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Chinese – Now and Then

by [Joe Escobar](#) – Friday, February 26, 2016, 10:07 PM

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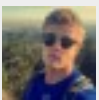
Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Zachary King](#) – Saturday, February 27, 2016, 12:26 AM

The connection I see is a fear of America being taken over by the Chinese. In the commercial, the overall theme is that the Chinese will make us slaves through owning our national debt. In the cartoons, you see a theme of the Chinese taking over our nation through immigration, taking our jobs and bringing crime with them.

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United States, a great nation.

by [Jason Petersen](#) – Sunday, February 28, 2016, 3:47 PM

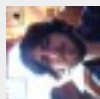
The commercial takes place 14 years from now, 2030 AD. The Chinese speaker starts off by asking his audience “Why do great nations fail?” He then gives examples such as the ancient Greeks, Roman Empire, British Empire, and most importantly the United States. Since this commercial is 14 years from now, it is indicating that the United States will soon fail. Because this commercial takes place in the future, he says that they “owned” most of our debt. Which is currently true, after spending 2 seconds on google I was able to find exactly how much debt we owe to china. The United States in currently \$1.2645+ TRILLION in debt to china. The man in the video continues and says “so now they work for us”.

In the first political cartoon we see what appears to be an artist illustration of a Chinese man with 11 arms. The man seems to be working very hard, 10 of his arms are working and the other arm is holding up a bag of money. On the far right side of the picture is what seems to be 7 Americans standing around and talking. This one single Chinese worker is doing enough work to cover for 5 people. After the Gold Rush of 1849, Chinese were drawn to the west coast as economic opportunity upraised. Along with immigrating, they were taking large number of agricultural, and factory jobs from Americans. The second picture shows Uncle Sam being eaten by foreigners. This cartoon uses Uncle Sam to represent for the United States of America. People are obviously scared that

foreigners will continue to re-locate to America, eventually take over. The third picture is a picture of Uncle Sam holding up a door labeled “Scott’s & Exclusion ACT”. The Exclusion act was a law that responded to economic fears. This act was the first main law restricting immigration to the United States. As far as the last photo goes, I am not really sure what is going on here? My guess is that it is another illustration representing the fear of Americans of the natives taking back their land.

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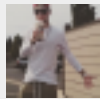
Cartoon #1 "what shall we do with our boys"

by [Dylan Semons](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 2:40 PM

In viewing this cartoon I was struck by the immediate and obvious over the top racism of it the Chinese worker was pictured as a multi armed almost monster like person and then in the next panel it showed a group of out of work White American workers. While none of this is totally suprising with many of the other racially motivated cartoons we have viewed in class I could not help but draw parraells to modern racism directed at Latino immigrants who come here to make a better life for themselves much as many of the Chinese workers at the time where doing, It's suprising that many choose to hold on to these 19th century attidudes in the 21st century, as well I feel like at this time as now many of the same fears where being mongered upon people while the powers at be where engaged in graft and looking for anyway they could to pay people lower wages and exploit the work force so the easiest solution was to turn one group of disenfranchised people against another which I feel was illustrated in the cartoon entitled "The great fear of the period" where it showed both an Irish and Chinese immigrant swallowing Uncle Sam, apart from the despicable racism of these cartoons I found that they best illustrate how the establishment constantly looks for ways to create divisiveness among minority groups and impoverished groups in The U.S. one can only imagine what could have happened if all these people had joined forces to fight opression its fully plausible that we would see a much different country

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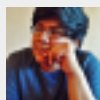
Quite Different

by [Zachery Brown](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 6:07 PM

After watching the commercial provided to us, and looking through the cartoons as well. I have to say that there are some similarities to the both of them. But also many differences. Being as, back during the time in which these cartoons were drawn up, they are were in fear of being put out of work by the Chinese Immigrants. Although in the commercial, it is in fear of being owned by China and working for the Chinese to pay off our debt. I do see the two being similar in that they are both in fear of being under China. But in two different ways in my opinion.

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Joel Silva-Rivera](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 7:53 PM

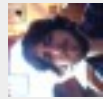
What connections can you infer between this current commercial, and historical American behaviors and attitudes towards the Chinese which are reflected in these cartoons? Is there any validity to and/or similarity among these expressed sentiments which are separated by 100 years of U.S. History? Why (or why not) is this just an example of “history repeating itself”?

