

<b>City</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Immigrants</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
New York, USA	7,323,000	Hispanics: 1,787,000 Black Americans: 2,102,000	(24.4%) (28.7%)
London, UK	6,680,000	Asians: 635,000 Chinese: 53,000 West Indians: 294,000	(9.5%) (0.8%) (4.4%)
Birmingham, UK	961,000	Asians: 138,000 West Indians: 45,000	(14.4%) (4.7%)
San Francisco, USA	724,000	Asian Americans: 211,000	(29.1%)
Leeds, UK	681,000	Asians: 25,000	(3.4%)
Washington, USA	607,000	Black Americans: 399,000	(65.7%)
Portland, USA	437,000	White Americans: 361,000	(82.6%)
Miami, USA	359,000	Hispanics: 224,000	(62.4%)
Leicester, UK	270,000	Asians: 68,000	(25.2%)
Stans, CH	7,353	Swiss: 6,456 Foreign nations: 897	(12.2%)
Luzern, CH	60,000	Swiss: 48,800 Foreign nations: 11,200	(18.7%)
Zürich, CH	363,300	Swiss: 256,900 Foreign nations: 106,400	(29.3%)

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# Multi-cultural Societies

*“The arrival after the 1940s of large numbers of immigrants from Third World countries ... was a break with the past”*

Before the 1940s there weren't many foreigners° living in Britain. When the British colonies became independent in the 40s, lots of people in these countries emigrated to Britain because they thought their standard of living might go down. In the 60s the British government asked people from Commonwealth° countries to come to Britain because Britain didn't have enough workers. So after the Second World War lots of people from Asia, Africa and the West Indies came to Britain, and British society changed. There were lots of different races with different cultures and ways of life together then. Some British people were frightened because they didn't know the foreigners and their ways of life. Many didn't like the immigrants because they thought they might take their jobs. But on the other hand people like going to foreign restaurants and travelling to foreign countries or like clothes, tea and spices° from India, for example.

*“Remember, always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants”*

This sentence means that all the ethnic groups in the US came there as immigrants – even the Indian Americans obviously came there from Asia across the Bering Strait, which was a piece of land then. Especially during the last 200 years people from many countries and continents have entered the US to make a new start there. Only the Indian Americans are “special” as they were the first people to settle on the then unpopulated° North-American continent.

There is no reason, at least not for all those that came after the Indians, to claim° any special rights or privileges° with regard to° those that came later than them. Americans of British or German origin° shouldn't look down° upon newer immigrants from other countries. Probably when their own families came to the US, they were quite poor or miserable° and had a hard time to get settled. Those people didn't necessarily want to give up all their cultural or religious traditions. So how can white Americans today want Asian people or Hispanics to adapt to° their way of life?

## Vocabulary

<i>foreigners</i>	a person who comes from a different country
<i>the Commonwealth</i>	the organisation consisting of the United Kingdom and most of the countries that used to be part of the British Empire
<i>spices</i>	types of powder or seed that come from plants and are used in cooking: pepper, curry, cinnamon, ginger, etc.
<i>unpopulated</i>	without any population, uninhabited
<i>to claim</i>	to demand or ask for something because you believe it is your right
<i>privilege</i>	a special right or advantage that a particular person or group of people has
<i>with regard to</i>	concerning somebody/something
<i>origin</i>	a person's social and family background (country of origin = place where someone was born)
<i>to look down on sb./sth.</i>	to think that you are better than someone or something
<i>miserable</i>	very unhappy or uncomfortable, depressing
<i>to adapt to</i>	to change your behaviour in order to deal more successfully with a new situation