

## Zainichi Koreans, Race, and Racial Injustice in Modern Japan.

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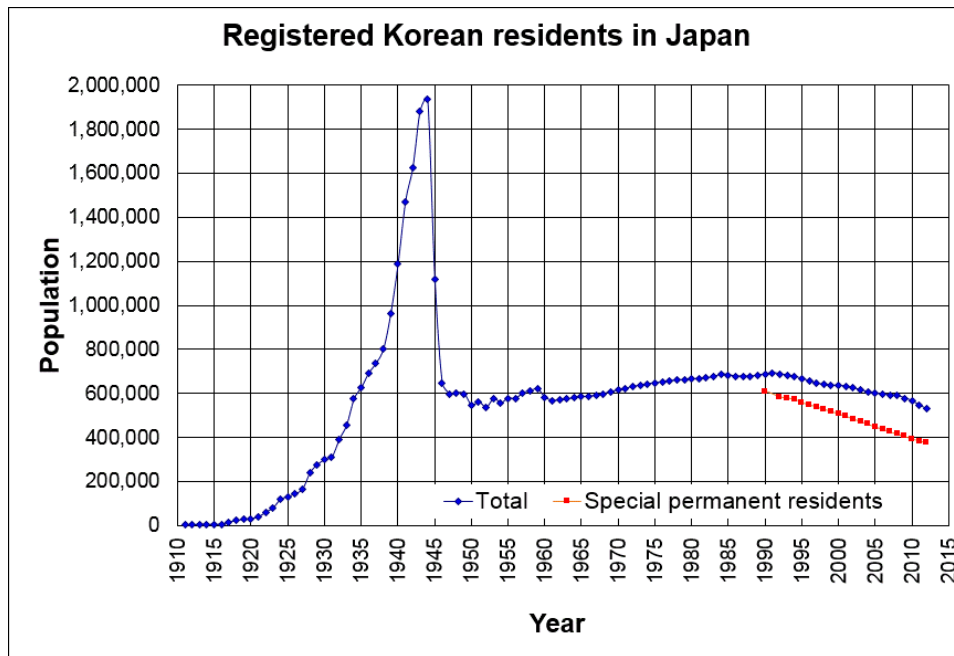
### Primary Sources:

- The History Museum of J-Koreans: Exhibits
  - [Kyowakai Membership Card](#)
  - [Korean Registration Certificate Issued by Osaka Prefecture](#)
  - [Discrimination and Antiforeignism in a Crime Prevention Poster](#)
  - [Propaganda film \*You and Me\*](#)
- Japanese Nationalism & Imperialism
  - [Selections from the Kokutai No Hongi \(Fundamentals of Our National Polity\), 1937 \(Asia for Educators\)](#) [Will Open as PDF]
  - ["The Old People and the New Government" by Komatsu Midori \(Asia for Educators\)](#) [Will Open as PDF]

**Japanese Empire Building (1870-1942)**



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# ANOTHER GLOBAL PANDEMIC: RACISM AND RACIAL INJUSTICE IN MODERN JAPAN



