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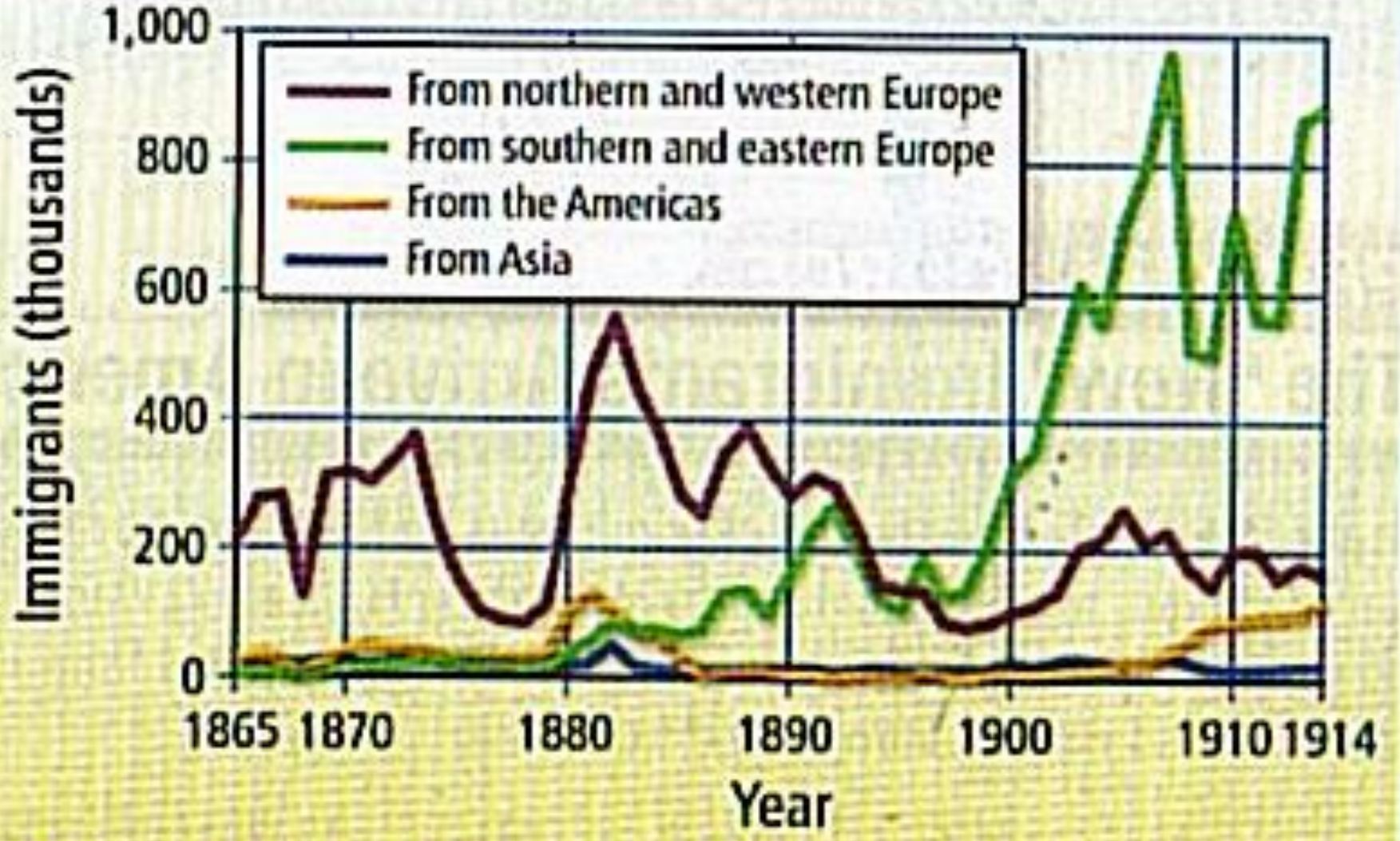
Immigration, 1865–1914



