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# Levels and Trends of International Migration in Asia and the Pacific

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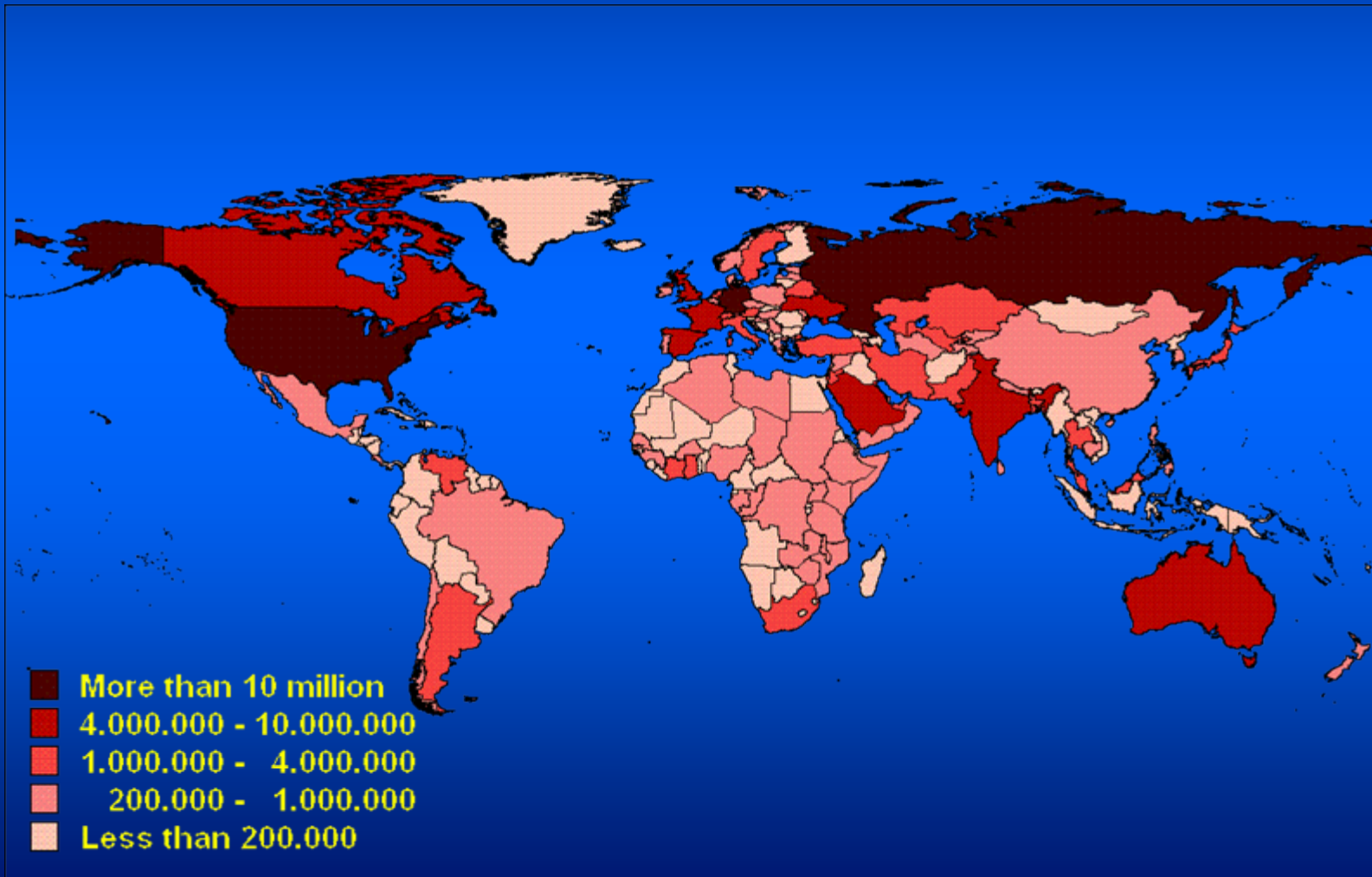


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# Number of international migrants (millions), 1990 and 2005

