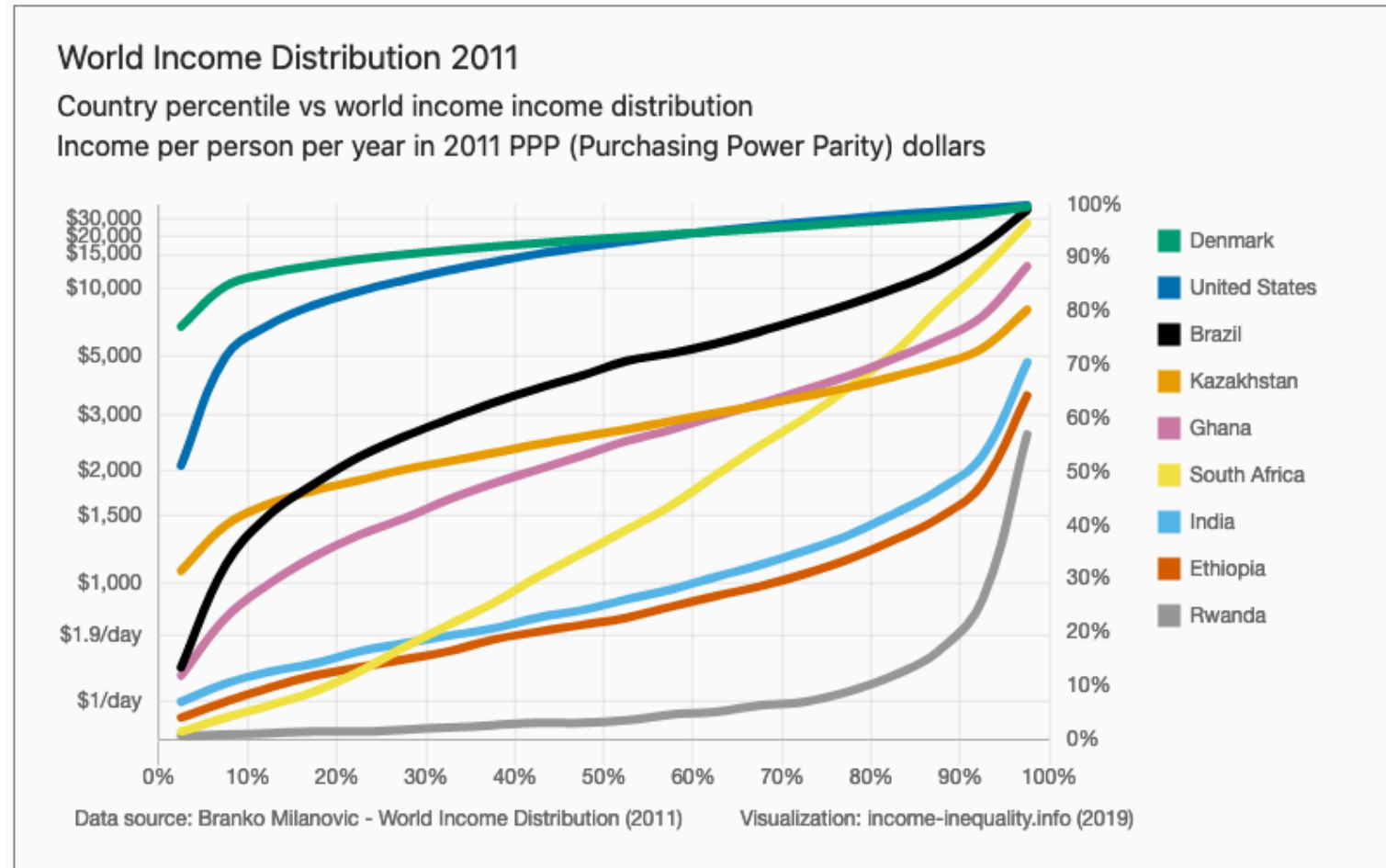


# Global inequality of opportunity

FIGURE 1.—INCOME LEVELS IN THE WORLD BY COUNTRY AND INCOME CLASS, 2008



# Global inequality of opportunity



# Promise of migration

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## If you want to be rich, you'd better be born in, or emigrate to a rich country: Economist Branko Milanovic

