Immigration Charts and Graphs

Figure 1

1. What years is this data from?

2. What country had the most people immigrate to America during that time?

3. Approximately how many people came from that country during that time?

4. What four nations had the fewest number of immigrants come to America during that time?

5. Approximately how many immigrants came from *each* of those countries during that time?

6. Poland belonged mostly to what country at that time?

Figure 2

1. Using the first figure in this collection of graphs, "Foreign-Born Share of the U.S. Population," what year shows the highest percent of foreign-born citizens in relation to the total population?

2. Using the same figure, what year showed the largest jump in immigrants in terms of percent growth from one year to the next?

3. If this same graph had data for 2015, would you anticipate the percent change to go down significantly, go down slightly, go up significantly, or go up slightly? Explain by using data from the graph.

4. Using the second figure in this collection of graphs, "Number of Unauthorized Immigrants in the U.S.," does this graph discuss the number of unauthorized immigrants that entered the country in that year or the total number of unauthorized immigrants in the country that year?

5. Using the same graph, what year showed the largest jump in unauthorized immigrants?

6. What source is used for figures 3 and 4?

7. What major problem/flaw is there in the design of the second figure, "Number of Unauthorized Immigrants in the U.S."?

8. What is this overall collection of graphs attempting to show with these four graphs together? (What is the point that the person who put all four of these together trying to make?)

Figure 3

1. How does this graph define new immigrants?

2. In what year was Latin American immigration at its peak?

3. In what year was Latin American immigration at its lowest?

4. Roughly how many immigrants came from Asia in 2001?

5. In what year did Asian immigration see the largest jump in numbers?

6. In what year did Asian immigrants outnumber Latin American immigrants for the first time?

7. If this graph were to continue several more years, what trends would you anticipate seeing, based on the data already provided? Explain by using data from the graph.

Figure 4

1. What are the sources for these statistics?

2. In what year did immigration see its highest percentage of the total U.S. population?

3. In what year did immigration rise most from one year to the next?

4. Is that rise (as referenced in the previous question) the biggest in terms of actual numbers of immigrants, in terms of percentage of immigrants, or both?

5. What would explain the fact that though actual numbers of immigrants changed rather slightly from 1900 to 1970, the percentage of immigrants in the U.S. dropped significantly? (How could that be true?)

6. Look back at Figure 2. Does the information in Figure 4 match or conflict with the information in Figure 2? Give at least one piece of specific evidence to prove your answer.

7. Why is the title of this graph misleading? (What part of the title doesn't seem to match the graph itself?)

Figure 5

1. How does this graph define "new immigrant"?

2. What two career fields are the top paying for new immigrants?

3. What two career fields are the lowest paying for new immigrants?

4. Approximately how many new immigrants are in the business and financial field?

5. Determine the average (mean) annual wages for the top 10 most popular career fields of new immigrants in 2011.

6. Determine the average (mean) annual wages for the 10 least popular career fields of new immigrants in 2011.

7. Looking at the average annual wages of the top 10 and bottom 10 fields on the graph, what does that information say about most new immigrants' salaries?

Figure 6

1. What other graph/figure uses the exact same sources as this graph?

2. How does this graph define "new immigrant"? Does this match the how Figure 5 defines it?

3. How would "foreign-born" be different from "new immigrants"?

4. What is the approximate average median wage for foreign-born people?

5. Which group of people have seen the most dramatic overall change in median salary from 2005 to 2011?

6. Looking only at the foreign-born vs. new immigrants information and ignoring any changes in the line graphs from left to right, what does this graph suggest about an immigrant's salary over time spent in the U.S.? Explain, using data from the graph.

7. Contrasting the U.S.-born to the foreign-born and new immigrants information, what does this graph suggest about immigrant salaries in the U.S. in general? Explain, using data from the graph.

Figure 7

1. When is this information from?

2. Approximately how many immigrants are coming to the U.S. per year?

3. This chart shows the largest immigration populations in each state after adjusting for (by eliminating/excluding) which country's immigrants from the data?

4. Which state has its largest immigration population coming from Vietnam?

5. Which state has the largest immigrant population? How many people?

6. Which country provides the most immigrants to the largest number of states in the eastern third of the nation (everything east of the Mississippi River)?

7. Which country provides the most immigrants to the largest number of states in the central third (11 states) of the country?

8. Which country provides the most immigrants to the largest number of states in the western third (13 states, including Alaska and Hawaii) of the country?

9. What are the sources for this chart?

10. Is this chart trying to sway the audience in favor of or against immigration? Give actual facts and/or quotes to prove your answer.

Figure 8

1. Cleveland's immigrant population was at least double the nation's percentages during which years?

2. In what year did Cleveland's immigrant population become less than half of the nation's immigrant population?

3. Looking at the data from the graph, what does this graph suggest about the growth of Cleveland's total population (not just immigrants) in relation to the rest of the nation? Explain by using data from the graph to support.

4. Which of the other Figures could you compare this data to in order to check its accuracy? Do they match? Give specific support for your answer.