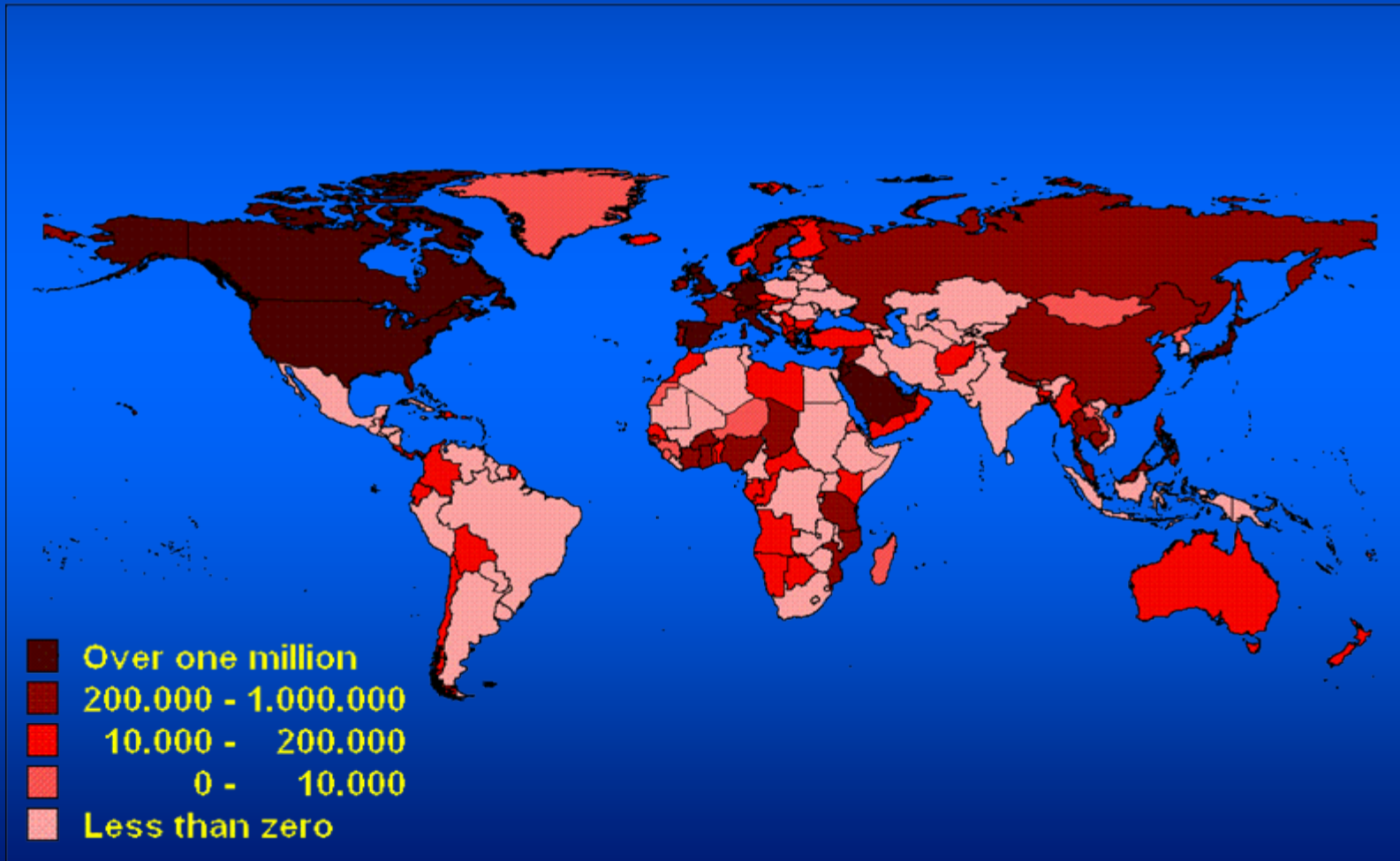
	1990	2005	Absolute Increase
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Northern America</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

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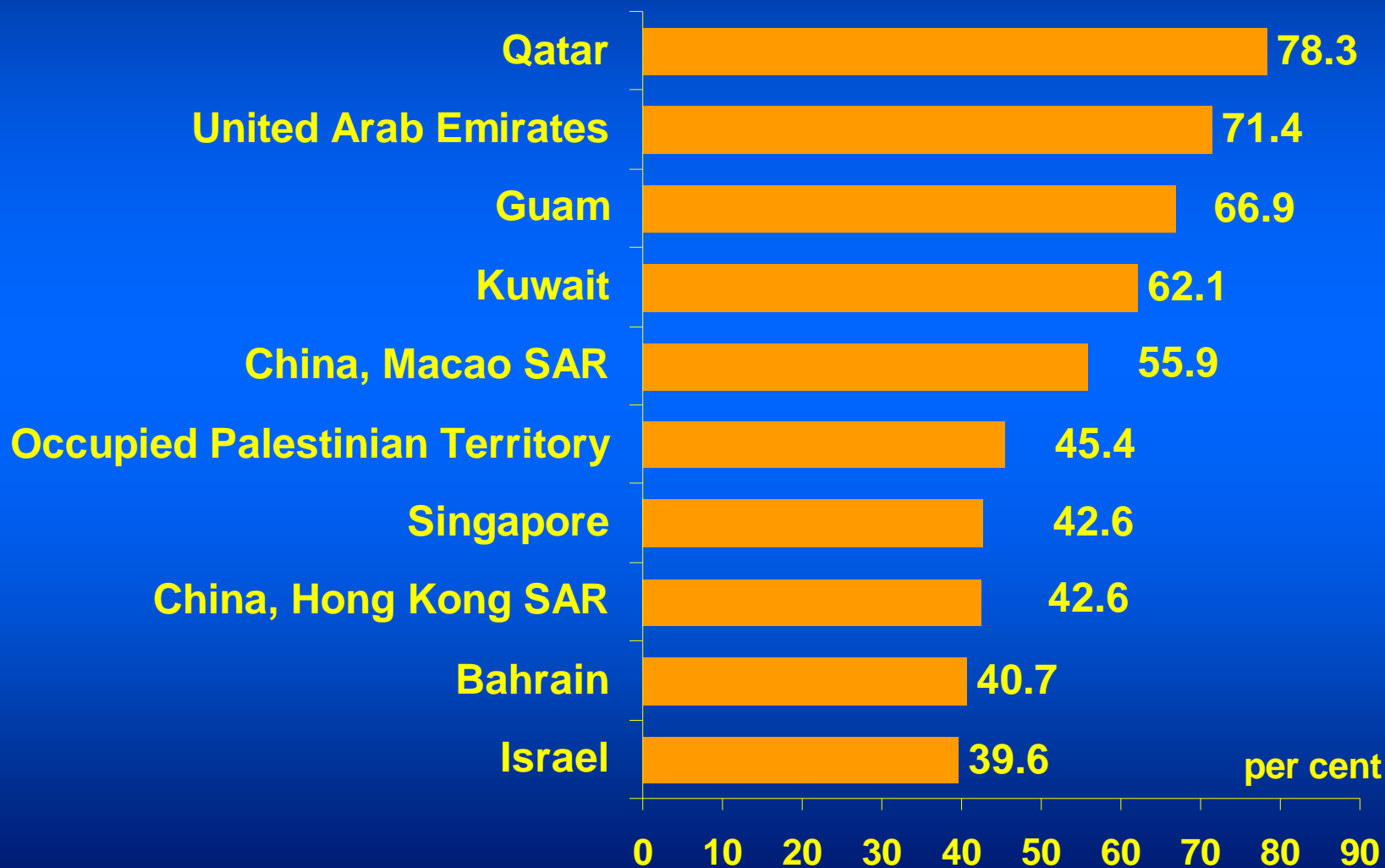