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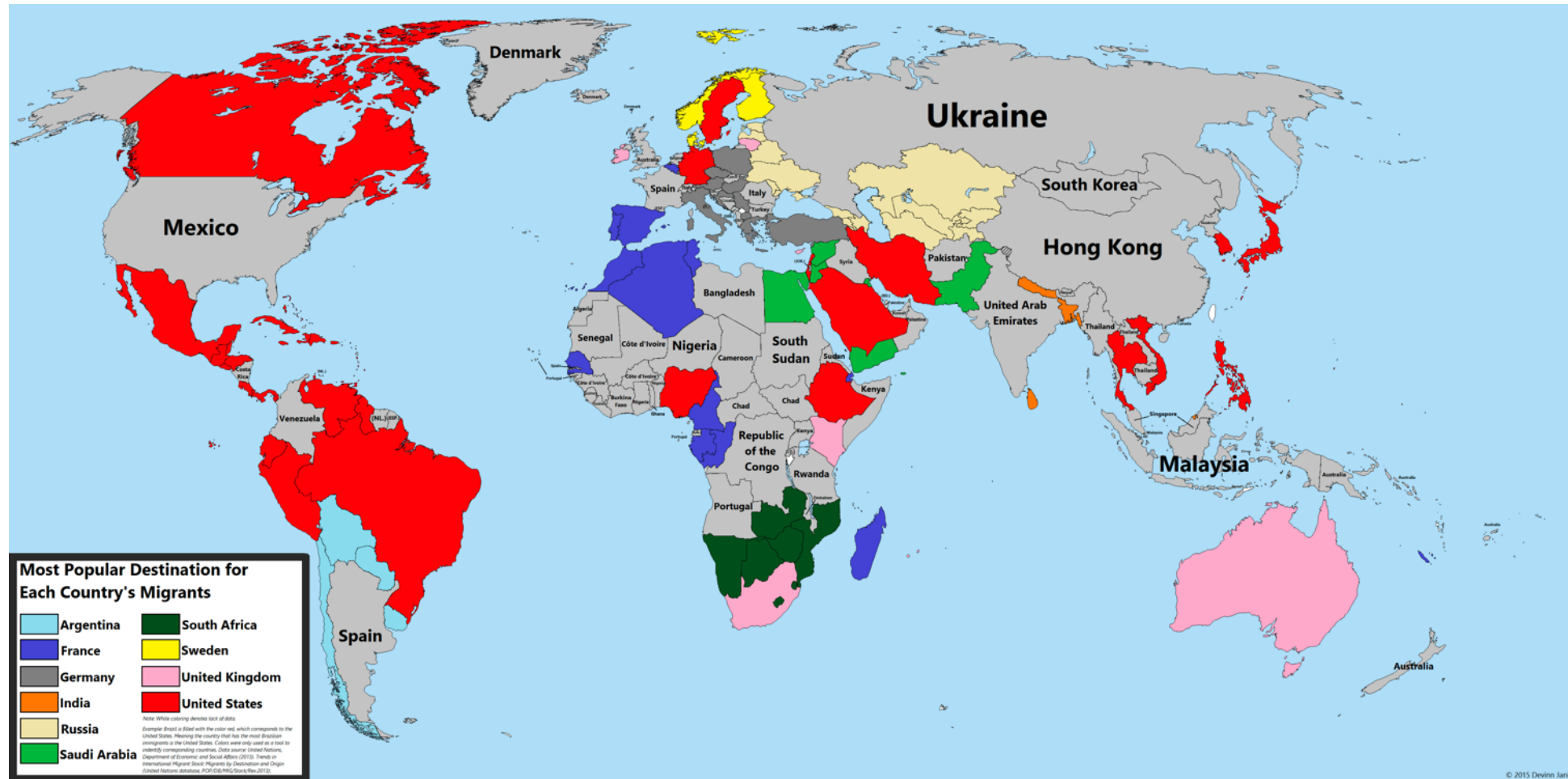
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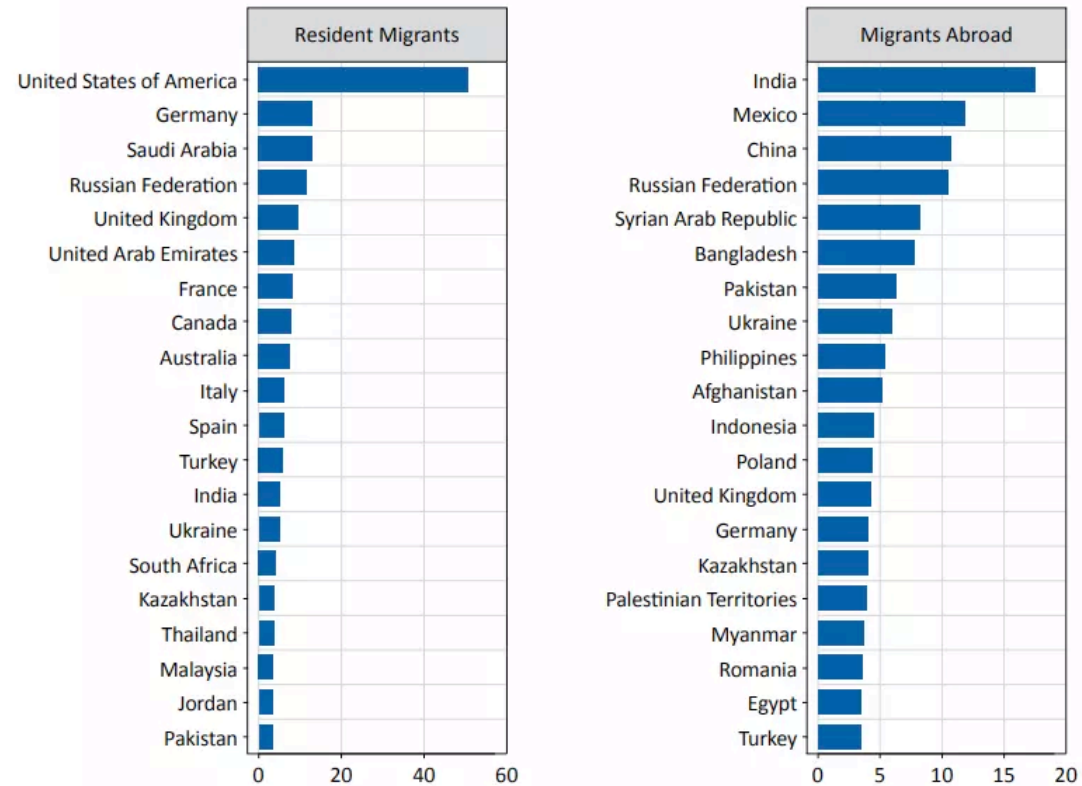
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Figure 3. Top 20 destinations (left) and origins (right) of international migrants in 2019 (millions)



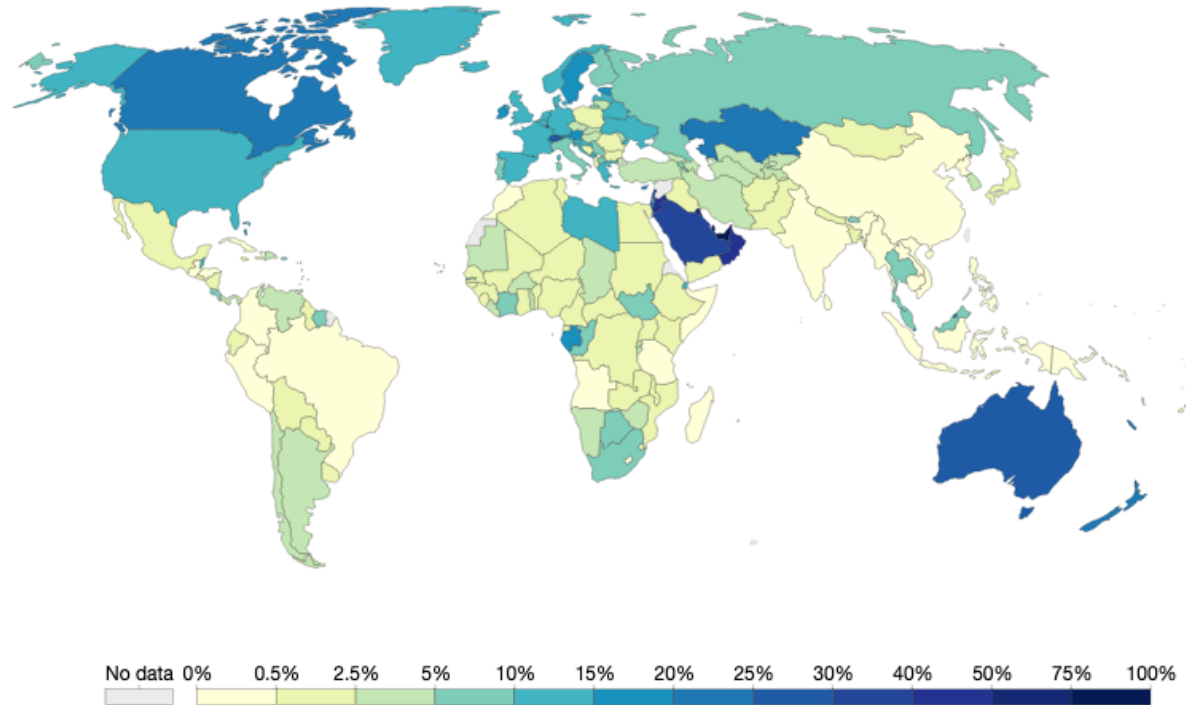
Source: UN DESA, 2019a (accessed 18 September 2019).