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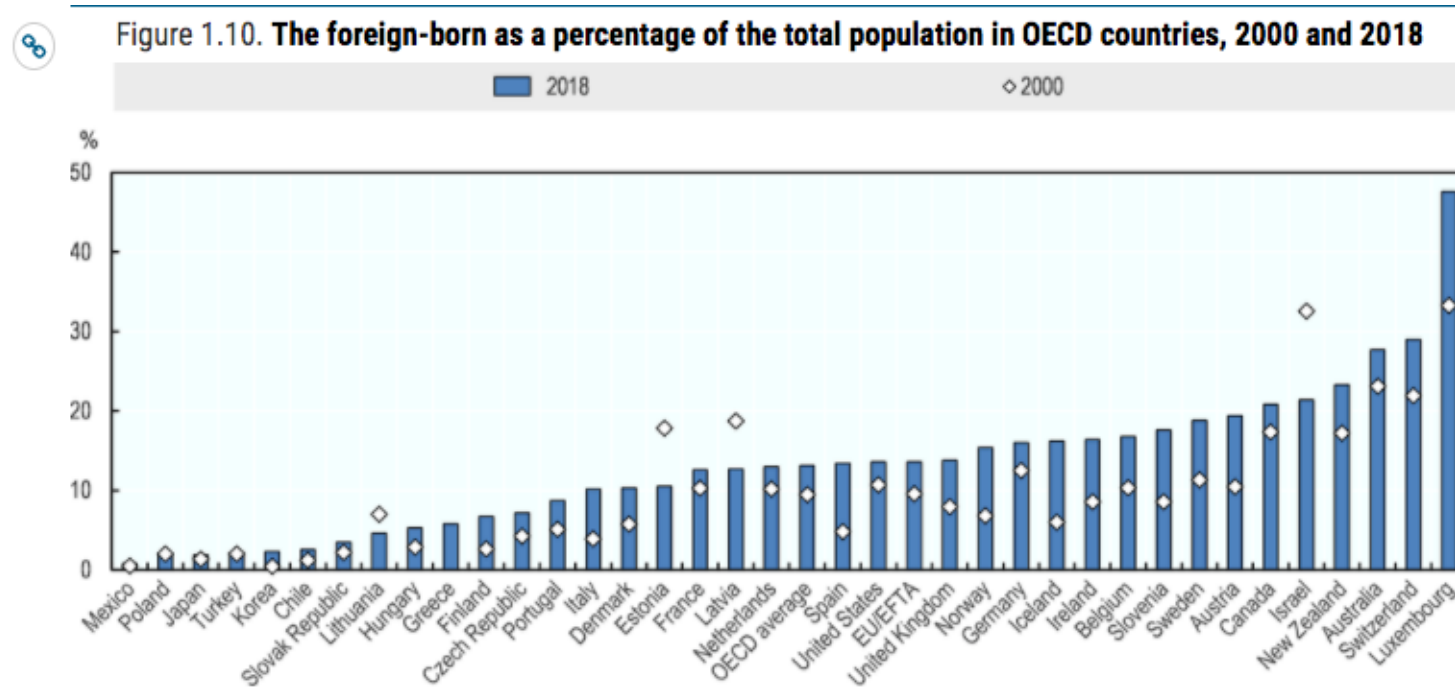
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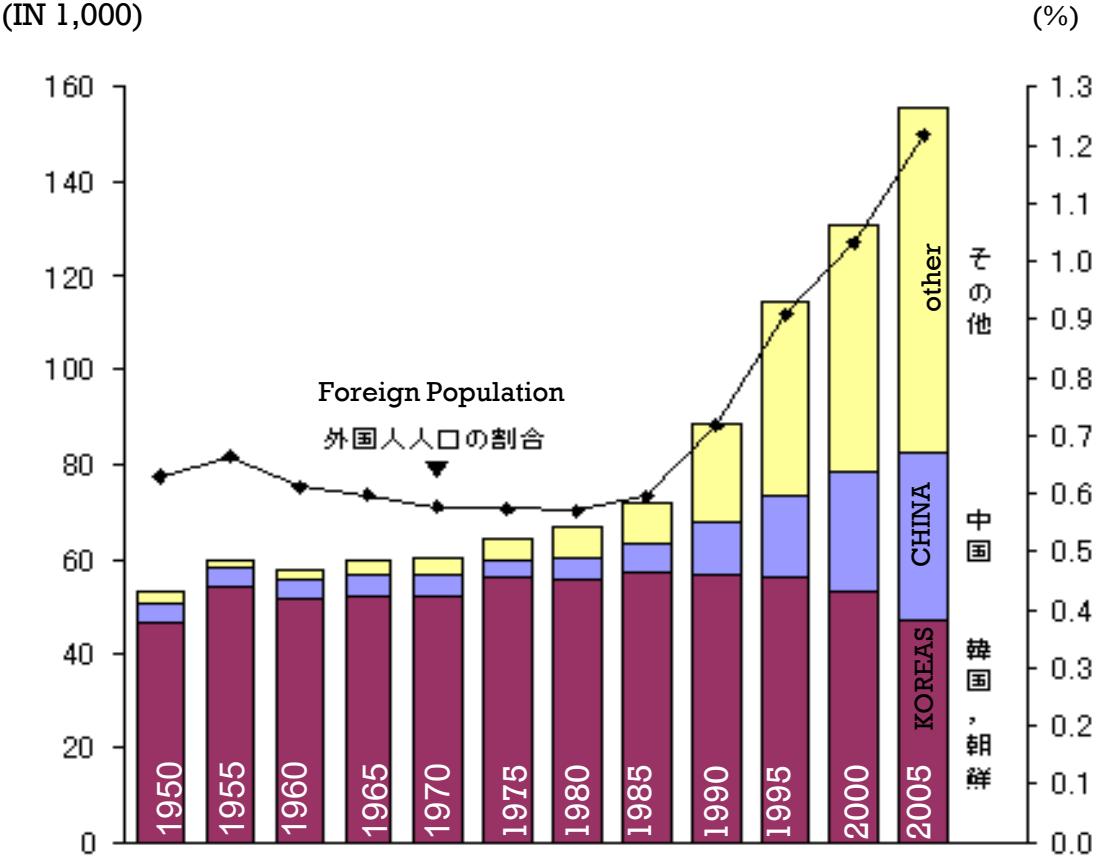
# FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION IN JAPAN

