

WHO WE ARE & OUR GOALS

We are conscious students from the University of Michigan who are looking to gain knowledge and inform others about the history of Mexican Repatriation through a compilation of websites, questionnaires, interviews and other informational sources.

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- Yes, I want more information
- I would like an interview to tell my story.

Mexican Repatriation 1930s

Do you know someone
who was deported?



At a viewing of a Repatriate documentary in Detroit.
Left: Mr. Lopez (A 1930 repatriate)
Right: Professor Maria Cotera
Photo from Larry La Fountain-Stokes 2007



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WWW.HISTORYCOOPERATIVE.ORG

REPATRIATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

One million Mexican immigrants entered the U.S. between 1911 and 1929 as political refugees due to the Mexican Revolution; as well as, to meet labor demands during WWI.

As the U.S. economy began to falter in the late 1920's a new sentiment of racial division arose within the U.S.

A voluntary repatriation process sponsored by the U.S. and Mexican governments was initiated but expectations of the repatriates (incl. no aid, placed in neglected areas, etc.) were not fulfilled by either government.

This process later became a forced deportation in the 1930's that included raids in homes and workplaces.

TIMELINE

- **1910-17:** Mexican Revolution
- **1914-18:** WWI
- **1915:** First mass Mexican Repatriation movement from Texas
- **1917:** Law required all men, including non-citizens to register for military service
- **1929-33:** Stock Market Crash Between 400,000 and 500,000 Mexicans and their children repatriated to Mexico
- **1930-1938:** The Great Depression (a number of repatriate groups enter Mexico)
- **1931:** Mexican Repatriation peaked
- **1939-1940:** A significant amount of repatriates were assisted by the Mexican government

Resources

- www.umich.edu/~ac213/
- www.losrepatriados.org
- www.historycooperative.org
- www.tsha.utexas.edu
- [Decade of Betrayal: Mexican Repatriation in the 1930's](#), by Francisco E. Balderrama
- [Mexican Workers & American Dreams: Immigration, Repatriation, and California Farm labor 1900-1939](#) by Camille Guerin Gonzales