

# IMMIGRATION ON TELEVISION

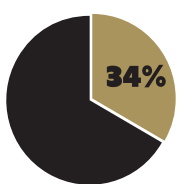
We analyzed a strategically selected sample of 143 episodes of 47 of the most popular 2017-2018 TV shows that included immigration topics and immigrant characters.

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"> <li><b>211</b> identified immigrants on TV</li> <li><b>60%</b> were men</li> <li><b>40%</b> were Latino</li> <li><b>77%</b> had an accent</li> <li><b>ZERO</b> were transgender</li> </ul>
<b>40%</b> of immigrants were women.	Female immigrants in every racial group are <b>UNDERREPRESENTED</b> on TV.	<b>52%</b> of immigrants are women. <small>Source: Migration Policy, 2018</small>	
<b>16%</b> of immigrants were Asian/Pacific Islander.	Asian immigrants are <b>UNDERREPRESENTED</b> on TV.	<b>26%</b> of immigrants are Asian/Pacific Islander. <small>Source: PEW, 2018</small>	
<b>7%</b> of immigrants attained a college degree.	Immigrant characters are <b>LESS EDUCATED</b> on TV.	<b>17%</b> of immigrants attained a college degree. <small>Source: DHS, 2016</small>	
<b>4%</b> of Black immigrants on TV were undocumented.	Black undocumented immigrants are <b>UNDERREPRESENTED</b> on TV.	<b>16%</b> 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.

**6%** of immigrants are incarcerated in reality.

Source: Washington Post, 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.”