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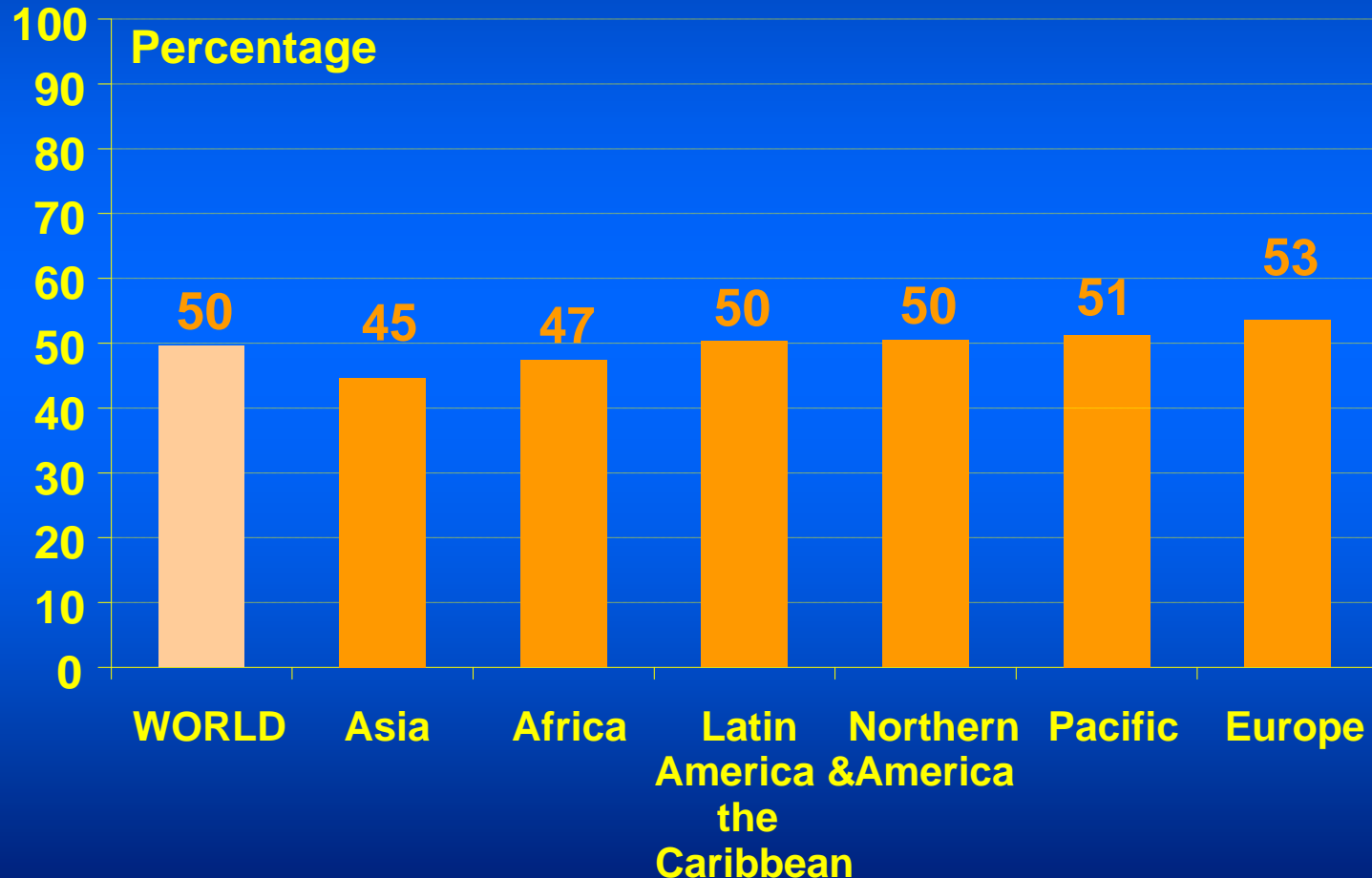
# Change in the number of international migrants, 1990-2005



