ERTH142 / GEOG105
Assignment #2
10 Points (+5 E.C. points possible)
Due: Wednesday, February 13

Ethnicity and Immigration

Your assignment is to investigate and report on the immigration of one ethnicity to the United States. You may define "ethnicity" in any way you choose, but available data may constrain your choices. The first task of the assignment will be to choose the ethnicity you wish to study (i.e. "Jewish", "Mexican", and "Chinese"). After you have done this, for your selected ethnicity you must do the following:

1) Find temporal and spatial immigration data for your ethnicity (see data sources below)
2) Analyze the data and produce graphs with immigration temporal eras delineated.
3) For each of these eras (there may be 2, there may be 3, there may be 6), analyze what caused this immigration (or lack thereof). Talk about push and pull factors.
4) Discuss how these immigrants were received in the United States. Was there backlash? Were they welcomed? Were they not allowed to come here at all during certain eras?
5) Where did these immigrants settle in the United States? (example: Jews in New York, Mexicans in the American South, Chinese in the American West).

To Turn In

- A graph and discussion for yours selected ethnicities (more detailed = better grade)
    - Graph can be handmade or Excel; write-ups must be typed
- Those who put together a small powerpoint presentation (3 - 5 minutes) and present it on 2/13 will receive +5 extra credit points! **You must tell me you are doing this by or on Monday 2/11**.

Data Sources

- http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtn/statistics/publications/LPR06.shtm (especially data tables 1 and 2)
- I will allow Wikipedia as a data source for *this* assignment. For most assignments, this will not be the case
- Google search (i.e. "Jewish immigration to the United States")
- http://www.crf-usa.org/immigration/immigration_history.htm