The notion that anyone could come here and become an American has remained a core part of American identity.

Recent U.S. debates have turned vitriolic against two varieties of newcomers: Mexicans and people from the Middle East.

Does this signal a change in the American political landscape, or is it something we have seen before?

What must happen if meaningful immigration reform, and a restoration of the promise of the American dream, is to be achieved?

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