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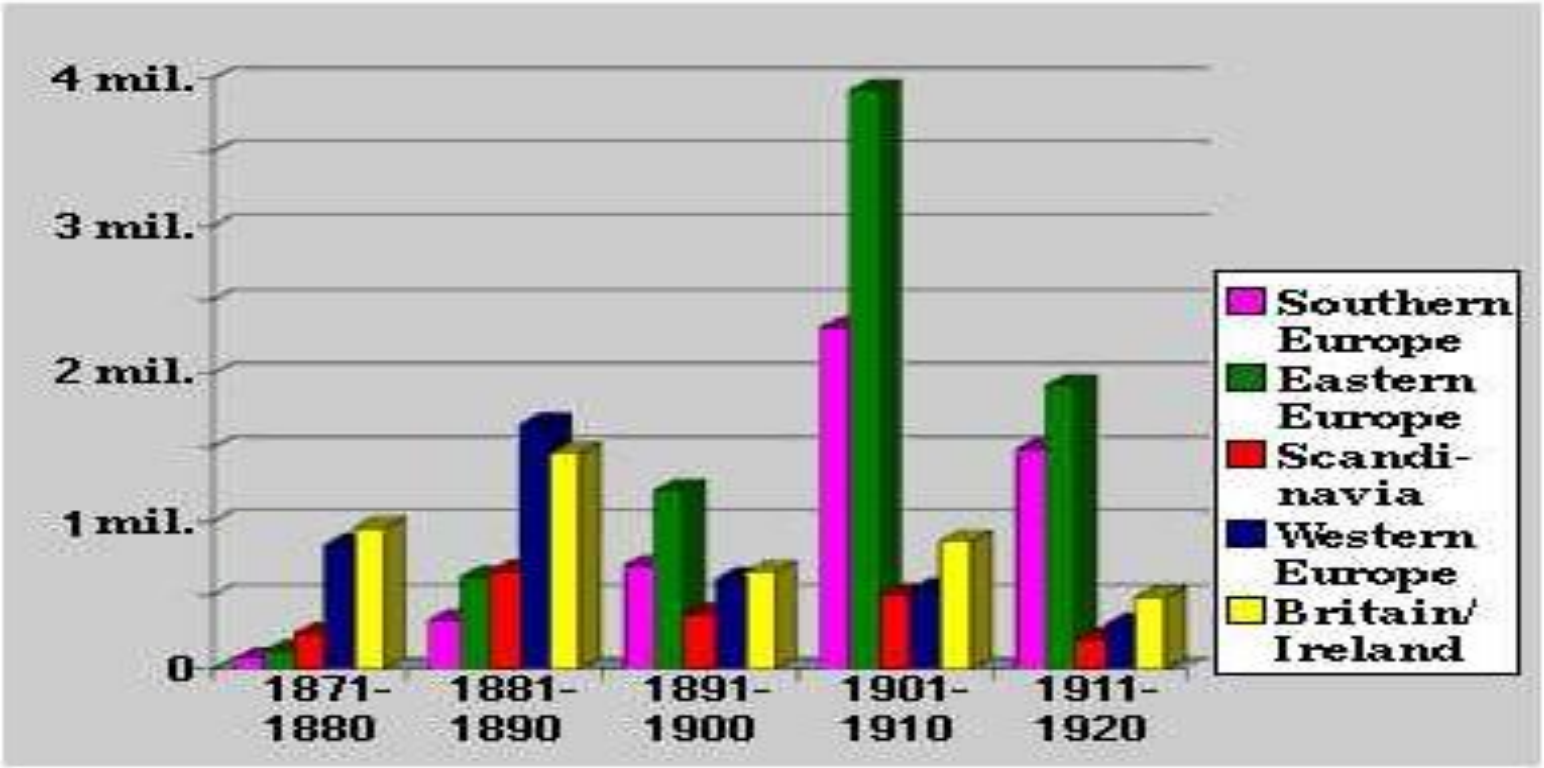

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- Between 1865-1900, approximately 13.5 million people arrived from overseas.
- Most immigrants came from southern and eastern Europe – Italy, Poland, and Russia. Substantial numbers of Japanese and Chinese immigrants also arrived in the United States.
- Immigrants faced many problems such as: prejudice, discrimination, hostility, “losing” their culture, and competed with Americans for jobs.

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- Nativism = the belief that native-born Americans and their ways of life are superior to immigrants and their ways of life. A general hostility toward foreigners.

- Nativists believed immigrant languages, religions, and traditions had a negative impact on American society. They also believed that immigrant competition for jobs kept wages low.

- As immigration increased, so did nativism and popular pressure to limit the flow of immigrants coming into the country.

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Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)

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