- The Share of the foreign-born population in Japan is one of the lowest in the OECD country.
- The total number of foreign born-residents in Japan is approximately 2.93 million, whereas the U.S. recorded about 44.8 million.



Note: Data refer to 2000 or the closest available year, and to 2018 or the most recent available year. The OECD and EU/EFTA averages are simple averages based on rates presented. For Japan and Korea, the data refer to the foreign population rather than the foreign-born population.

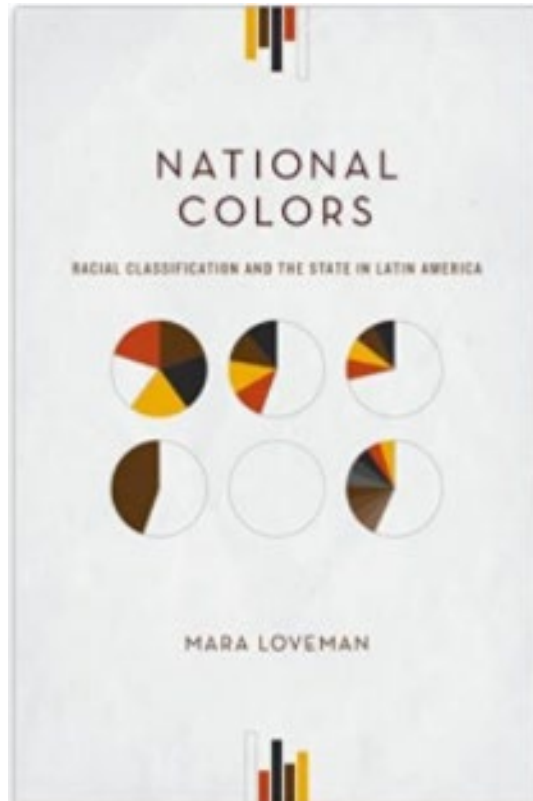
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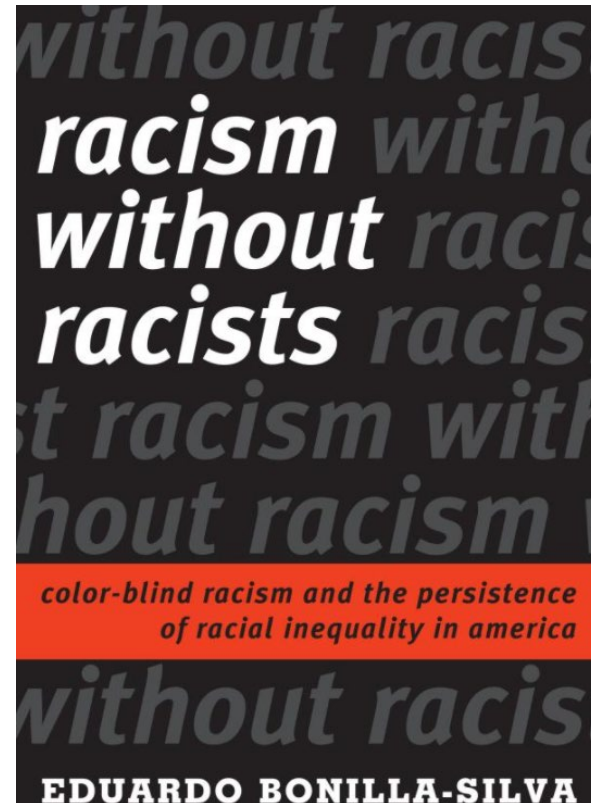
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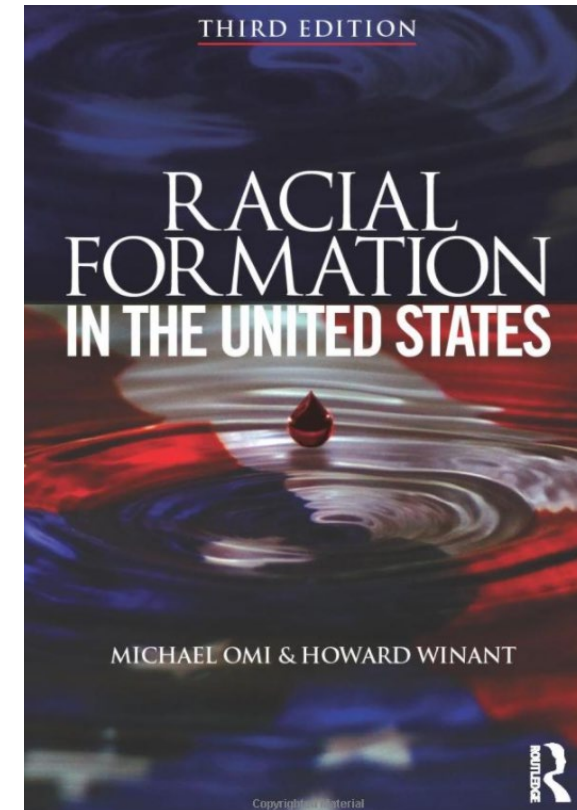
# CONCEPT OF RACE: SOCIAL CONSTRUCT



