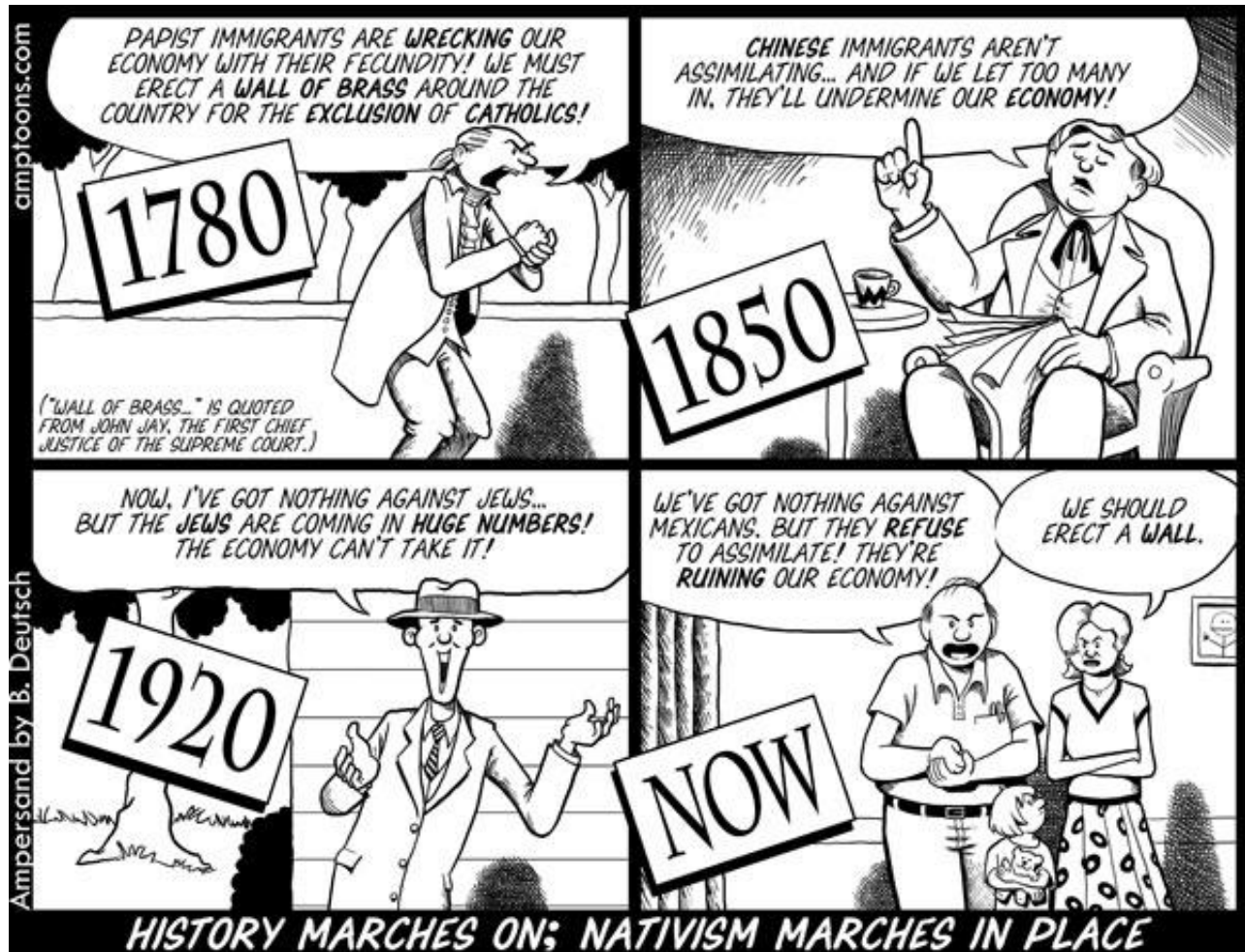


# Assessment: Nativism in America



Today, nativism is still alive. Immigrants are still blamed for the problem of the United States as well as being persecuted heavily by "native-born citizens." For example, the Mexican immigrants that come over today are treated terribly. They are persecuted like the Southern and Eastern Europeans were before in the 1920s. They are discriminated against and stereotyped as not be as good as a "native-born" citizen. They don't have the reading or writing skills and are not as intelligent as "native-born citizens" are. They are blamed for bringing disease into the United States as well as taking jobs from the "native-borns." Sound familiar? Many immigrants in our history have been blamed for stealing jobs that "native-born" Americans rightfully should have had. Another recent claim against Mexicans is that they are the ones who brought the swine flu to American, and it is their fault that Americans were getting sick and going into this huge panic about the swine flu. People also believe that Mexicans who are illegal come into our country, do nothing, don't pay taxes, yet gain the benefits of our society. There are many people out there that still are strongly against immigrants coming into the United States.

1. According to the cartoon, how have nativists sentiments changed from the 1780s to the 2010s?
2. What immigrants are target by nativists in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
3. What accusations do nativists make about immigrants? Why do they want to put a halt to further immigrants coming to the United States?
4. How are immigrants mistreated in the United States today?
5. As a nation of immigrants (except the Indians that migrated from Asia!), why do you think some Americans object to people doing today what their ancestors did previously? Explain.