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RECENT INFORMATION ON IMMIGRANTS TO THE UNITED STATES

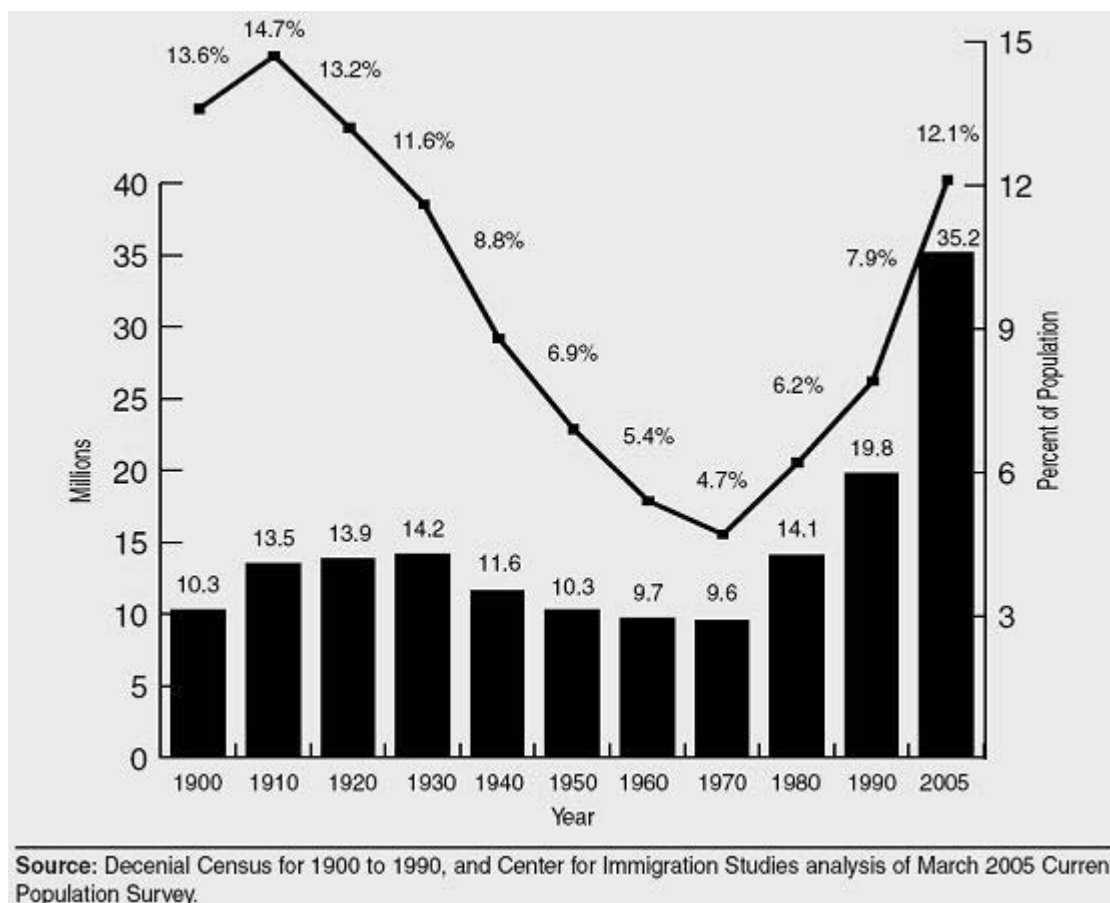
- 35.2 million immigrants (legal and illegal) lived in the United States in March 2005. This is the highest number of immigrants ever recorded—two and a half times the 13.5 million immigrants counted during the peak of the last great immigration wave in 1910.
- Between January 2000 and March 2005, 7.9 million new immigrants (legal and illegal) settled in the country, making it the highest five-year period of immigration in American history.
- Nearly half of the post-2000 immigrant arrivals (3.7 million) are estimated to be illegal aliens.

Source: Steven A. Camarota, the Center for Immigration Studies, *Immigrants at Mid-Decade: A Snapshot of America's Foreign-Born Population in 2005*.

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IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES: NUMBER AND PERCENT OF POPULATION, 1900-2005

Immigrants (as of 2005) accounted for 12.1 percent of the total U.S. population, the highest percentage in eight decades. If current trends continue, the figure within a decade will surpass the high of 14.7 percent reached in 1910.



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WHAT ARE THE IMMIGRANTS' HOME COUNTRIES?

As of 2005, Mexico accounted for 31 percent of all immigrants to the United States, with 10.8 million Mexican immigrants living in United States.