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## Share of migrants among the population, 2015

People born in a country other than their country of residence as a share of the population of the country of residence.  
(Migrants also includes refugees.)

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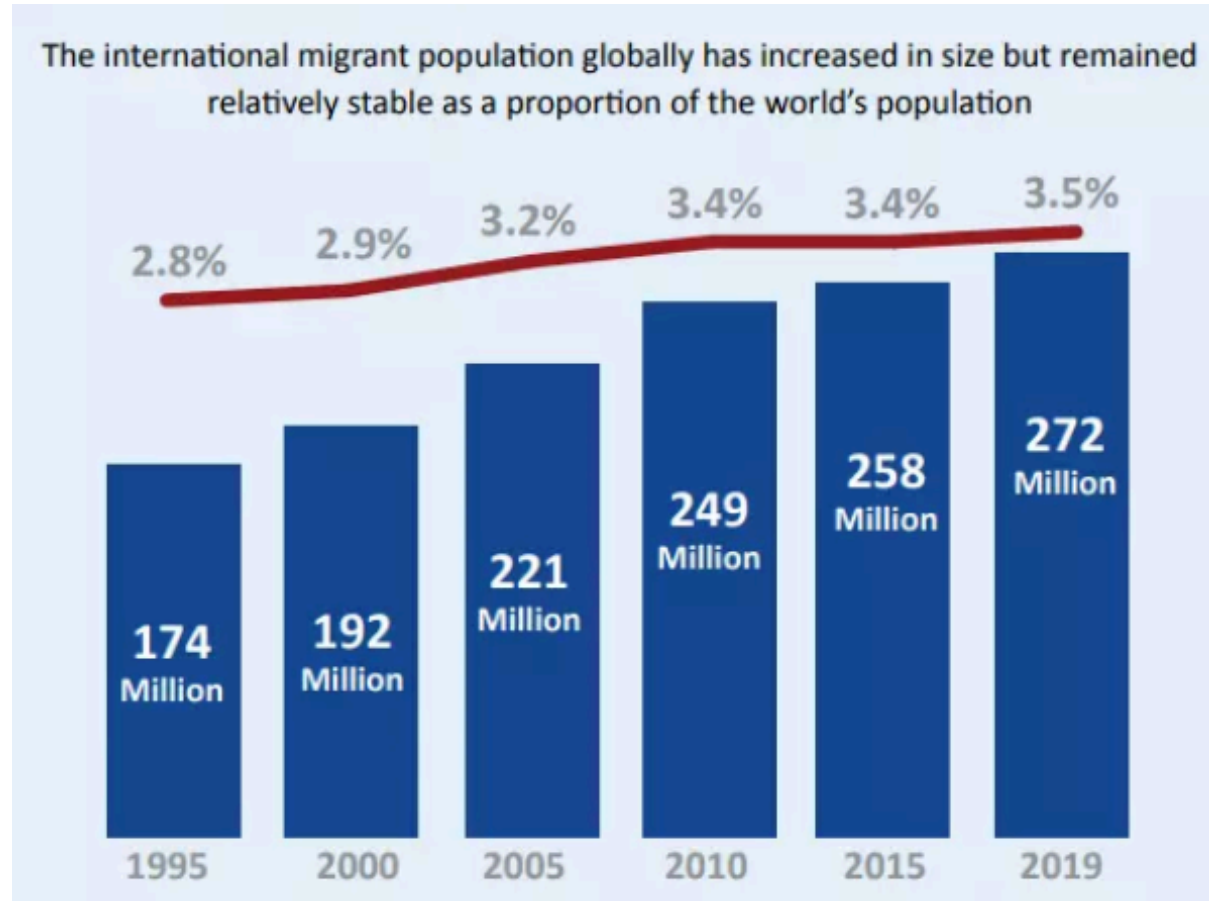


