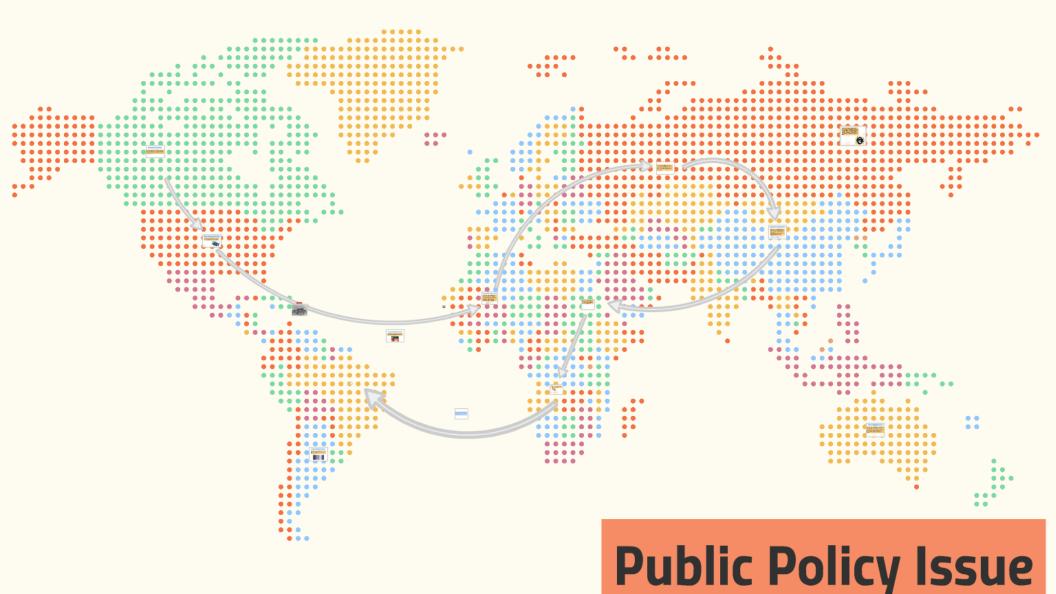


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Background of Immigration

The United States has been made up of immigration since the 16th century. By 1790, the United States contained a diverse group of people. In 1790, the first attempt to control immigration was created. The Neutralization Act of 1790 limited neutralization to immigrants who were free white people of good moral and had lived in the United States for two years.

Background of Immigration

Ellis Island was created in order to help maintain immigration in the United States. Aout 12 million immigrants had passed through here during the 20th century. Immigrants had to go to Ellis Island in order to become a U.S. citizen. As you can see, Immigration is a part of our country's background, but it wast until the late 20th century that it had become an issue with Mexican immigrants.

