

Immigration to Europe and the Growing Fear of Immigrants

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The purpose of this talk is to describe the current situation surrounding immigration to the European Union. Specifically, this talk will focus on the following three key issues. First, the discussion will review immigration history/trends to Europe and the European Union. Various immigrant groups have migrated to Europe and the EU, and each group has brought different ethnic, political, economic, and social advantages and challenges. Second, the discussion identifies the growing fear of immigrants in different European Union member states. While the European Union is a union, each member state responds to immigration, specifically integration issues, in vastly different ways. Third, this discussion offers suggestions for how to address immigration concerns in the European Union.

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