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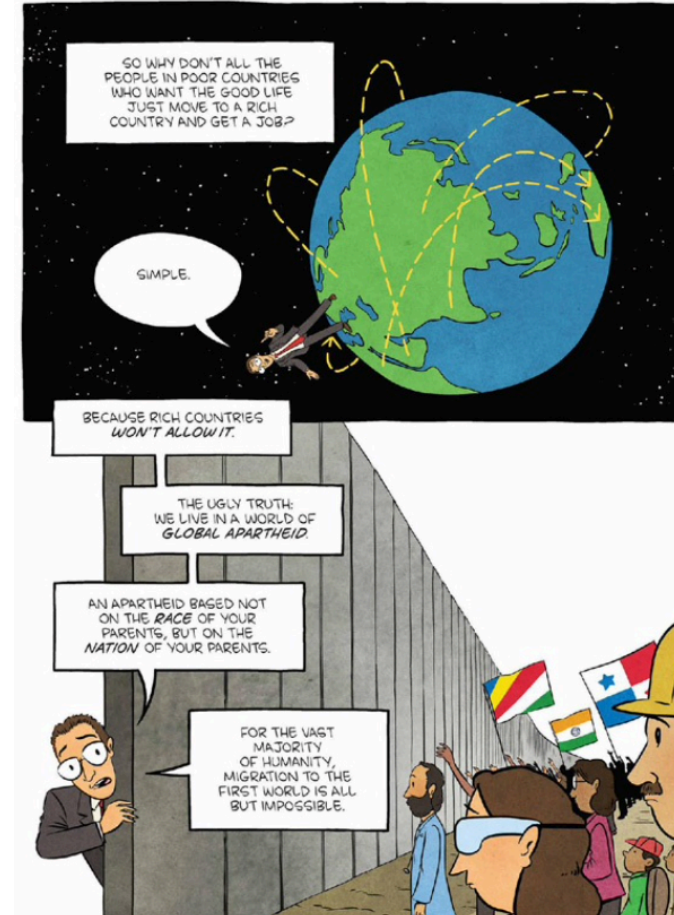
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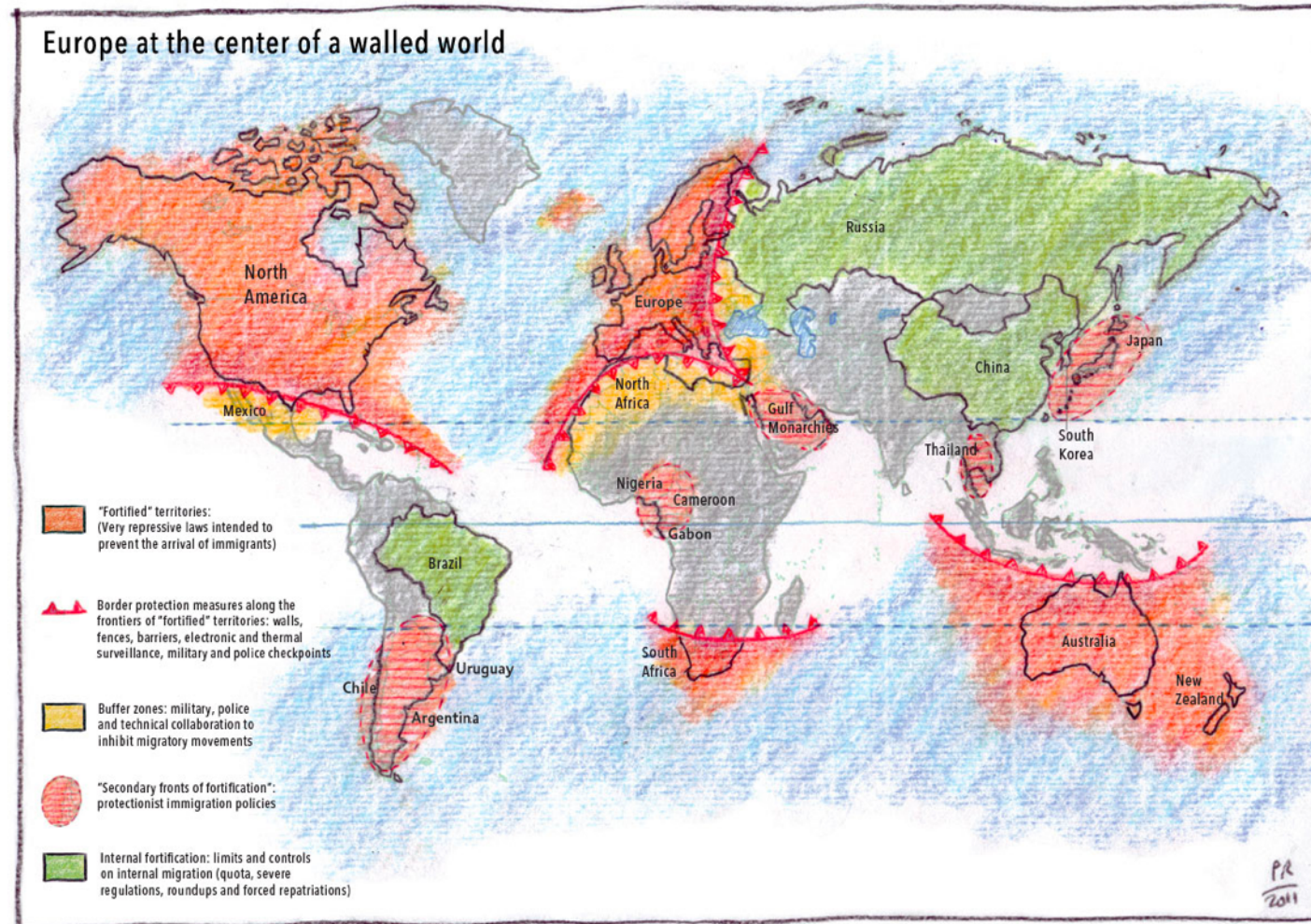


