

Old Blood, New Blood, Weak Blood: The Nature of U.S. Immigration Laws

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ABSTRACT

This paper attempts to provide a century long overview of U.S. immigration policy. Rooted in research conducted at the Presidential libraries the article seeks to explain the motivations behind the dramatic changes in U.S. immigration policy in 1965. The article argues that, even today, the Congressional debate is propelled by the National Origins legislation of 1924.

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