Region	Total	Citizenship Rate	Year of Entry*			
			Pre-1980	1980-89	1990-99	2000-05
1. Mexico	10,805	18.8%	1,839	2,262	3,852	2,852
2. China/HK/Taiwan	1,833	54.1%	359	473	646	355
3. Philippines	1,530	61.5%	449	386	431	264
4. India	1,411	33.6%	170	209	573	459
5. El Salvador	1,120	21.4%	123	380	411	206
6. Vietnam	996	60.2%	193	277	362	164
7. Cuba	948	55.8%	435	171	214	128
8. Dominican Rep.	695	41.8%	145	206	223	121
9. Canada	674	42.4%	344	49	165	116
10. Korea	672	51.7%	167	225	153	127
11. Russia	621	56.9%	46	79	397	99
12. Jamaica	607	54.7%	148	202	195	62
13. Great Britain	589	45.8%	272	89	121	107
14. Haiti	570	40.7%	123	163	193	91
15. Guatemala	546	24.7%	72	126	193	155
16. Germany	522	62.8%	380	37	61	44
17. Poland	519	57.0%	168	95	183	72
18. Colombia	479	44.7%	96	135	158	90
19. Italy	391	75.3%	299	31	31	30
20. Honduras	379	23.2%	42	73	158	106
21. Brazil	356	21.1%	35	37	90	194
22. Japan	350	33.3%	121	46	45	138
23. Ecuador	339	35.4%	50	78	120	91
24. Iran	331	62.7%	93	86	93	59
25. Peru	330	38.4%	46	53	102	129
World Total	35,157	35.1%	8,100	7,569	11,563	7,925

Source: Center for Immigration Studies analysis of March 2005 Current Population Survey.

*Indicates the year that immigrants said they came to the United States to stay.

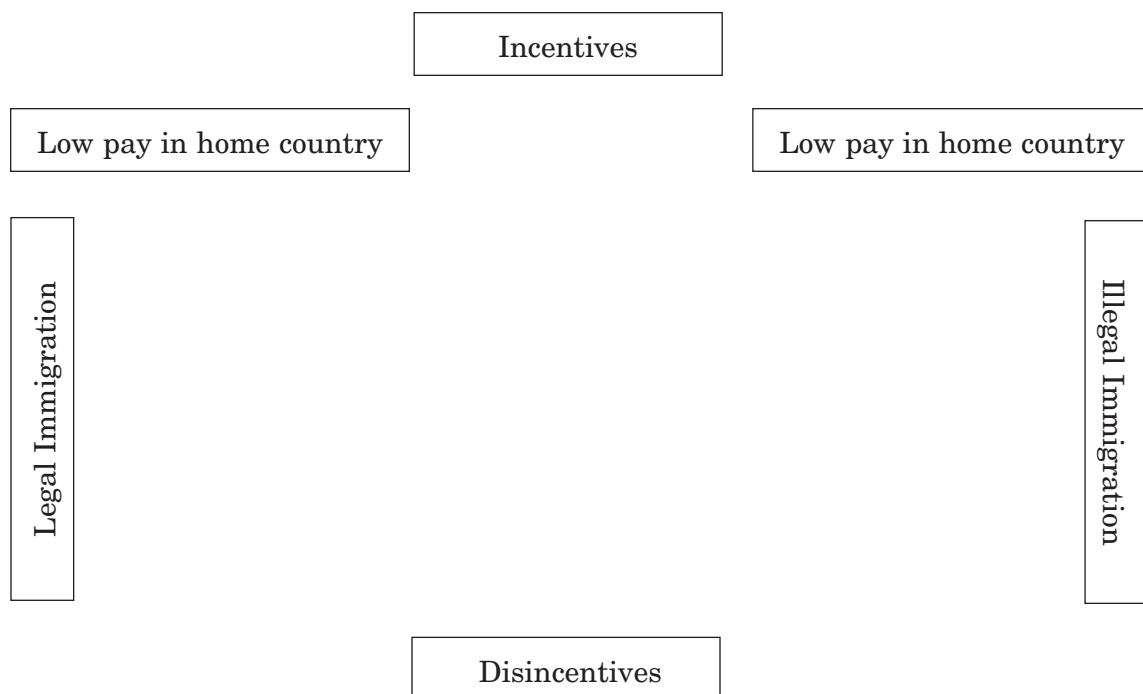
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CONCEPT MAP

Directions: Below is a grid showing several conditions, policies, and events that might constitute incentives or disincentives for immigration. Your task is to write these items on your concept map, placing each item on the incentives (top) or the disincentives (bottom) half of the map. An item might apply to both legal and illegal immigrants. If so, put it on *both* the left (Legal Immigration) and right (Illegal Immigration) sides of the map. The first condition (Low pay in the home country) has been done for you. It represents an incentive for both legal and illegal immigrants to come to the United States, so it has been placed in the top half (Incentives) and on both sides (Legal and Illegal Immigration). If you think of other items that should also be included on the map, add them.

Low pay in the home country	More job opportunities in the U.S.	More political freedom in the U.S.
Identification policy for U.S. employment	Amnesty for illegal immigrants in the U.S.	Better pay in the home country
More U.S. border security	Close-knit family	Strong cultural ties to the home country
Speaks English	Bad economic times in the U.S.	Increase in U.S. work visas



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A COMPLETED CONCEPT MAP

