

# EMANCIPATION RECLAMATION



PART OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR A  
BETTER DEAL FOR BLACK  
AMERICANS INVOLVES IMMIGRATION  
MODERATION

-MANY OF YOU HAVE GOTTEN PUSH  
BACK ABOUT SPEAKING UP ABOUT  
OUR OPEN BORDERS

-MAYBE YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS AND  
DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH  
INFORMATION

I WANT TO ADD ANOTHER TOOL TO  
YOUR ARSENAL



THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION  
GOES OVER THE FOLLOWING:

**THE 1924 IMMIGRATION ACT**

**THE GREAT MIGRATION**

**IMMIGRATION HISTORY IN THE  
UNITED STATES**

**THE MORAL CLARITY OF BLACK  
EDITORS  
RECONSTRUCTION**



## THE TRIAL RUN

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ENCOURAGED AMERICANS TO  
CAST THEIR BUCKETS DOWN TO BLACK AMERICANS TO DO  
THE JOB. 1895

1915-1919

THE VOLUME OF FOREIGN WORKERS SHRANK DOWN TO  
300,000 AND FEWER CAME FOR THE NEXT 4 YEARS.  
THE NORTH NEEDED WORKERS.

THEY BEGAN RECRUITING THEM.



IN JACOB LAWRENCE'S MIGRATION SERIES HE DEPICTED  
IN ONE OF HIS PAINTINGS A SCENE WHERE RECRUITERS  
DRESSED AS INSURANCE AGENTS WOULD RECRUIT BLACK  
WORKERS WITH JOB APPLICATIONS, TRAIN TICKETS, AND  
PROMISES OF INCREASED WAGES.



**RANDOLPH PROPHESED THIS IN 1923:**

BLACK MIGRATION FROM THE SOUTH WOULD CUT SO SEVERELY INTO THE PROFITS OF "SOUTHERN PLANTERS, RAILROAD, LUMBER, COAL , AND BANKING MAGNATES" AS TO FORCE THEM TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES TO HOLD ON TO THEIR EMPLOYEES:

IN ORDER TO RETAIN PROFITS THAT COME THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF NEGRO LABOR...PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY WILL BE ACCORDED TO THE NEGRO IF THAT BE THE PRICE OF HIS REMAINING THERE.



BETTER AND MORE SCHOOLS; BETTER AND MORE HOUSES; THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND THE ABOLITION OF THE JIM-CROW CAR AND LYNCHING. ...YES WE WILL HAVE NO LYNCHING IF THE MIGRATION GOES ON, NOT BECAUSE THE SOUTH HATES THE NEGRO LESS BUT BECAUSE IT LOVES WEALTH MORE.

## POWER OF SMALLER NUMBERS

JULY 1ST, 1924  
MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT DATE IN AMERICAN  
HISTORY THAT YOU HAVE NEVER  
HEARD OF.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SIGNED THE 1924  
IMMIGRATION ACT.

FOREIGN IMMIGRATION IMMEDIATELY DROPPED BY  
NEARLY 60% FROM 700,000 IN 1924 TO 294,000 IN  
~~1925.~~

OVER THE NEXT 4 DECADES IT AVERAGED LESS  
THAN 200,000 PER YEAR.

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## CHAIN OF POWERFUL EVENTS

THE LABOR MARKET TIGHTENED AND FORCED OPEN  
THE GATES OF THE NATION'S FACTORIES TO BLACK  
SOUTHERNERS.

SPURRED THE GREAT MIGRATION (HISTORY OMITTS  
BLACK LEADER SUPPORT OF IMMIGRATION  
REDUCTIONS)

LABOR UNIONS OPENED UP TO BLACK AMERICANS  
GIVING THEM BETTER JOBS.

REAL INCOMES OF WHITES WENT UP 2.5 FOLD WHILE  
BLACKS MEN EXPANDED 4 FOLD.