One connection that I can infer is that now and back then we (as Americans) are still afraid of Chinese taking jobs away from Americans and/or America. A bit of proof is the cartoon called “What shall we do with our boys.” And “The great fear of the period.” The first on depicts one Chinese man working on multiple jobs and outside are a bunch of American boys doing nothing. The other one is harder to interpret but I believe that the person that Uncle Sam and the Chinese man are swallowing represents the work force which is being consumed by the Chinese instead of Americans. Nowadays, proof of this still being an issue is well job companies who start here in America but then have to move their company to china or India where the cost of production and other factors cost less then after this happens we hear about big layoffs in the news. Due to this I do not believe that history is

repeating.

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Dylan Semons](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10:50 PM

I believe that history is reapeating it self in the way that like now and then the people who we are outsourcing labor to are being valued as well as demonized by certain elements of the political establishment, The fears of China taking over our country are now fueled by the fact that the U.S. owns them large sums of money rather than the fact that large protions of immigrants are traveling here.

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The Chinese People

by [Brock Hinds](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 8:45 PM

The biggest thing that caught my attention was the statement the Chinese leader made in the commercial. When he mentioned our debt with China and everybody laughed that was eye opening for sure. Not because I didn't know we were in debt with China, it was the way he stated it and when everybody laughed. It makes me wonder why they laughed at that moment? Then he says "They will work for us" that was a very chilling statement wasn't it? But I feel like there is a connection to this statement. We as Americans have never really treated the Chinese people fairly. Page 597 in our book explains the treatment of Chinese people when they worked on the railroads as well as how they were treated in general by Americans. That page also explains The Chinese Exclusion Act which suspended Chinese immigration for 10 years! I feel like the reason that the Chinese leader made that statement was because of revenge. They feel like now it's there turn to bully us and be our boss this time not the other way around. We owe China a lot of money and I feel like they can use that against us and I get that vibe from that commercial. Anybody else getting the same interpretation?

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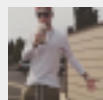
Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Mason Kotz](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 9:49 PM

Looking at these cartoons reminds me of the worries many people have with the huge surge of Hispanic migrates that are coming into California and other southwestern states. It just shows me that people are always scared of change no matter what happens and that history does repeat itself.

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Zachery Brown](#) – Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7:15 PM

I think that you nailed this one on the head. I can see exactly what you are talking about here. Many Americans are scared and offended at the fact that many hispanic families have been moving into the US and of course they need to work and make a living. It is easy to see the connection between the Hispanic Migration now and the old Chinese Migration depicted in the cartoons. Great job on making this connection.

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Brock Hinds](#) – Friday, March 4, 2016, 10:08 PM

I have to agree with this point as well. I do sense a fear in our country of the many different cultures we have. And I totally understand where this fear comes from after all these people have to make a living just like us. I can't help but agree with this fear of the Hispanic Migration. I mean we have somebody who is running for president that wants to build a wall for crying out loud! And not to mention Mr. Trump wanting to gather all illegal aliens and send them back, I can't help but notice that fear connection.



Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Joel Silva-Rivera](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 4:04 PM

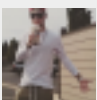
I do see the connection between the Labors of Mexico and the Chinese labor workers. However, I have to say that people here in the U.S are still afraid of the Chinese not because of their migrate workers but because of their cheap labor cost in their own country which persuade major companies (that start here in the U.S) to move their factories over to China where they double their profits.



Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Brock Hinds](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10:00 PM

So after reading your post I noticed that there is actually a very current event that has to do with a company firing American workers for the cheap labor cost of migrate workers. Disney has fired like 250 American workers so they can replace them with migrate workers. And whats worst is if you read up on the Disney event, Disney is making the Americans train the migrate workers to take their jobs! Who were on temp visas for high skill labor by the way. I can see how this would scare a lot of people in our country. I can now say that our fear as Americans still exists to this very day. These people were from India not China but the connection I was able to make was the temp visas on high skill labor. The Chinese were very highly skilled labors in the 19th century and they still are today and I think we see that is a threat still to this day.



Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Zachery Brown](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10:47 PM

Wow, this is nuts. I cant believe that nobody has done anything to prevent this from happening. I mean, I honestly and truely think that it should be illegal to fire American workers, only for the soul reason that migrant workers will work for less. It's just not right. At all. I think that migrant workers should be required to be payed the same amount. This way, it would be fair competition. Who ever is better at what the job requires. This just goes to show that history will repeat itself. I think that if America doesn't figure out many of its issues. Its going to be the death of itself. And I agree that many Americans do fear for their jobs and what not. I can definitely say,



The view on Chinese

by [Justin Smith](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 10:45 PM

In the commercial and in the comics posted there is a recurring theme of fear. Americans, historically and currently, tend to have a fear of immigrants "taking" their work from them. Immigrants have always tended to work for less wages which makes it more likely for them to be hired over whites. A more current example would be China producing a vast amount of the worlds products because they produce them for a much cheaper price, which causes corporations to pay them to make the products. I think the first cartoon posted gives the most accurate depiction of this, it shows a Chinese man building different products while white men are sitting out on the street. I think it is very interesting that even after 100 years there is still sense of fear that foreigners will be "taking" away jobs from people.



Re: The view on Chinese

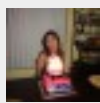
by [Peter Mixon](#) – Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 5:22 PM

I think you’re absolutely right, and it’s fascinating how similar America’s fears are over the span of 100

years. Back then we were afraid of the Chinese taking away the jobs of hardworking Americans, and today people protest the outsourcing of manufacturing to China because they feel that now those fears have come true. The fear of large numbers of immigrants is still alive, although perhaps the mere numbers are not the issue at the forefront of current discussions. The new fear, as I think the commercial we watched illustrated, is that either we will end up working for the Chinese or they will deliberately wreck our economy. That is somewhat different from any other fear we as a nation have previously had, because never before have we been so in debt. But I think that is a less prominent issue right now. With the election coming up, the main issue is laborers from Mexico taking the jobs of hardworking Americans, and a certain candidate’s calls to close the border echo very strongly the logic of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. It’s fascinating to see how the same fear is echoed throughout history: with the Irish immigrants in the north, then the free blacks coming from the south, then the Chinese entering California, and now people coming across our southern border. Fear of loss of work is one of the predominant themes in history, and it will be interesting to see how it plays out as a political force in this year’s election.

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We now work for them (Chinese)
by [Nicolle Tapia](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 10:52 PM

The Chinese was explaining how a government can go down and explained that they own America because America is going down due to “turning their backs on principles.” He also explains that America works for the Chinese now and that we are deep in debt and we owe a lot of money to china which is ironic considering that in the text book Americans harshly discriminated against the Chinese when they came to America looking for work. The cartoon that says “The great fear of the period – that Uncle Sam may be swallowed by foreigners.” The cartoon saying that Uncle Sam may be swallowed by foreigners is basically saying that America may be taken down by foreigners and that they will “ruin” America, but in reality they never did and now America owes a tremendous amount of money to China who we originally “owned” but because of our actions and turning against one another they now own us.

Americans tried their best to get rid of the Chinese or at least make sure that they were not included like others were. “The Chinese Exclusion Act suspended Chinese immigration for 10 years with the exception of a few job categories.”(Textbook Pg 597) The americans wanted nothing to do with Chinese and they wanted them out and when you watch the video its incredible that now sadly we owe them everything because we are in debt to them and we basically work for them but in the beginning it was the other way around.

History is definitely repeating itself in the sense that before we discriminated against the Chinese and we saw them inferior to us but as the years went on America slowly started going downhill and China began thriving which was how we eventually started working for them but now we hear in the news that china is not doing so well which may have other factors to it but it could be they are also “turning their backs on principles”

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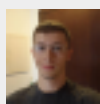


Re: Comerical v. Past Behaviors to the Chinease.
by [Philip Engel](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 11:41 PM

Many Chinease migrated to the United States of America in search of a better life and hope of providing for themselves and their families by working in the gold mines in the western region of the United States. The Chinease during this period of time were treated with disrespect and received unfair taxes on their findings in the gold mines along with other various mistreatments. This commercial depicts our nations flaw in government spending and predicts it to be our nations downfall and now the tables are turning in the favor of the Chinease because of all the money we now owe them.

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then
by [David Adsit](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 11:48 PM

Wow, I'll start off with that commercial. I can only imagine that's how people viewed China 100 years ago. With

such a fast growing nation like America was then, and the apparent self righteousness, you can see the correlations. The commercial made it seem like the America that we know was a thing of the past, like it had fallen. I suppose this was how Americans viewed China then as well, being it was a great empire until their war with Britain. And these cartoons speak volumes towards that. And you can see the correlation between how the Chinese were viewed then and how some people view Mexicans today. This first carton shows a Chinese worker set to a lot of mundane tasks all at the same time, and the third one where Chinese workers are popping out of the floor boards and out of the walls. This should speak volumes to people because I'm sure this is how some people view Mexicans today. I guess we haven't grown much at all.

