

IMMIGRATION ON TELEVISION

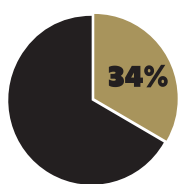
We analyzed a strategically selected sample of 143 episodes of 47 of the most popular 2017-2018 TV shows that included immigration topics and immigrant characters.

14% of people in America are foreign-born, but even in our sample of shows with content likely to contain immigrant characters, only 11% of characters were immigrants. **IMMIGRANTS ARE UNDERREPRESENTED** in our sample, but they are likely to be significantly more underrepresented in all of entertainment TV.

TELEVISION	FINDINGS	REALITY	<h2>SNAPSHOT</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 211 identified immigrants on TV 60% were men 40% were Latino 77% had an accent ZERO were transgender
40% of immigrants were women.	Female immigrants in every racial group are UNDERREPRESENTED on TV.	52% of immigrants are women. <small>Source: Migration Policy, 2018</small>	
16% of immigrants were Asian/Pacific Islander.	Asian immigrants are UNDERREPRESENTED on TV.	26% of immigrants are Asian/Pacific Islander. <small>Source: PEW, 2018</small>	
7% of immigrants attained a college degree.	Immigrant characters are LESS EDUCATED on TV.	17% of immigrants attained a college degree. <small>Source: DHS, 2016</small>	
4% of Black immigrants on TV were undocumented.	Black undocumented immigrants are UNDERREPRESENTED on TV.	16% of Black immigrants are undocumented. <small>Source: NYU, 2018</small>	

CRIME & INCARCERATION

IMMIGRANT CHARACTERS ASSOCIATED WITH A CRIME



One-third of immigrant characters on TV were associated with a crime.

In reality, **immigrants commit less crime** than native-born Americans.

Source: CATO Institute, 2018

IMMIGRANT CHARACTERS ASSOCIATED WITH INCARCERATION



11% of immigrant characters were associated with incarceration on TV.

<1% of immigrants are incarcerated in reality.

Source: CATO Institute, 2018

DEPORTATION & ICE

21%

DEPORTATION

19%

ICE

were the two most referenced immigration terms.

Deportation and ICE storylines were most likely about Latinos.

UNDOCUMENTED VS. ILLEGAL

16% of episodes used the term “undocumented.”

11% of episodes used “illegal” or “illegal immigrant.”