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**Chinese Exclusion Act**

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was the first significant law restricting immigration into the United States. Those on the West Coast were especially prone to attribute declining wages and economic ills on the despised Chinese workers. Although the Chinese composed only .002 percent of the nation's population, Congress passed the exclusion act to placate worker demands.

1. Why did congress pass the Chinese Exclusion Act?

The statute of 1882 suspended Chinese immigration for ten years and declared the Chinese as ineligible for naturalization. Chinese workers already in the country challenged the constitutionality of the discriminatory acts, but their efforts failed.

The act was renewed in 1892 for another ten years, and in 1902 Chinese immigration was made permanently illegal. The legislation proved very effective, and the Chinese population in the United States sharply declined.

1. What two restrictions did the act of 1882 declare on Chinese immigrants?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWIAv7yTqLE>

1. Name two Push Factors for Chinese Immigrants beginning in the 1950’s.
2. What types of jobs were Chinese immigrants taking particularly on the west coast?
3. What forms of racism were Chinese workers facing?