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# INVISIBLE DIFFERENCE (BLOOD) AS A RACIAL SIGNIFIER

- Susie Phipps Case
- Until her 40s, Susie Guillory Phipps lived her life as white. In 1977, when she obtained her birth certificate to get a passport, she realized that she has been classified as Black, because of her state (Louisiana) law which declared anyone with at least 1/32 or more of “Negro Blood” to be designated as black.
- Susie Guillory Phipps had 3/32 Negro blood – her great-great-great-great grandmother was an enslaved African woman by the name of Marguerite.

*“My children are white. My grandchildren are white. Mother and Daddy were buried white. My Social Security card says I’m white. My driver’s license says I’m white. There are no blacks out where I live, except the hired hands. My birth certificate is the only thing that says I’m black.”*

([Washington Post 1985 May 21 “Louisiana Court Sees No Shades of Gray in Women’s Request”](#))

# SOCIAL CLOSURE & DURABLE INEQUALITY

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- Charles Tilly (1998) “Durable Inequality” Berkeley & Los Angeles: University of California Press.



# DIFFERENT MINORITY GROUPS IN JAPAN

- Ryukyuan/Okinawan
- Ainu
- Zainichi Korean and Taiwanese
- Burakumin

Reference: Michael Weiner. "Japan's minorities: The illusion of homogeneity" (London, Routledge)



Map: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/geos/ja.html>

# PHOTO ARCHIVES ON ZAINICHI KOREANS

- The History of Museum of J-Koreans
  - [www.j-koreans.org/en/index.html](http://www.j-koreans.org/en/index.html)



# PRIMARY RESOURCES ON ZAINICHI KOREANS

- ZAINICHI KOREAN RESEARCH RESOURCE PAGE AT NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY IN TOKYO
  - [https://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/research\\_guide/entry/theme-asia-126.php](https://rnavi.ndl.go.jp/research_guide/entry/theme-asia-126.php)
- Japanese Parliamentary Records
  - <https://kokkai.ndl.go.jp/#/>
- GOVERNMENT STATISTICS ON FOREIGNERS IN JAPAN
  - <https://stats-japan.com/t/kiji/11639>





# FICTIONS AND NON-FICTIONS ON ZAINICHI KOREANS

- Dear Pyongyang (Documentary)
- Go (Movie)
- Patchigi (Movie)
- Our School/Uri Hakkyo (Documentary)
- PACHINKO (Novel)



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