# Countries and territories with the highest proportion of immigrants, 2005

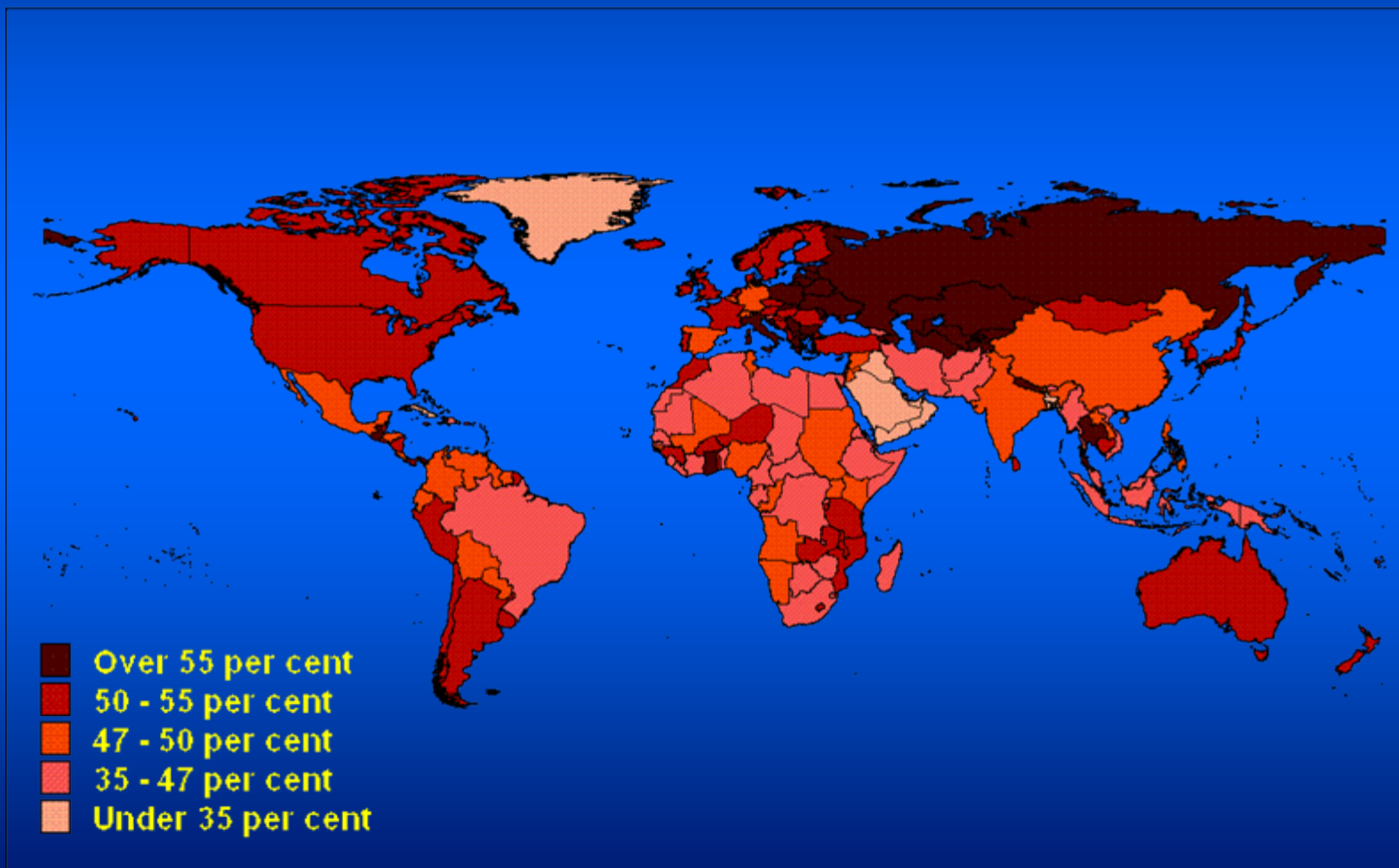


# Female migrants as percentage of total migrants, 2005



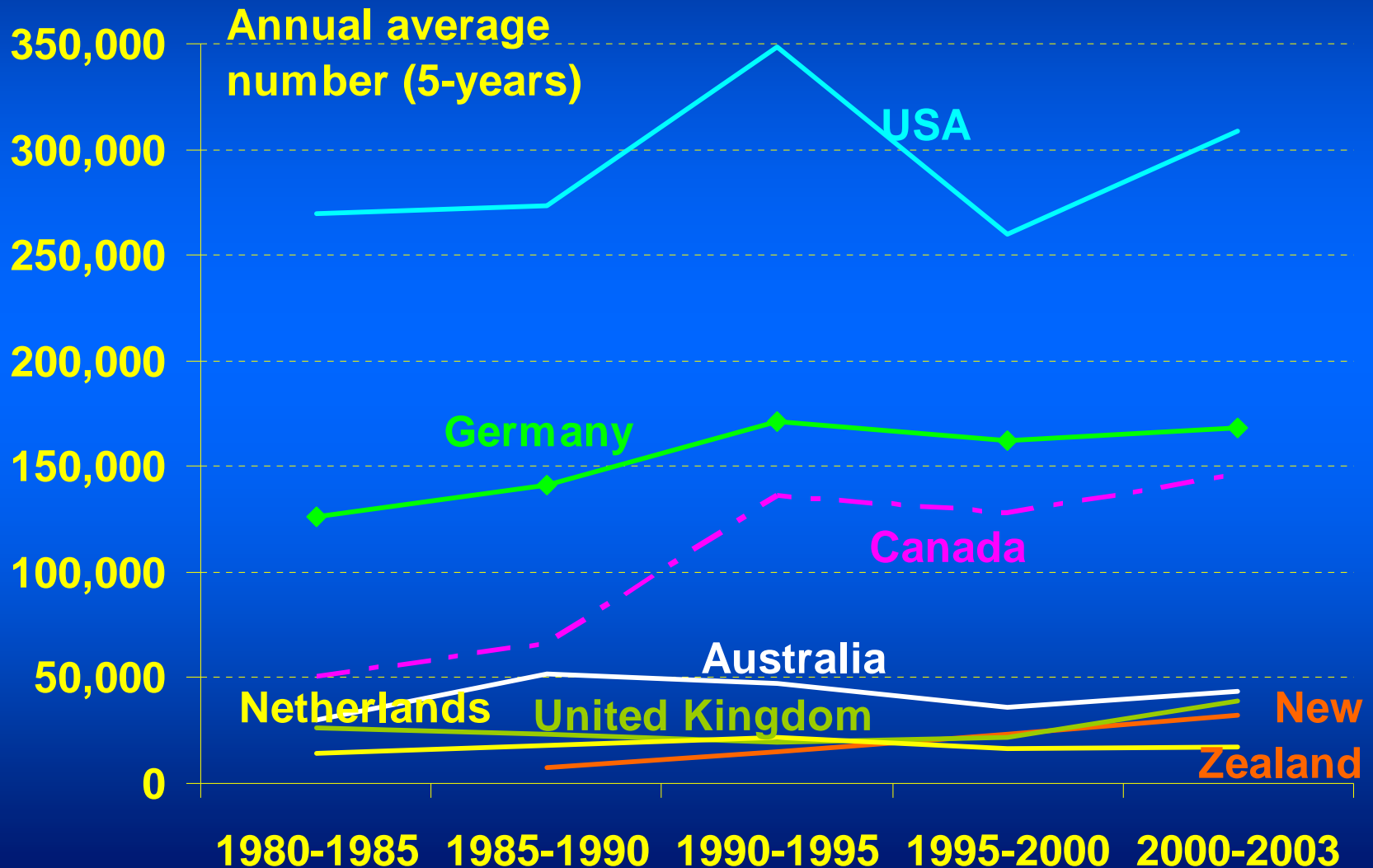
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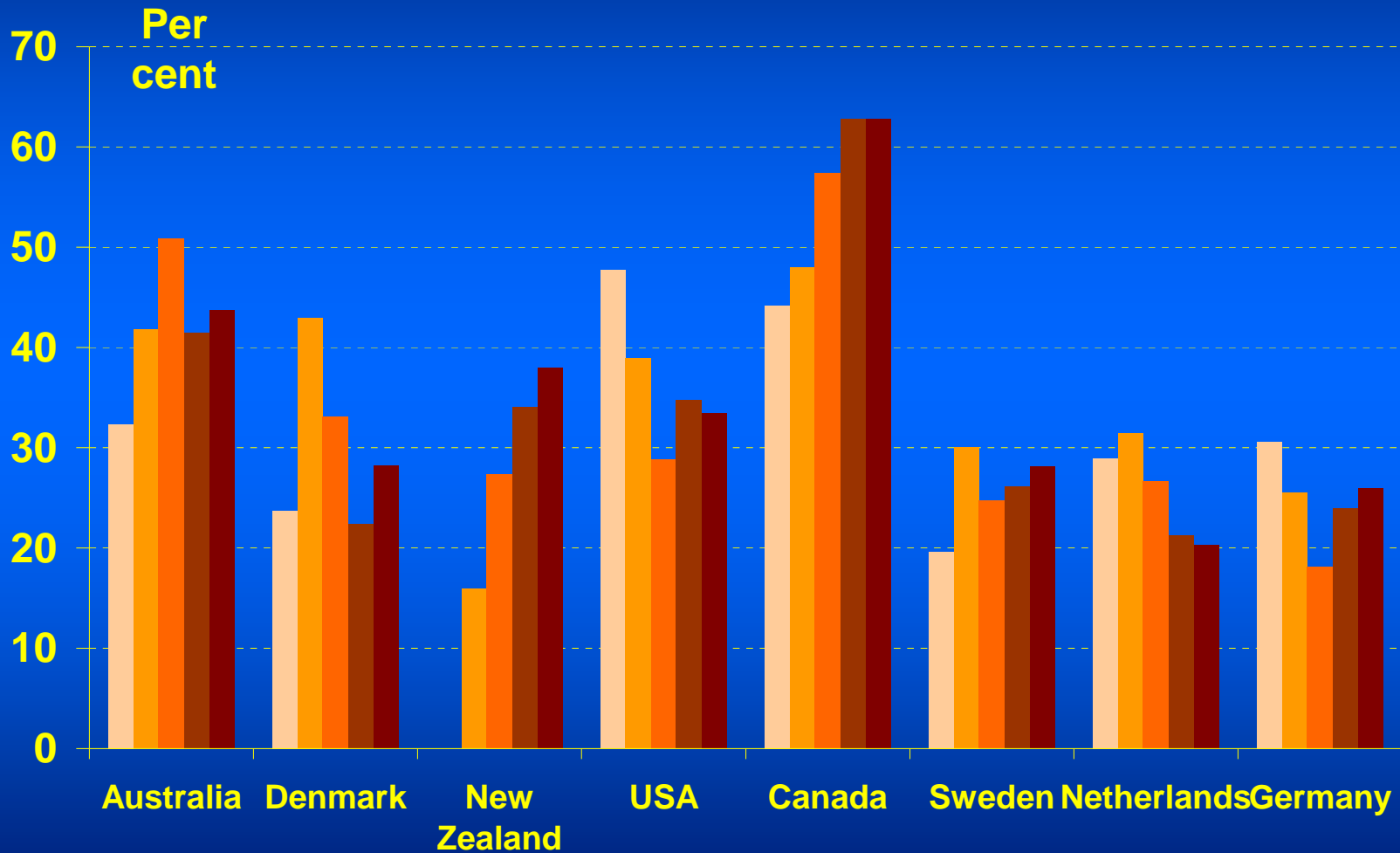
# Number of Asians immigrating to selected countries, 1980-2003