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Emma Knutson](#) – Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 5:51 PM

Your point on the Mexicans is very interesting, I would have never thought of comparing that. In what you said about how we haven't grown much at all, do you think in your personal opinion, that this will be a continuous act? Do you feel like the United States will continue having immigrant workers and other countries pick up the slack or do you think at some point it will be resolved where we don't find ourselves in deep slumps with the need of outside help?

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Re: Chinese – Now and Then

by [Mason Kotz](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 9:07 PM

I do not think there will ever be a point when outside help will not be a part of this country. That being said I do think at some point we as a collective group will be accepting of this outside help. I think that during times like these people are not willing to accept change or help but as history shows us change does happen but just at a slower rate. I think that is one big thing this course has shown us is that change does happens but it will just take time a people willingness to accept the changes for things to improve and move forward.

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Chinese: a real threat?

by [Peter Mixon](#) – Monday, February 29, 2016, 11:58 PM

The Citizens Against Government Waste video is a compelling piece of advertising by a vocal portion of America’s population. The idea that America has sold itself to China through loans and the loss of our production economy to cheap foreign manufacturing does carry some truth. However, I think there is a slight difference between the sentiments expressed currently about China and the attitudes portrayed in the selection of cartoons for this forum.

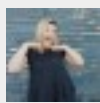
The concerns about Chinese labor in the 19th century, as expressed in cartoon #1, were mainly based around the fear of cheap foreign labor out-competing whites in the job market, much the same way this concern was brought up in antebellum America about blacks. However, there were general fears of an immigration swell overtaking white America with foreigners that much mirrors the current debates about the southern border. Today the fear of China is also that their cheap labor is putting Americans out of business, but on a larger scale it is also that certain Chinese corporations are now in basically the same position the railroad companies during the transcontinental boom were: they have the power, and America now finds itself on the receiving end of the same kind of treatment the Chinese suffered during that time. The fear that China will crash our economy is very real in some places. There is a tinge of nativism to be heard in some arguments, for sure. These arguments against China’s involvement in our economy are very similar to, but not identical to, the sentiments held by 19th century Americans.

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The Chinese aren't the problem

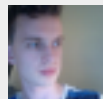
by [Emma Knutson](#) – Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 4:47 PM



The current commercial is very accurate to say the least. In the commercial, which is obviously a coy, mentioned that the United States got out of their troubles by in a sense recreating their trouble in a different way. They taxed themselves and created more money to dig themselves deeper. By the whites in the north bringing over Chinese from California, this created a divide between how the whites once had a job and how that is being taken over by the Chinese and other immigrant laborers. In the first cartoon the Chinese man is doing the work, and that is what the Americans used them for while they sat around and earned the majority of the profit. It should make perfect sense that this created a tiff with how the whites viewed immigrants because it takes away from what the United States was trying to create. By having immigrant workers, that takes away from the whites having the opportunity to have work and if they don't have work then what is the point of living in a country where whites are then turned into the minority with the gross income of immigrant workers. Yes, they did then start the deny of all Chinese immigrants to the states but if they didn't do that, t could have been much worse. In the commercial, it just goes to show how not only the Americans, but other countries, are using their downfalls and their errors, pointing it to a nonexistent problem, and pointing the fingers at something they initially started.

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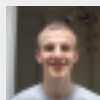
Re: The Chinese aren't the problem

by [Peter Mixon](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 11:36 PM

I think you're absolutely right that the cheap immigrant labor in the 19th century enraged whites because it was seen as an affront to what America had come to stand for: American individual economic independence and social mobility. The idea of a poor man being able to work his way up in society was (and still is) a deeply revered concept in America, and the influx of Chinese threatened that. There was also a perceived threat even to Americans being able to provide necessities for themselves. This is the same fear that still permeates America about workers from Mexico. But I think you're very perceptive to point out that it's also perceived as a threat to a core element of what makes America what it is.