# Constraints on migration





# Constraints on migration



# Effects of constraints on migration

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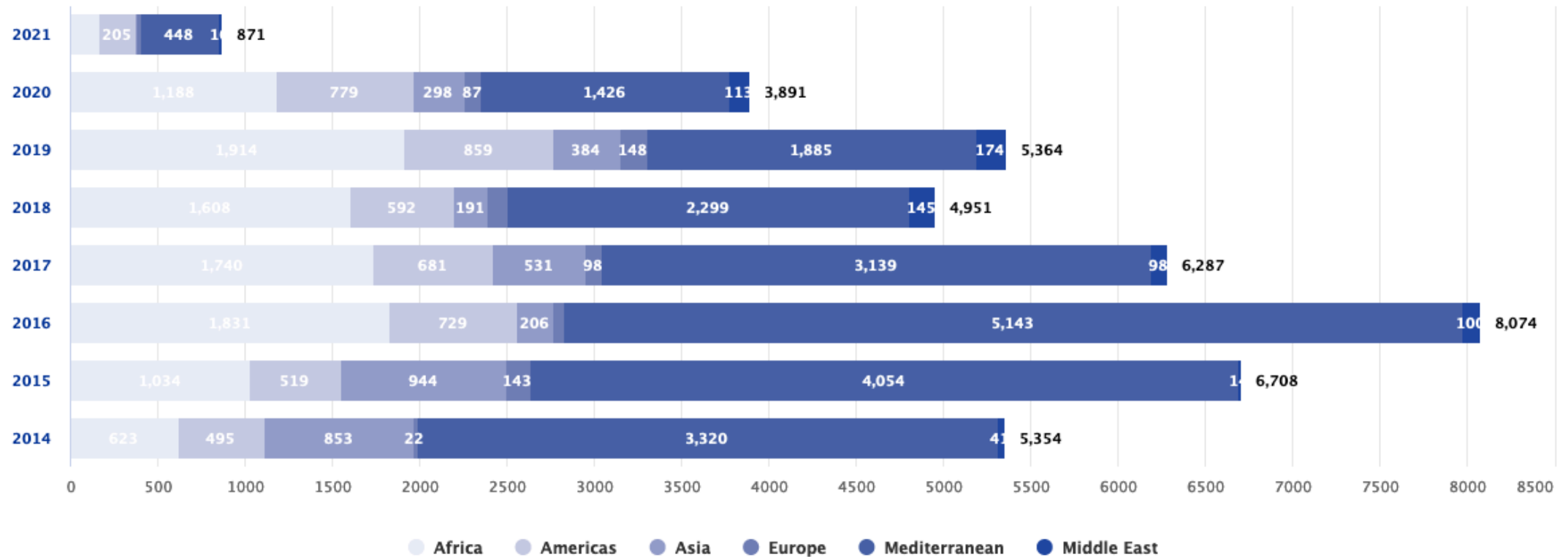
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# Effects of constraints on migration

Recorded migrant deaths by region



Source: <https://missingmigrants.iom.int>

# Effects of constraints on migration

- Artificial scarcity of labor in the Global North —>
- Misallocation of investment in technological innovations —>
- Job losses in the Global South



## Why Are Geniuses Destroying Jobs in Uganda?

JUNE 15, 2017

Lant Pritchett

# Effects of migration

- BRAC's Targeting the Ultra Poor (TUP) as the development interventions with the strongest long-term positive effects
- Income gain from allowing beneficiaries of TUP to work in high productivity countries—40 times larger
- Implication: "Simply allowing more labor mobility holds vastly more promise for reducing poverty than anything else on the development agenda."

- Pritchett, Lant. 2018. "Alleviating Global Poverty: Labor Mobility, Direct Assistance, and Economic Growth." Washington, D.C.: Center for Global Development.



# Effects of migration

*Table 1*

**Efficiency Gain from Elimination of International Barriers**  
(percent of world GDP)

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*All policy barriers to merchandise trade*

1.8	Goldin, Knudsen, and van der Mensbrugghe (1993)
4.1	Dessus, Fukasaku, and Safadi (1999) <sup>a</sup>
0.9	Anderson, Francois, Hertel, Hoekman, and Martin (2000)
1.2	World Bank (2001)
2.8	World Bank (2001) <sup>a</sup>
0.7	Anderson and Martin (2005)
0.3	Hertel and Keeney (2006, table 2.9)

*All barriers to capital flows*

1.7	Gourinchas and Jeanne (2006) <sup>b</sup>
0.1	Caselli and Feyrer (2007)

*All barriers to labor mobility*

147.3	Hamilton and Whalley (1984, table 4, row 2) <sup>c</sup>
96.5	Moses and Letnes (2004, table 5, row 4) <sup>c</sup>
67	Iregui (2005, table 10.3) <sup>c,d</sup>
122	Klein and Ventura (2007, table 3) <sup>c</sup>



# Effects of migration on migrants

- Higher incomes and economic opportunities
- Access to public goods
- Vulnerability to exploitation
- Exposure to expressions of xenophobia and xenophobic violence
- Distance from support networks

## Your COVID-19 Vaccine Was Likely Made by an Immigrant

Posted by Walter Ewing | Dec 14, 2020 | Business & the Workforce, High Skilled,  
Immigration 101



# Effects of migration on countries of origin

- Remittances
- Brain drain and gain



Sources:

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Mishra, Prachi. 2007. "Emigration and Wages in Source Countries: Evidence from Mexico." *Journal of Development Economics*, 82(1): 180–99.



# Effects of migration in destination countries

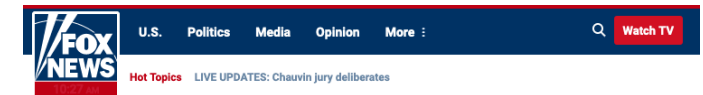
- Productivity increases

- Glaeser, Edward L., and David C. Maré. 2001. "Cities and Skills." *Journal of Labor Economics*, 19(2): 316–42.

- Syrian refugee investments into 6,033 new companies in Turkey worth \$334 million

- Building Markets. 2017. "Another Side to the Story: A Market Assessment of Syrian SMEs in Turkey."

- No documented case of declines in GDP or substantial declines in public service provision in destination countries caused by immigration