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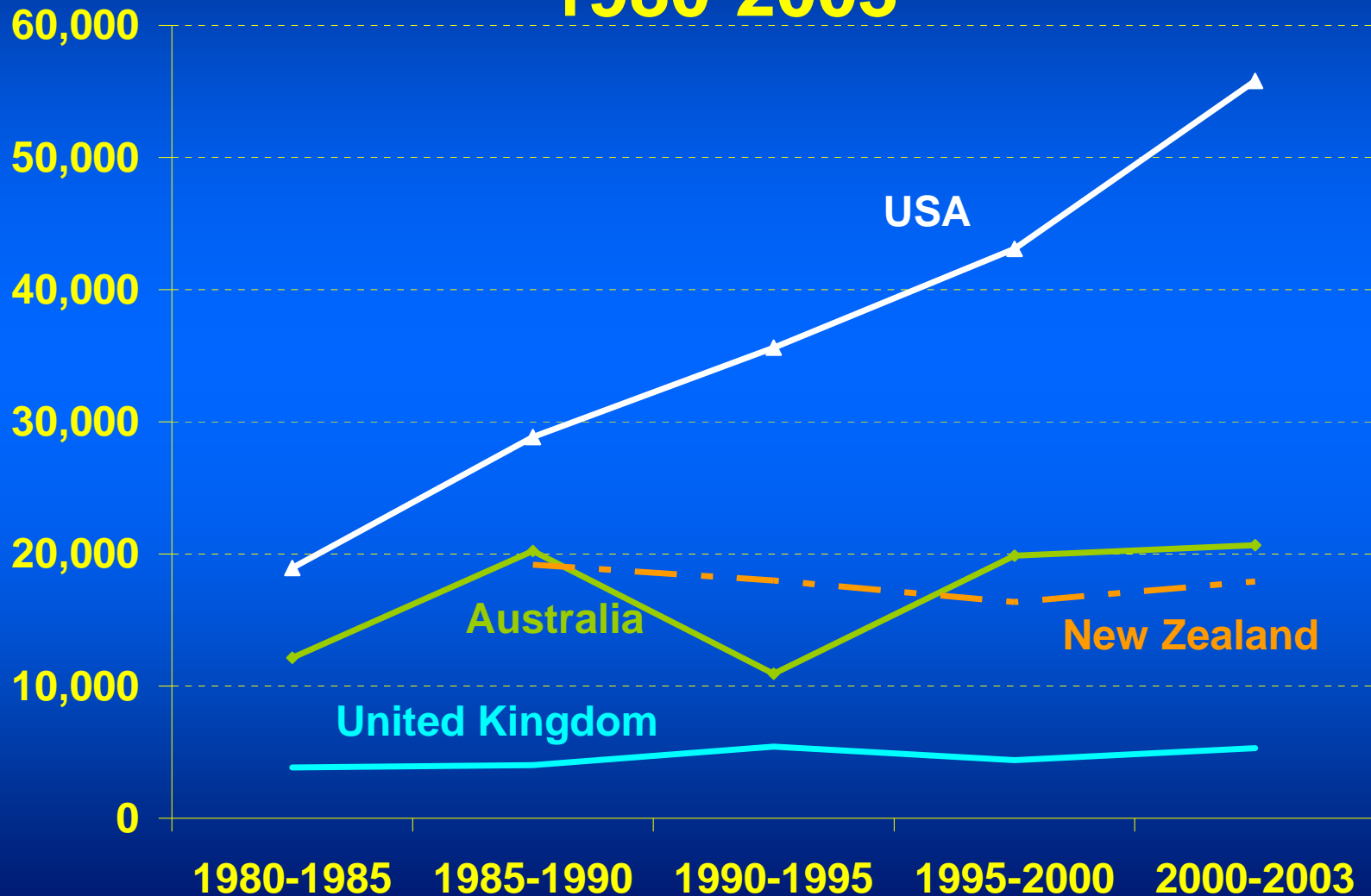
# Share of Asian immigrants in total inflow in selected countries, 1980-2003



