FORMAL AND INFORMAL CITIZENSHIP

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OVERLAP IN CITIZENSHIPS

Legal/formal citizenship

Full citizenship, unquestioned

Informal/substantive citizenship
QUESTIONS AND MISCONCEPTIONS

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- When does one form of citizenship encourage the other?
- When (and for whom) are these forms of citizenship misaligned?

Artist: Shephard Fairey, 2017
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**Immigrant population**
Change since 1980

- +100%
- +50%
- -50%

**Violent crime rate**
Change since 1980

- +118%
- -36%

SOURCE: New York Times
2. CONCENTRATION IMPEDES INCORPORATION

“The regional concentration of Mexican-Americans ... retards other forms of assimilation.”

(Samuel Huntington, *Who Are We?* p. 236)
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Hispanics/Latinos as % of County Population

SOURCE: Authors’ calculations based on ACS
SOCIAL CONTEXTS OF RECEPTION

“Policy and practice carry symbolic repercussions. They shape the meaning of citizenship for immigrants and their fellow citizens.”

(Irene Bloemraad, *Becoming a Citizen*, p. 139)
If living among immigrant co-ethnics encourages American identification, it is because living among non-immigrants exposes immigrants to hostility.

If living among immigrant co-ethnics discourages the adoption of an American identity, it is because these immigrants have been disenfranchised by their legal status.