**Show Notes for “Statues of Liberty: American Immigration History & Policy”**

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**Photographs**

A model of a castle in a glass case

Description automatically generated***Golden Venture* artwork**

*Left:* Cropped picture #13 from [“FOLD: Golden Venture Paper Sculptures, 2017,”](https://www.mocanyc.org/collections/stories/fold-golden-venture-paper-sculptures-2017/) Museum of Chinese in America.

A statue of liberty and a boat

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*Right:* Cropped picture #7 from [“FOLD: Golden Venture Paper Sculptures, 2017,”](https://www.mocanyc.org/collections/stories/fold-golden-venture-paper-sculptures-2017/) Museum of Chinese in America.

A group of people on a boat

Description automatically generated**Mariel Boatlift, 1980**

*Left:* From History.com, photo by Tim Chapman for the Miami Herald/Getty Images. In [“The Mariel Boatlift: How Cold War Politics Drove Thousands of Cubans to Florida in 1980,”](https://www.history.com/news/mariel-boatlift-castro-carter-cold-war) Karen Juanita Carrillo. Updated August 9, 2023, originally published September 28, 2020.

A person standing on a boat

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*Right:* From Medium.com, with a first hand account of Coast Guard Officer In [“America, the Beautiful,”](https://medium.com/@tedcheney/america-the-beautiful-ea2c1e4f6838) Ted Cheney. Uploaded November 27, 2016.

***Saint Louis,* 1939**

A group of people standing on a dock

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*Left:* From AllThatsInteresting.com, photo by Three Lions for Getty Images. In [“The Harrowing Voyage Of The SS St. Louis, The Jewish Refugee Ship That No One Wanted On The Eve Of The Holocaust,”](https://allthatsinteresting.com/ss-st-louis) Austin Harvey. Updated September 29, 2022, originally published September 28, 2022.

A group of people on a boat

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*Right:* From BBC.com, photo by Bettman. In [“Canada apologises for turning away Jewish refugee ship in 1939,”](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-46105488) by unknown author. November 7, 2018.

A group of people on a small boat

Description automatically generated**Cuban Rafter Crisis, 1994**

*Left:* From Wikipedia.com, photo by Andrew Smith. Titled [“Balseros spotted and rescued by the Carnival Liberty in 2014,”](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balseros#/media/File:Carnival_Liberty_Cuban_Refugees.JPG) subtitled “Taken on the Carnival Liberty in August 2014, Cuban refugees that built a raft and were rescued by the Carnival Liberty ship.” Uploaded February 14, 2015.

People standing around a boat

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*Right:* From CNN.com, photo by Joe Raedle for Getty Images. [“Cuban-Americans react to end of ‘wet foot, dry foot’ policy,”](https://www.cnn.com/2017/01/13/us/wet-foot-dry-foot-reaction/index.html) Marilia Brocchetto and Darran Simon. Updated January 13, 2017.

**Timeline**

**Policy Breakdown:**

* Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
* Cuban Adjustment Act of 1966 (encompasses wet foot/dry foot)
* China’s one-child policy begins 1979
* Cuban/Haitian Entrant Act of 1980
* Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986
* *Matter of Chang* BIA Decision 1989
* AG William Barr and POTUS H. W. Bush orders on persecution under one-child policy 1990
* China’s one-child policy ends 2015

**Event Breakdown:**

* Ellis Island: opens 1892
* *Saint Louis* departed May 1939
* Ellis Island: closes 1954
* Castro rises to power 1959
* Wave of Cuban Exodus: Mariel Boatlift 1980
* *Matter of Chang* BIA Decision 1989
* *Golden Venture* lands in New York City June 1993
* Wave of Cuban Exodus: Cuban Rafter Crisis 1994
* President Bill Clinton First State of the Union Address 1995
* President Bill Clinton Second State of the Union Address 1997
* *Golden Venture* passengers pardoned Feb. 1997
* TX Gov. Greg Abbott’s Operation Lone Star Dec. 2023
* FL Gov. Ron DeSantis’ Haitian migration policies March 2024

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