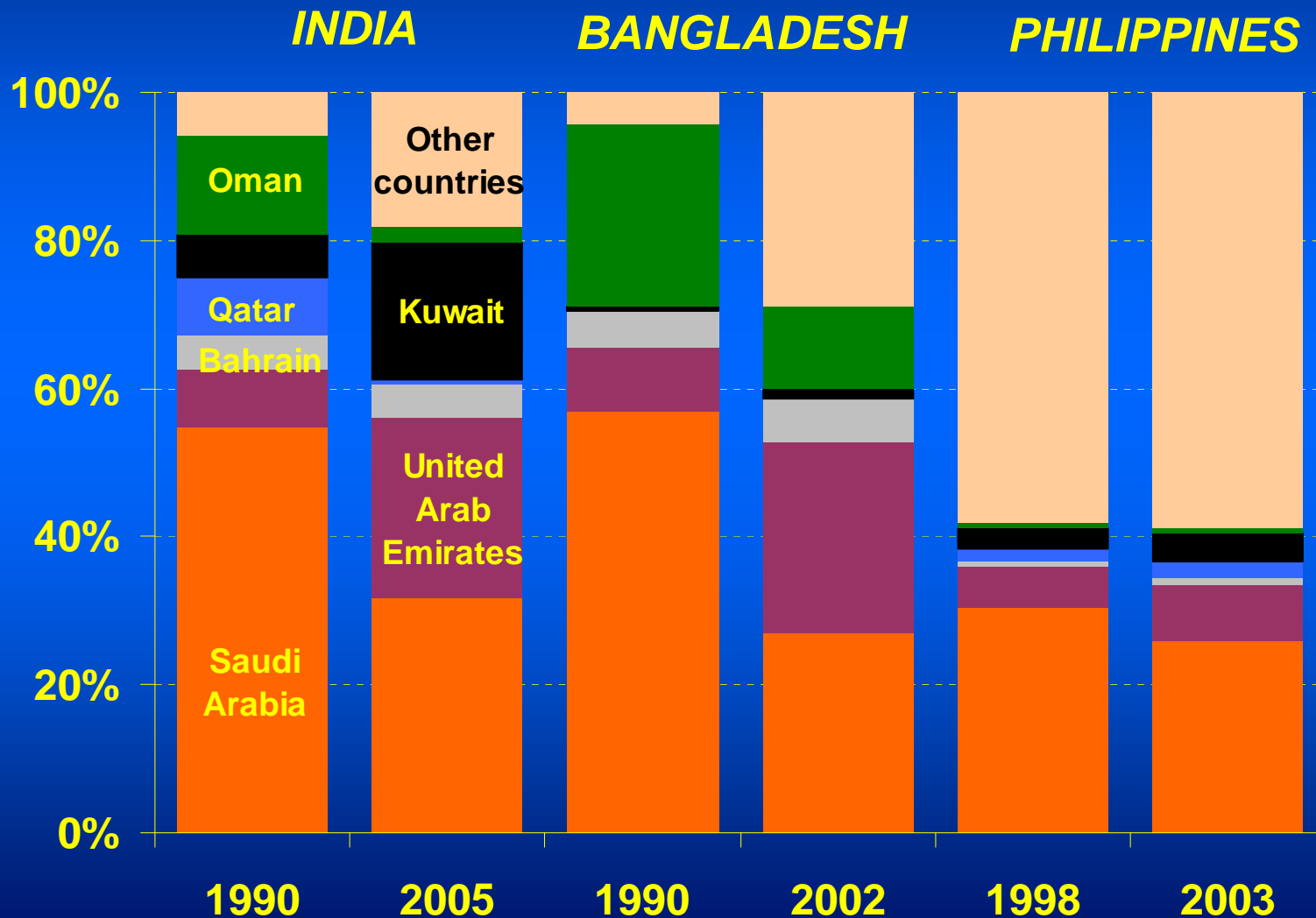
1980-1985
  1985-1990
  1990-1995
  1995-2000
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# Number of people from the Pacific immigrating to selected countries, 1980-2003