IMMIGRATION · Published April 22, 2019

## Most illegal immigrants in US receive government benefits, costing taxpayers billions: experts

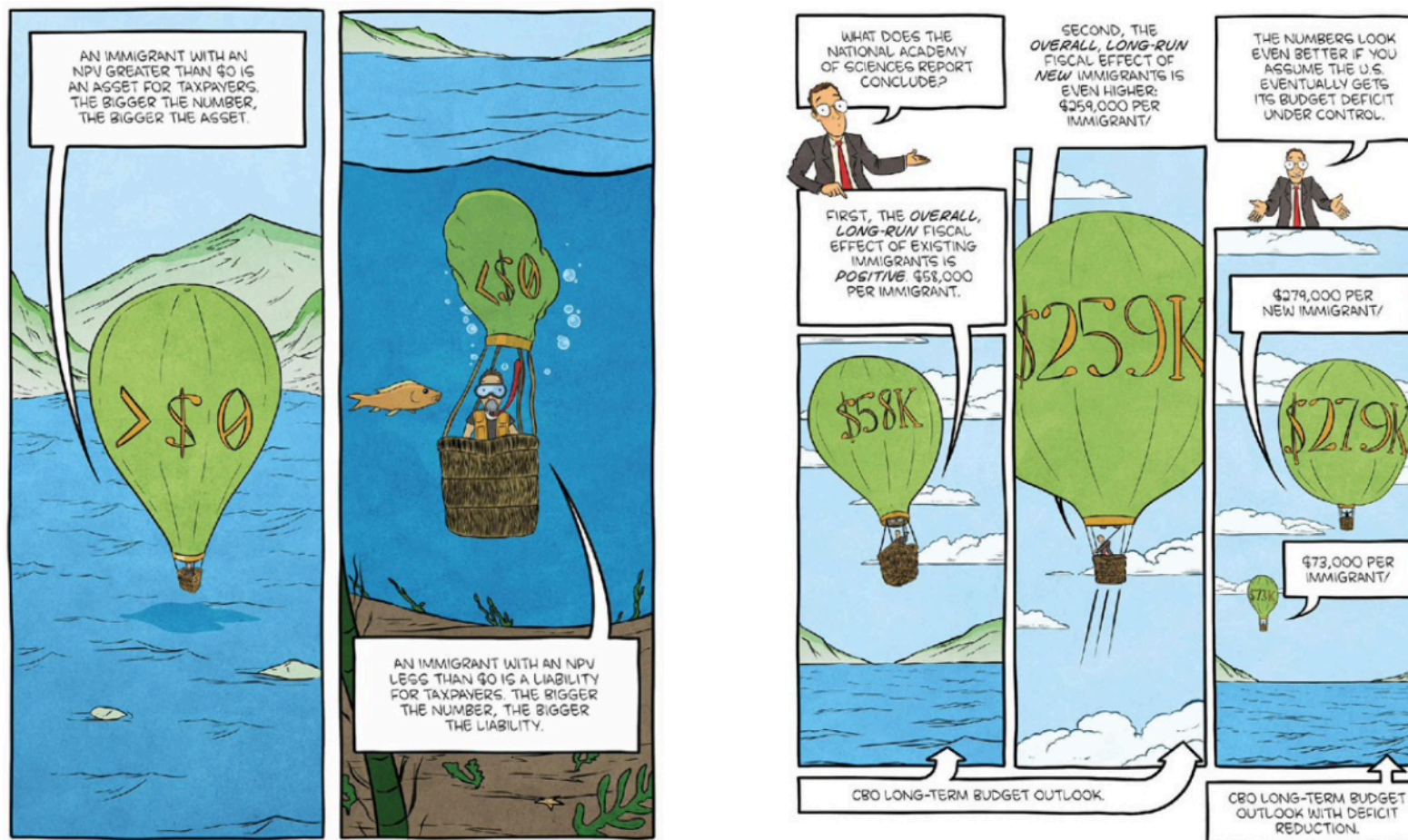
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### Majority of illegal immigrants in US receiving taxpayer-funded government benefits

Central American migrants are arriving by the thousands without a penny to their name. How do they get by? William La Jeunesse breaks down the cost.

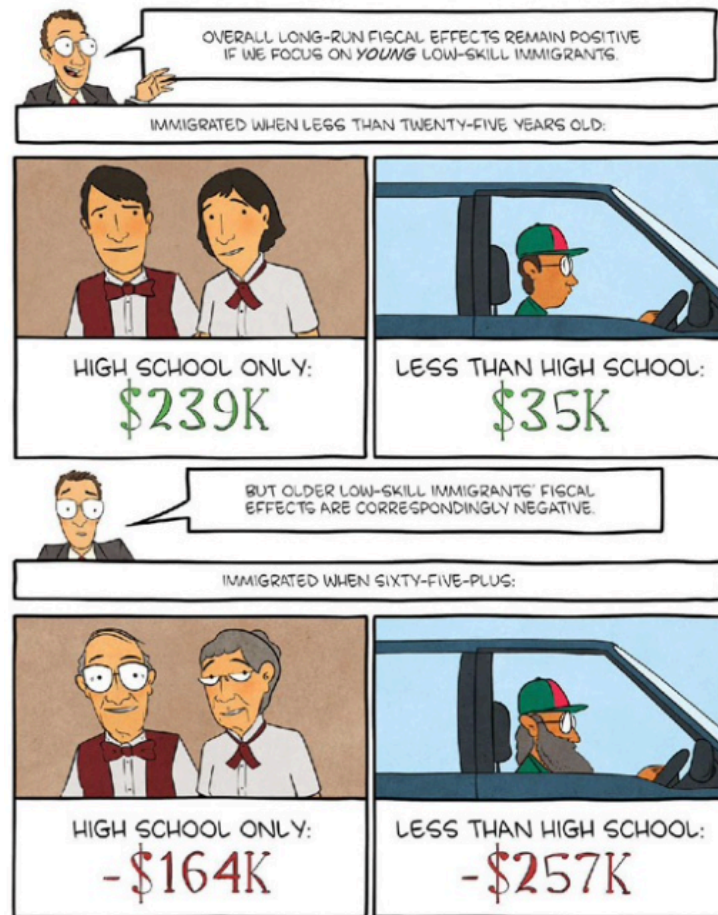
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# Effects of migration in destination countries



# Effects of migration in destination countries

- High-skill labor:

- H-1B immigration scheme in the United States → tech boom in both India and the US, inducing substantial gains in firm productivity and consumer welfare

- Khanna, Gaurav, and Nicolas Morales. "The IT Boom and Other Unintended Consequences of Chasing the American Dream." <https://www.cgdev.org/publication/it-boom-and-other-unintended-consequences-chasing-american-dream/>

- Low-skill labor:

- Positive effects of low-skill labor availability on the productivity of high-skill labor, particularly women's labor

- Kremer, Michael, and Stanley Watt. 2009. "The Globalization of Household Production." [http://www.cgdev.org/doc/events/Migration%20Conference,%205.26.09/Michael\\_Kremer\\_Paper.pdf/](http://www.cgdev.org/doc/events/Migration%20Conference,%205.26.09/Michael_Kremer_Paper.pdf/)

- Influx of Cuban refugees to Miami → lower wages of low-skill American workers

- Borjas, George J. 2017. "The Wage Impact of the Marielitos." *ILR Review*.

- But: Clemens—finding is spurious

- <https://www.cgdev.org/blog/what-mariel-boatlift-cuban-refugees-can-teach-us-about-economics-immigration>

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Economists' consensus is that immigration is a boon to economy, doesn't harm native workers



**Fewer Immigrants Mean More Jobs? Not So, Economists Say**

Highly educated immigrants are good for the economy, but so are less skilled workers, economists say.

