THE IMMIGRANT "ENGINEER" AS A MEANS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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Technology, Science & Engineering

- Technology: Totality of means for producing & using objects necessary for human sustenance & comfort
- Engineering: Application of science & mathematics by which matter & energy in nature are made useful to humans in structures, machines, products, systems, & processes



Migration: An Anthropological Perspective

- Individuals, families, or groups
- Into uninhabited territory, replacing other groups, or mixing with other groups
- driven by environmental, economic, or social pressure



Migration in Modern Times

- Pushes:
 - lack of opportunity
 - persecution
 - political turmoil
- Pulls:
 - opportunity
 - family ties



Migration vs. Diffusion: The Broad Historical Perspective

- •300,000 BCE: FIRE
- •6000 BCE: AGRICULTURE
- •1200 BCE: IRON
- •17th C. CE: PRINTING



Examples of Recent (Electrical) Individuals

- Bell: UK to Canada [1870]
- Pupin: Austria-Hungary to US [1874]
- Tesla: Austria-Hungary to US [1888]
- Marconi: Italy to UK [1896]
- Zworykin: Russia to US [1919]
- Rüdenberg: Germany via UK to US [1936]
- Schwan: Germany to US [1947]