75 PERCENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILIES  
ENTERED THE MIDDLE CLASS.

HALF OF BLACK AMERICANS MOVED OUT OF THE  
SOUTH WITH INCREASED INCOMES. THEIR DEPARTURE  
FROM THE SOUTH TIGHTENED THE LABOR MARKET  
ENOUGH FOR MANY TO SEE STEADY IMPROVEMENTS IN  
THEIR WAGES AND CIVIL RIGHTS.



## BLACK LEADERS SEE RESULTS:

W.E.B. DUBOIS WROTE IN CRISIS MAGAZINE:

“THE STOPPING OF THE IMPORTING OF CHEAP WHITE  
LABOR ON ANY TERMS HAS BEEN THE ECONOMIC  
SALVATION OF AMERICAN BLACK LABOR.”

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON WAS RIGHT IN HIS  
OPTIMISTIC INSISTENCE THAT ECONOMIC POWER  
WOULD LEAD TO INCREASING POLITICAL POWER AND  
SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE:

“NO RACE THAT HAS ANYTHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO  
THE MARKETS OF THE WORLD IS LONG IN ANY DEGREE  
OSTRACIZED”.



THE GREAT MIGRATION AND THE RESULTING RAPID  
RISE IN BLACK INCOMES SPURRED AN INCREASE IN  
ENROLLMENT AT HBCUS AND THE ELEVATED NUMBERS  
OF BLACK LAWYERS, PHYSICIANS, CLERGY, AND  
OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHOSE RANKS PRODUCED  
THE LEADERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

## FACTS ABOUT IMMIGRANT POLITICAL IMPACT:

BY 1924, SOME 25 MILLION NEW IMMIGRANTS HAD ARRIVED SINCE 1880. THEY PROVIDED MORE THAN ENOUGH MANPOWER FOR AN EXPANDING ECONOMY. INDUSTRIALISTS OF THE NORTH AND WEST FELT THEY HAD LITTLE NEED OF THE LABOR OF THE COUNTRY'S 11 MILLION BLACK CITIZENS. (I WOULD ARGUE THAT THIS IS SOMEWHAT TRUE NOW)

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IMMIGRATION CONTRIBUTED TO THE LOSS OF NORTHERN SUPPORT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM WHICH INVOLVED FEDERAL PERSONNEL-INCLUDING MILITARY ENFORCING VOTING AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS FOR FREED SLAVES IN THE STATES OF THE FORMER CONFEDERACY.



## FACTS ABOUT IMMIGRANT POLITICAL IMPACT:

INCREASE IN SUPPORT FOR THE ANTI-EMANCIPATION DEMOCRAT PARTY IN THE NORTH, WHICH MOST IMMIGRANTS JOINED FOR VARIOUS REASONS. AS IMMIGRANT NUMBERS ROSE, THEY HELPED DEMOCRATS TAKE CONTROL.

REPUBLICAN LOSSES WERE HEAVIEST IN DISTRICTS WITH HIGH IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS.

THOUGH ANTI-BLACK RACISM OF MANY IMMIGRANTS WAS ONE FACTOR, THE DRIVING REASON FOR THEIR ANTI-EMANCIPATION FEELINGS WAS FEAR OF HAVING TO COMPETE FOR JOBS WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FREED SLAVES MOVING NORTH.



THEY LOST 9 FORMER PRO-EMANCIPATION STATES WHICH INCLUDED **NEW YORK, INDIANA, CONNECTICUT, AND NEW JERSEY.**

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## RESULTS

1977 STUDY OBSERVED:

WITHIN 3 YEARS TIME PAY GAPS DROPPED FROM HISTORIC HEIGHTS TO THEIR LOWEST LEVELS SINCE BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR. JUST AS QUICKLY, THOUGH INEQUALITY GREW AS SOON AS MASS IMMIGRATION RESUMED AFTER WORLD WAR ONE, AND "INCOME LOOKED AS UNEQUAL AS EVER.

