

# Asian American Immigration Acts

## 1800s

### 1875 The Page Act

Restricted Chinese women from immigrating to the US- Perpetuated stereotypes about Asian women as prostitutes.

### 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act

10-year ban on Chinese laborers entering the US; First significant immigration restriction based on nationality.

## 1900s

### 1907 The Gentlemen's Agreement

Arrangement between US and Japan halting contract labor migration from Japan in exchange for ending Japanese-American school segregation in San Francisco.

### 1917 Asiatic Barred Zone Act

Restricted immigration from the Asia-Pacific Zone.

### 1923 United States v. Bhagat Singh Thind

Rendered South Asians ineligible for naturalization.

### 1924 Johnson-Reed Act

Excluded Asians from naturalizing.

## 1940s

### 1942 Executive Order 9066

Japanese Internment during World War II.

### 1943 Immigration Act of 1943

Granted Chinese immigrants the right to citizenship. Set an immigration quota of 105 per year.

### 1946 Luce-Celler Act

Granted naturalization rights to South Asian and Filipinos. Restricted immigration to 100 migrants per country.

## 1950s & 60s

### 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act (Hart-Celler Act)

Abolished immigration quotas tied to national origins; Increase in South Asian immigration

### 1964 Civil Rights Act

Passed to combat racial discrimination.

## 1970s

### 1975 Indochina Migration & Refugee Assistance Act

To assist the resettlement of Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian refugees following the fall of Saigon.

## 1980s

### 1980 Refugee Act

Increases the refugee quota. Results in acceptance of a significant number of refugees from Southeast Asia.

## 2010s

### 2017 RAISE Act

Introduced by the Trump administration with the goal of restricting family-based immigration. Heavily impacted Southeast Asian immigrants.

## Present

### March 16th 2021

Asian American women have been repeatedly stereotyped and objectified through Immigration Acts.

### The Atlanta Spa Shootings

Tragically highlighted the objectification and xenophobia Asian Women face in America.