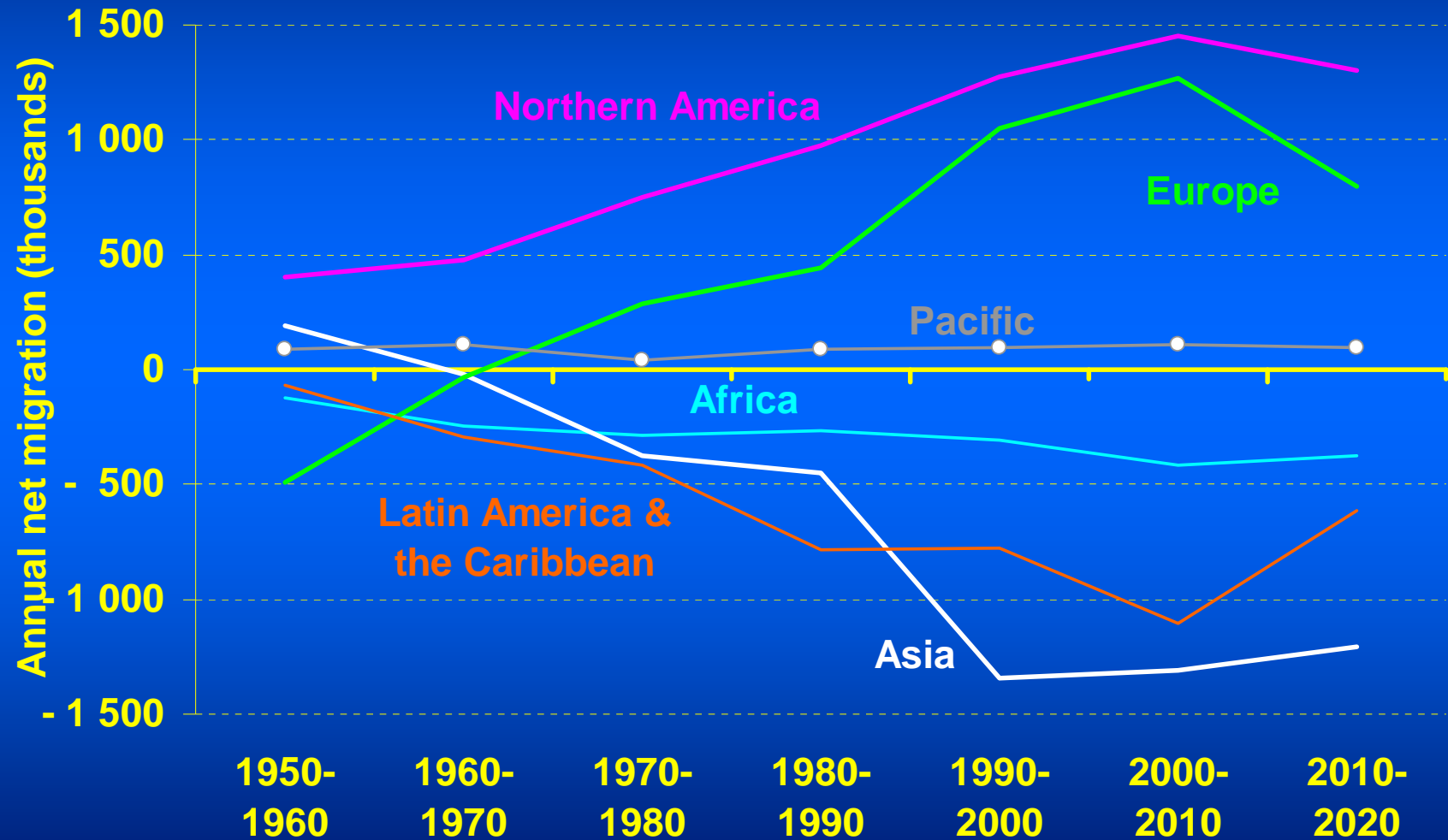


# Share of migrant workers from ... in selected countries of employment



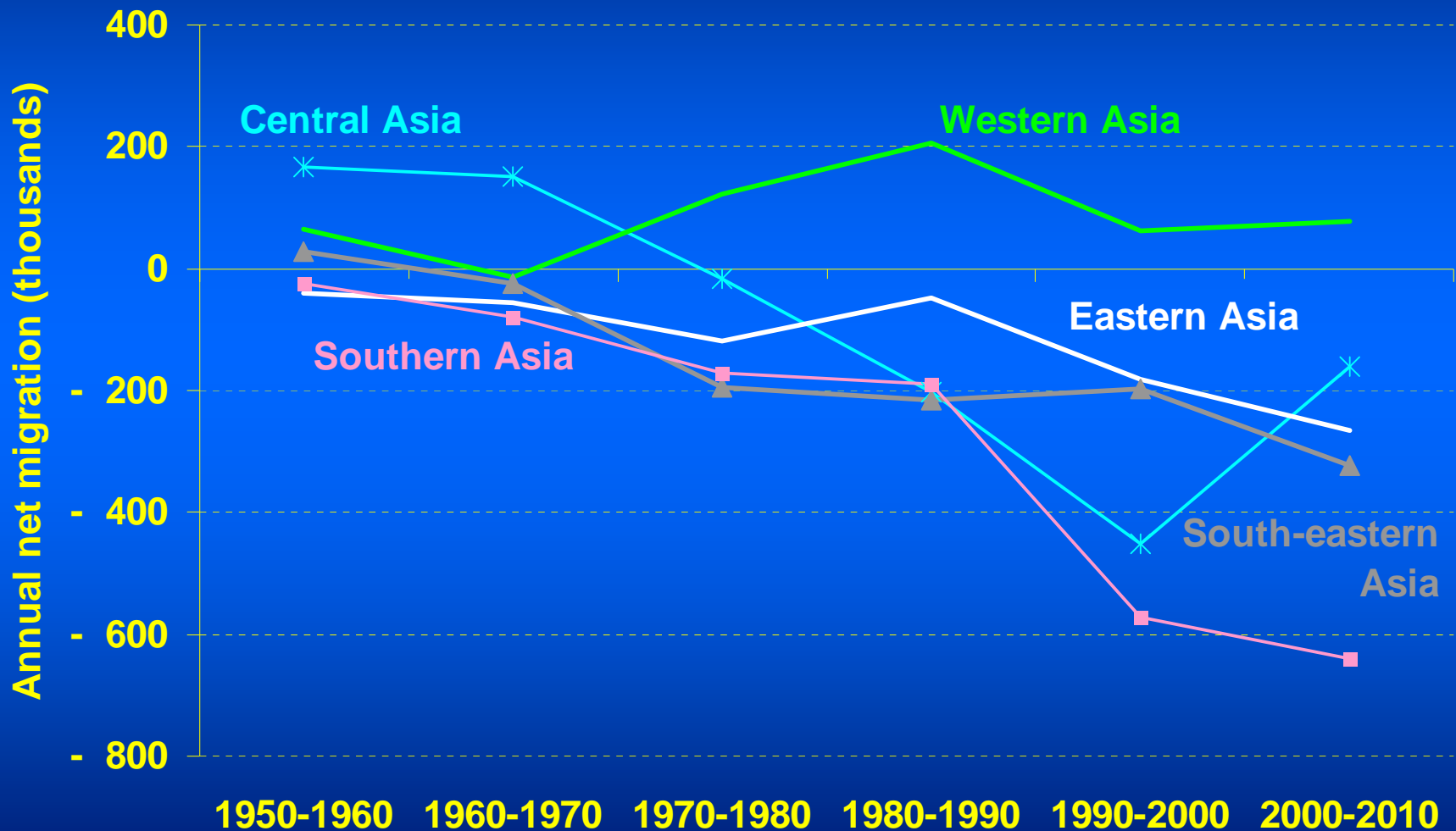
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# Annual