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A briefing for Congress

A Nation of Immigrants: Current Policy Debates Meet New Social Science Research

Monday, April 19, 2004

Room B339 Rayburn House Office Building

11:30AM– 1:00 PM

(lunch served until 12noon)

There are about 33 million foreign-born persons living in the United States. Nearly two-thirds of these immigrants are either naturalized citizens or legal permanent residents. Another 8 to 11 million are undocumented residents. Some experts estimate that 6 million undocumented persons are in the workforce. President Bush's recent proposal to establish a temporary worker program has put immigration reform back on the congressional agenda. As Congress debates various proposals, findings from a large body of social science research can help lawmakers make informed, evidence-based decisions related to immigration policy.

Four distinguished speakers will offer a valuable perspective on immigration in the United States. Dr. Rogelio Saenz, Chair, Dept. of Sociology, Texas A & M University, and author of *Latinos and the Changing Face of America at the Turn of the Century*; Dr. Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, Professor of Sociology, University of Southern California, and author of *Domestica: Immigrant Workers Cleaning and Caring in the Shadows of Affluence*; Dr. Douglas S. Massey, Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, and co-author of *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Era of Economic Integration*; and Dr. Victor Nee, Chair, Dept. of Sociology, Cornell University and co-author of *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and the New Immigration*. Panelists will discuss significant research on immigrants in America: Where do immigrants settle, and why? How do immigrant workers benefit the United States, and what are potential societal costs? What do past and proposed immigration policies portend for the lives of immigrants and their children in this country? What has research shown about assimilation experiences over the past century?

RSVP & questions: Johanna Ebner at public.affairs@asanet.org or 202-383-9005 ext. 332 (American Sociological Association). *A reply (acceptances only, thank you) is requested to ensure an accurate count for lunch.*