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BUT SPEAKING OF CRIME, AREN'T IMMIGRANTS THEMSELVES CRIMINALLY INCLINED?

WHATEVER YOU'VE HEARD, THE ANSWER IS NO. ON AVERAGE, THE FOREIGN-BORN ARE LESS CRIMINALLY INCLINED THAN NATIVES.

HAND OVER THE CHEDDAR, GEEK!

I SAID HAND IT OVER!

NUMBER INCARCERATED PER 1,000 POPULATION

Year	Native-Born	Foreign-Born
2006	7.2	4.8
2007	7.2	4.8
2008	7.2	4.8
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2011	7.2	4.8
2012	7.2	4.8
2013	7.2	4.8
2014	7.2	4.8
2015	7.2	4.8

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MEASURE CRIME, BUT CENSUS DATA IS THE OBVIOUS PLACE TO START.

FOREIGN-BORN INCARCERATION RATES ARE ALMOST ONE-THIRD LOWER THAN NATIVE-BORN RATES.

NATURALIZED IMMIGRANTS ARE MODEL CITIZENS, WITH ONE-FIFTH NATIVES' INCARCERATION RATE.

NUMBER INCARCERATED PER 1,000 PEOPLE

Year	Native-Born	Naturalized Citizen
2006	7.2	1.4
2007	7.2	1.4
2008	7.2	1.4
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2010	7.2	1.4
2011	7.2	1.4
2012	7.2	1.4
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2015	7.2	1.4

NON-CITIZENS' INCARCERATION RATE ALMOST EXACTLY MATCHES NATIVES'.

NUMBER INCARCERATED PER 1,000 PEOPLE

Year	Native-Born	Non-Citizen
2006	7.2	7.0
2007	7.2	7.0
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2009	7.2	7.0
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2011	7.2	7.0
2012	7.2	7.0
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NON-CITIZENS ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN FEDERAL PRISON.

OVER 13,000 FOR IMMIGRATION 'CRIMES' LIKE 'UNLAWFUL REENTRY.'

IS THIS WHAT YOU PICTURE WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT 'CRIMINAL ALIENS'?

WITNESS THE VIOLENCE INHERENT IN THE SYSTEM!

CRIMINOLOGISTS ALSO MEASURE IMMIGRATION'S BROADER EFFECT ON CRIME RATES.

DO IMMIGRANTS SOMEHOW DISRUPT THE SOCIAL ORDER, DRIVING NATIVES TO CRIME?

SAY HELLO TO MY LITTLE FRIEND!

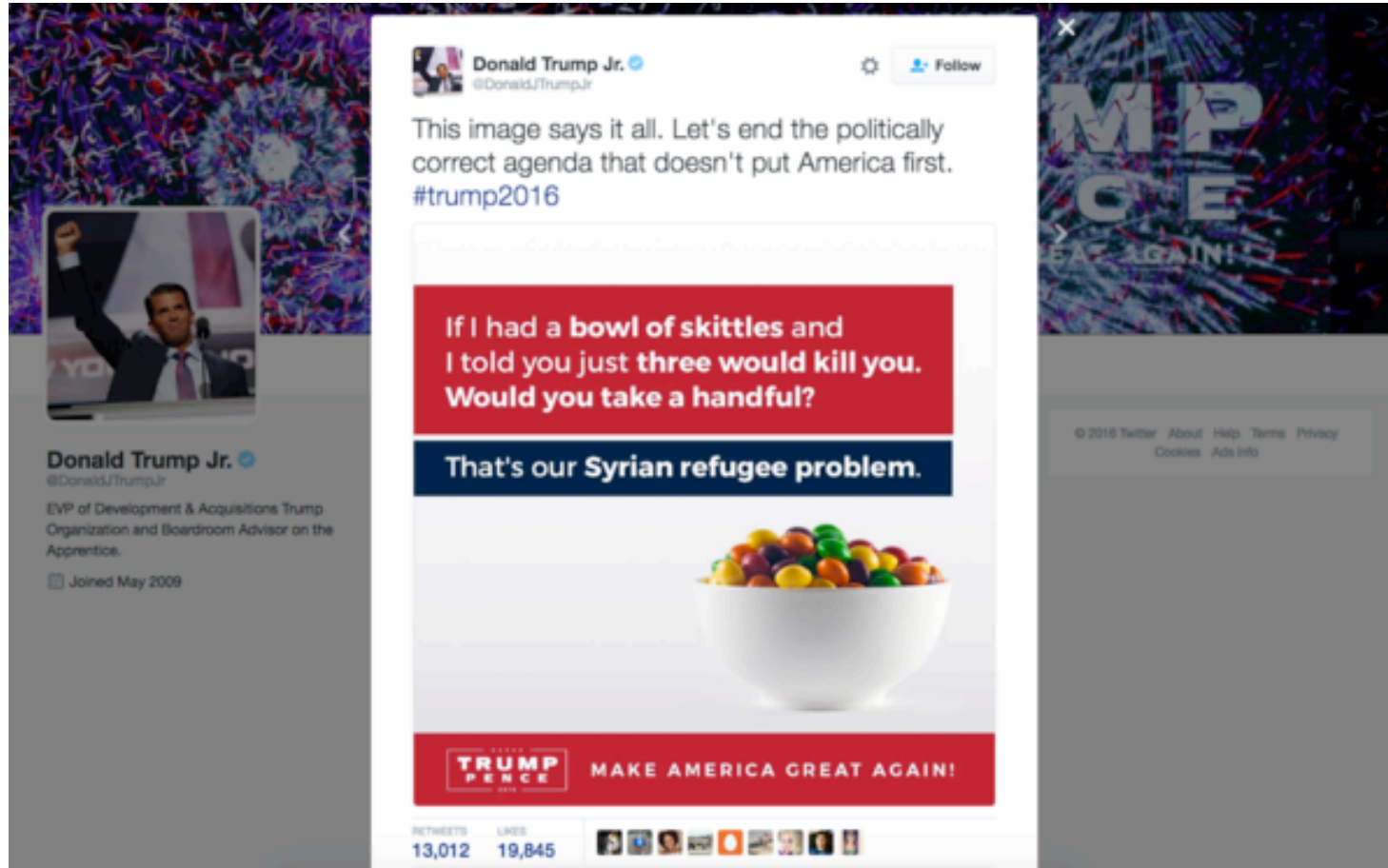
IN 2016, THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SCRUTINIZED DECADES OF RESEARCH, CONCLUDING 'THE PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS OF IMMIGRANTS SEEMS TO LOWER CRIME RATES.'

