

ARRIVAL: COMING TO AMERICA

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A Conversation with my Mother

1. How did you Initially arrive to the United States?
2. What was your reason(s) for coming to the United States?
3. Could you describe your living arrangement when you arrived?
4. What was the biggest obstacle(s) you faced?
5. Could you describe your experience becoming a U.S Citizen?
6. What are your plans for the future?





1990's California

RODNEY KING

- Victim of Police Brutality
- Video Footage of LAPD beating King
- Riots break out in Los Angeles in 1992



1994: California's Proposition 187

California's voters passed Proposition 187, a ballot initiative proposed by anti-immigrant organizations, which restricted undocumented immigrants from the state's public services, including access to public education and healthcare. In addition, the proposition directed teachers and healthcare professionals to report any individuals suspected of being undocumented to the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS)

Used as a scapegoat, during a time of Economic recession, placing blame on those who were undocumented.

Deemed Unconstitutional under the 14th amendment



Living Arrangements

- 3 Bedroom House,
1 Bathroom
- Households, with multiple families,
- 10-15 Individuals
- Small living spaces



Citizenship (2014)

- The Civics Test
- Language Barrier
- Flash Cards
- Rosetta Stone



The American Dream

- Restaurant Owners
- 34 Years of Marriage
- 5 Children



Cited Resources

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