CHICAGO DEFENDER WROTE

IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE IMMIGRATION GATES PARTLY CLOSED UNTIL OUR WORKING CLASS GETS A CHANCE TO PROVE OUR ~~WORTH~~ IN OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE FOUND ON PLANTATIONS. THE SCARCITY OF LABOR CREATES DEMAND. WITH THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WHITE MAN'S TURN OF MIND, THE WHITE FOREIGN LABORER IS GIVEN PREFERENCE OVER THE BLACK HOME PRODUCT. WHEN THE FORMER IS NOT AVAILABLE THE LATTER GETS AN INNING.

WHILE YOU'RE READING THIS, PAY  
ATTENTION TO THE GATES. ARE THEY  
PROPPED OPEN OR CLOSED?

PAY ATTENTION TO THE PROPHECIES FROM  
BLACK LEADERS ABOUT WHAT LIFE COULD  
BE LIKE WITH LESS IMMIGRATION.

PAY ATTENTION TO THE NUMBERS BECAUSE  
SOME OF THE DATA IS ASTOUNDING.





# FREEDOM TRAIN

*By Langston Hughes*

I READ THE PAPER ABOUT THE FREEDOM TRAIN

I read in the papers about the  
Freedom Train.

I heard on the radio about the  
Freedom Train.

I seen folks talkin' about the  
Freedom Train.

Lord, I been a-waitin' for the  
Freedom Train!

I HEARD THE RADIO ABOUT THE FREEDOM TRAIN

I SEEN FOLKS TALKING ABOUT THE FREEDOM TRAIN

LORD I BEEN A-WAITING FOR THE FREEDOM TRAIN

I HOPE THERE AINT NO JIM CROW ON THE FREEDOM  
TRAIN

Down South in Dixie only train I see's  
Got a Jim Crow car set aside for me.

I hope there ain't no Jim Crow on the Freedom Train,  
No back door entrance to the Freedom Train,  
No signs FOR COLORED on the Freedom Train,  
No WHITE FOLKS ONLY on the Freedom Train.

I'm gonna check up on this  
Freedom Train.

WHO IS THE ENGINEER OF THE FREEDOM TRAIN?

CAN A COAL-BLACK MAN DRIVE THE FREEDOM  
TRAIN?

THESE QUESTIONS ARE FROM "FREEDOM  
TRAIN" BY LANGSTON HUGHES

Who's the engineer on the Freedom Train?  
Can a coal black man drive the Freedom Train?  
Or am I still a porter on the Freedom Train?  
Is there ballot boxes on the Freedom Train?  
Do colored folks vote on the Freedom Train?  
When it stops in Mississippi will it be made plain  
Everybody's got a right to board the Freedom Train?

The Birmingham station's marked COLORED and WHITE.

They even got a segregated lane.  
Is that the way to get aboard the Freedom Train?

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Her grandson's name was Jimmy. He died at Anzio.

It wasn't no show.

The freedom that they carryin' on this Freedom Train,

Is it for real—or just a show again?

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Freedom Train?

When my old mother in Atlanta, 83 and black,  
Gets in line to see the Freedom,  
Will some white man yell, *Get back!*  
A Nigger's got no business on the Freedom Train!

Then I'll shout, *Glory for the  
Freedom Train!*

I'll holler, *Blow your whistle,  
Freedom Train!*

At home they got a train that's yours and mine!

## RESULTS

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON STATED:

“IF THE ITALIANS AND GREEKS CAN COME INTO THIS COUNTRY STRANGERS TO OUR LANGUAGE AND CIVILIZATION AND WITHIN A FEW YEARS GAIN WEALTH AND INDEPENDENCE...THE NEGRO CAN DO THE SAME THING...NOW IS THE TIME—NOT IN SOME FAR OFF FUTURE, BUT NOW IS THE TIME.”