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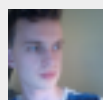
It's better now than it was back then

by [Robert Driver](#) – Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 5:33 PM

The commercial visualizes a day when things are turned on their head, the day when Americans work for the Chinese instead of the Chinese working for the Americans. When the Chinese first immigrated here, they were laborers working for low wages. American workers, upset at this competition they couldn't beat, got so upset that they oppressed and often even murdered the Chinese. For example, in the old Chinese-American phrasebook mentioned in the video in class, there were a lot of phrases having to do with violent death. I would have second thoughts about going to a country if the phrasebook had those sorts of phrases in them. Eventually, the federal government banned Chinese immigration (which might have been unfair, but I think it was probably better than the Chinese continuing to come over here and be oppressed). Today, we don't have many problems with racism towards Chinese (due largely to the fact that we don't have them come over to America to take jobs from American workers), but I think we still have a tendency to look down on China as a nation.

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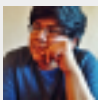
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Re: It's better now than it was back then

by [Peter Mixon](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2016, 6:56 PM

I think it's a good point that even if there might not be as much overt racism toward Chinese people any more, there still might be a sense of looking down on China and its inhabitants. For whatever reason – our opinion of their government, or just the fact that we think of them as poor peasants working in factories – we do tend to look down on them. I think that attitude is part of what creates the attitude of the Chinese speaker in the commercial we watched. There is obviously a sense of triumph and vindication in the speaker's tone, which could come from the role reversal if Americans ever became the low-wage laborers for Chinese consumers.



Re: It's better now than it was back then
by [Joel Silva-Rivera](#) - Saturday, March 5, 2016, 5:11 PM

I agree and disagree with you. First I agree with you all the way until the last sentence and I agree with you that we don't have "racism towards Chinese." Now I disagree with "we don't have them come over to America to take jobs from American workers" Yes Chinese people don't initially come to America and take jobs from Americans. However, they do take jobs from Americans by how cheap the Chinese labor in their country is. Many companies here in America send their factories to China or to some other country where the cost of labor is cheaper than in America. In this way the Chinese still take jobs from Americans. Also, I don't agree with looking "down on China as a nation."



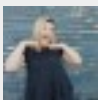
Re: Chinese – Now and Then
by [Jordan Hevern](#) - Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 9:22 PM

Well after watching this video, obviously the roles flipped. We back in the nineteenth century controlled china, whether it was telling them they can not come live in this country or making them work back breaking jobs for less than a white man would make folding towels. Then when we needed them, we brought them back, we let them back in. I could see the world turning like that. We as the United States get so engrossed in being the best, that we oversee what we are really putting ourselves through, and next thing you know, we are not an independent country anymore.

Comparing the cartoon to the commercial, firstly the commercial isn't half as bad as those cartoons are. But you can tell that that commercial wasn't made to make it look fun being controlled by China. You could tell by the way the speaker looked into the camera and the audience laughs as he tells them he owns us now. There would be vengeance there for sure. The commercials The commercial though, just like the cartoons show Chinese taking over. In the cartoons, that what they are fearing. In the commercial it actually happens.

In the commercial the speaker says “great nations”. He talks about how we were great, not implying that we are lower than dirty, but does point out our flaw in greediness. I think that the commercial completely is validated, and is possible the direction we are headed.

Karma is a bitch, and if it comes to that point where China takes over America, I cant say I don't blame them.



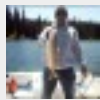
Re: Chinese – Now and Then
by [Emma Knutson](#) - Thursday, March 3, 2016, 11:52 AM

You nailed this!! I love your interpretation of it. I think what you said about how the United States is greedy and flawed. It goes to show that we have this appearance of looking like the perfect country when we are nowhere close to that. There is also a part of me that thinks China isn't the only country thinking that they can rise above us, because any country we took advantage of could clearly do that.



Re: Chinese – Now and Then
by [Brock Hinds](#) - Saturday, March 5, 2016, 10:14 PM

I noticed the comment that you made about China not being the only country that wants to rise above us. If you look at I believe it is the second cartoon on the forum materials, it shows Uncle Sam being swallowed whole by not only a Chinese immigrant but what appears to be maybe and Irish immigrant. So yes I have to agree with you to a point on the China statement. However, China is also in economic crisis worse than we are in fact! So yes China may want to rise above the U.S. but they are certainly not thinking about it with their current economic situation. But there are other country's that want to rise above us AND can think about really doing it and that is what is scary..



