The immigration boom:
## Shares of population (percent):

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<td>Whites:</td>
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Note: Native Americans are omitted.
Resulting social problems:

- Hispanics from Mex and Central America:
  - Rising national poverty rates.
  - Rising unwed pregnancy, 2nd only to blacks.
  - Violent crime, 2nd only to blacks.
  - Severe problems in public schools, now dominated by blacks and Hispanics.

- Asians: less successful than they appear.
The cultural issue:

- America was created chiefly by Europeans.
- Their culture was individualist and moralistic, promoting dynamism and strong government.
- The non-West is more conformist and less moralistic, hence more passive, less civic.
- Cultural differences are unrelated to race.
- Until 1965, immigration was largely from Europe and thus preserved America’s original culture.
- But today immigration is largely non-Western.
- It must be reduced to preserve a dynamic and civic America.
Curbing immigration:

- End illegal immigration: E-Verify.
- Reduce legal immigration: asylum, family reunification, temporary protected status.
- Promote assimilation, especially through more demanding schools, social programs.
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