THE ONLY BAD NEWS IS THAT IMMIGRANTS' VIRTUE ISN'T HEREDITARY. LATER GENERATIONS ULTIMATELY 'ASSIMILATE' TO HIGHER AMERICAN CRIME RATES.

I NEVER WANTED THIS LIFE FOR YOU, MICHAEL.

IT'S THE AMERICAN WAY, POPS!

# Effects of migration



This image says it all. Let's end the politically correct agenda that doesn't put America first. #trump2016

If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you. Would you take a handful?

That's our Syrian refugee problem.

TRUMP PENCE MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

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- Anti-immigrant attitudes:

- Canada: 17%
- France: 33%
- Germany: 27%
- Italy: 53%
- The Netherlands: 27%
- United Kingdom: 59%
- United States: 37%

- Clemens, Michael A. 2011. "Economics and Emigration: Trillion-Dollar Bills on the Sidewalk?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 25 (3): 83–106.

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Daily **Mail**  
.com

**'There ARE too many immigrants in the UK', say seven in 10 Britons**

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By **JACK DOYLE FOR THE DAILY MAIL** and **KIRSTY WALKER**  
**CREATED:** 10:25 EDT, 4 August 2011



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## Least- and Most-Accepting Countries for Migrants

Least accepting of migrants		Most accepting of migrants	
Macedonia	1.47	Iceland	8.26
Montenegro	1.63	New Zealand	8.25
Hungary	1.69	Rwanda	8.16
Serbia	1.80	Canada	8.14
Slovakia	1.83	Sierra Leone	8.05
Israel	1.87	Mali	8.03
Latvia	2.04	Australia	7.98
Czech Republic	2.26	Sweden	7.92
Estonia	2.37	United States	7.86
Croatia	2.39	Nigeria	7.76

Note: Based on 138 countries surveyed in 2016; U.S. and Canada surveyed in 2017; top possible score is 9.0

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Source: <https://news.gallup.com/opinion/gallup/245528/revisiting-least-accepting-countries-migrants.aspx>

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Migrant Acceptance Index, by Demographics

	Migrant Acceptance Index
<b>Education</b>	
Primary education or less	4.93*
Secondary education	5.55*
Completed 4 years of education after high school and/or earned college degree	6.13*
<b>Generation</b>	
Gen Zers (1997 or later)	5.71
Millennials (1980-1996)	5.46*
Gen Xers (1965-1979)	5.23*
Baby boomers (1946-1964)	5.07*
Traditionalists (before 1946)	5.34*
<b>Rural/Urban</b>	
Rural	5.16*
Urban	5.70*
<b>Income group</b>	
Poorest 20%	5.04
Second 20%	5.07*
Middle 20%	5.22
Fourth 20%	5.14
Richest 20%	5.53

Note: Based on 138 countries surveyed in 2016; U.S. and Canada surveyed in 2017; top possible score is 9.0 \*Revised from initial estimates released in August 2017 to reflect the inclusion of Canada and a later survey in the U.S.

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## Theresa May speech 'could have been taken out of Mein Kampf', Vince Cable says

Prime Minister's attack on global elite as 'citizens of nowhere' condemned as 'quite evil' - 'It could've been taken out of *Mein Kampf*'

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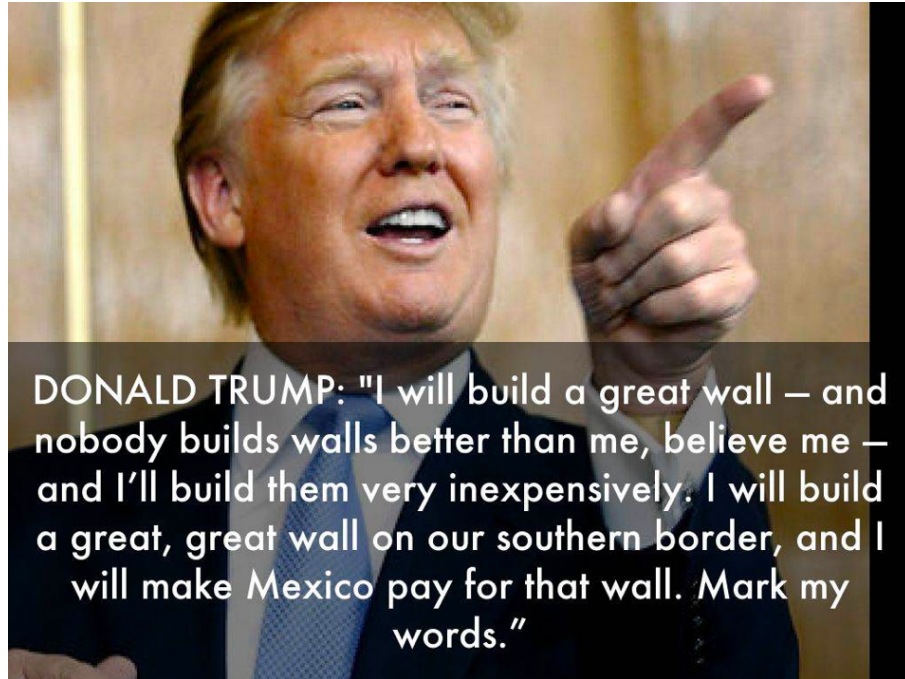
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DONALD TRUMP: "I will build a great wall — and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me — and I'll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words."

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Trump's comment came as he defended his "zero tolerance" policy of separating children from their families at the border, which began in April.



**Mary Ann Georgantopoulos**  
BuzzFeed News Reporter

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Racist incidents are increasing while Trump promotes racism by calling coronavirus 'the Chinese virus'



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# Takeaways

- Strong economic—and more broadly developmental—benefits of migration
- Constraints on migration reflective of the pitfalls of sociability