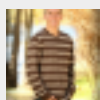
American fears

by [Andrew Kilmer](#) – Thursday, March 3, 2016, 5:37 PM

I definitely see a connection between the advertisement and the cartoons. Both are based on a fear that after we worked so hard to build our homes and create our jobs, they could be taken away by a foreign people. What I find so compelling is the fact that Americans have had the same fear with slaves, Irish Catholics, Chinese and now illegal immigrants that cross our borders. Every one of these groups have been exploited and used to do some of the hardest jobs in our country. But once the jobs are complete or laws no longer allow the exploitation of this people we fear them and the danger we perceive to our way of life (that they help to build). Why do companies create factories overseas? Is it not, so we can continue to practice the same behaviors that are no longer allowed within our borders. My point is that the fear generated is not from a foreign people, but from Americans, that find the situation that we created, no longer suits our needs.

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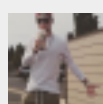
Immigrant work then and immigrant work now

by [Justin Smith](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 6:50 PM

I think it is astounding at how racist some Americans were towards Chinese in the 19th century and even today. I think it was very odd in class the other day when Mr. Escobar was discussing how Leland Stanford was so satisfied with the Chinese workers on the railroad (he even wrote to the president saying how vital their work had been during the process), yet, once construction was completed he was back to being racist towards them. I feel that this has been a trend all throughout American history anytime there is a new foreign group to enter the country, although the Chinese may have had the worst treatment since they were banned from this country from 1882–1943. But there always seems to be a minority group that is paid less to do the dirty work that other people are "too sophisticated" to do. For example, I come from Northern California where farming is very abundant, and some of these crops require rather intensive work in hot temperatures during harvest time. A VAST majority of these workers are Mexican and usually work for low wages. Very similar to the Chinese during the building of the railroad. Historically, there has always been a fear of white men losing jobs to immigrants which leads to the mistreatment of the immigrants and just giving up the less appealing/harder jobs to them. It is astounding that this type of treatment exists to this day, or ever existed for that matter.

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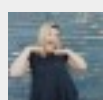
Re: Immigrant work then and immigrant work now

by [Zachery Brown](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 7:43 PM

This is a great post I must say. I never knew about Leland Stanford writing a letter to the President about the great work of the Chinese men. And I most definitely have to agree about the trend of racism and discrimination in the United States. It seems as though, if you are not white, somewhere in the US you will face the problem of racism. It's just inevitable. And I am far from saying that crud is okay. It is horrible. Oregon itself, has an extremely large history of the mistreatment of Chinese people. In Pendleton Oregon, where I was born, and lived their for 20 years... Bleh. There they have the underground tours. Which shows you not only the illegal night life of the Cowboys and such, but that is where the Chinese were forced to retreat too at a specific cerfew. Which I believe was 6pm. But many of the house in Pendleton have doors that were connected to the tunnels. Where people would help the Chinese out and feed them and let them stay in they're homes. many of them have been cemented over of course. But they're are still some tunnels to houses that still exist. Just an interesting piece of not so good history in Oregon. Oregon was also part of the "concentration camps" that Chinese were forced into and taken everything away from them during WWII.

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Re: Immigrant work then and immigrant work now

by [Emma Knutson](#) – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 7:45 PM

This is so accurate. I am from Washington and most of eastern Washington is farming. There are about 125,000 immigrants that work on the fields and I read that 70% of them work illegally. It is very sad that the

fact that 70% are illegal and the government doesn't do anything about it because they can pay them less and get away with it. It just amazes me that this is happening and things are being done about it, but not enough. We as Americans just take advantage of what we can do for cheap labor.

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Chinese – Now and Then
by Aidan Middleton – Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8:07 PM

At their core, these two sentiments do come from the same roots, panic over China; however I think beyond that there are major differences in regards to who’s making the statements and who they are being directed at. In the late 19th century Chinese immigrants caused an economic panic for the working-class. Much like today, these immigrants would often work difficult jobs for meager wages, often with no representation. Public outrage against the Chinese reached a fever pitch in the 1880s, and was very racially motivated (though not entirely). This culminated in the Chinese Exclusion Act, an official piece of legislature banning immigration to the US from China for 10 years. The commercial on the other hand, even though there are Chinese stereotypes at play here (drone-like citizens being fed propaganda), doesn’t seem to be attacking the Chinese or China, but the US government. This is also a commercial made by a non-profit and not officially sponsored by the government, unlike the Chinese exclusion act. For these reasons I don’t think this commercial is a case of “history repeating itself”.

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