net migration per decade by major area, 1950-2010



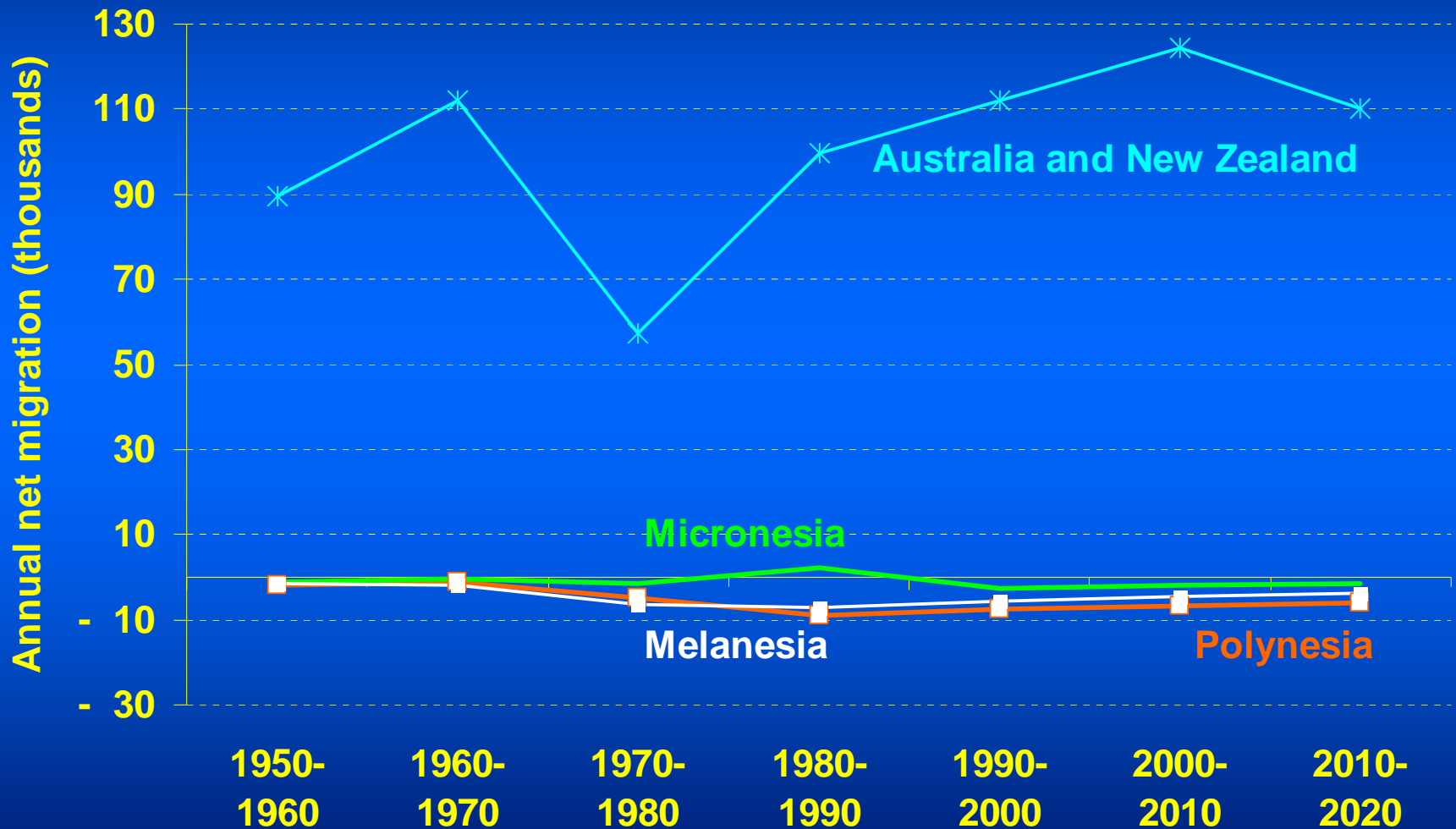
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# Annual net migration per decade in Asia, 1950-2050

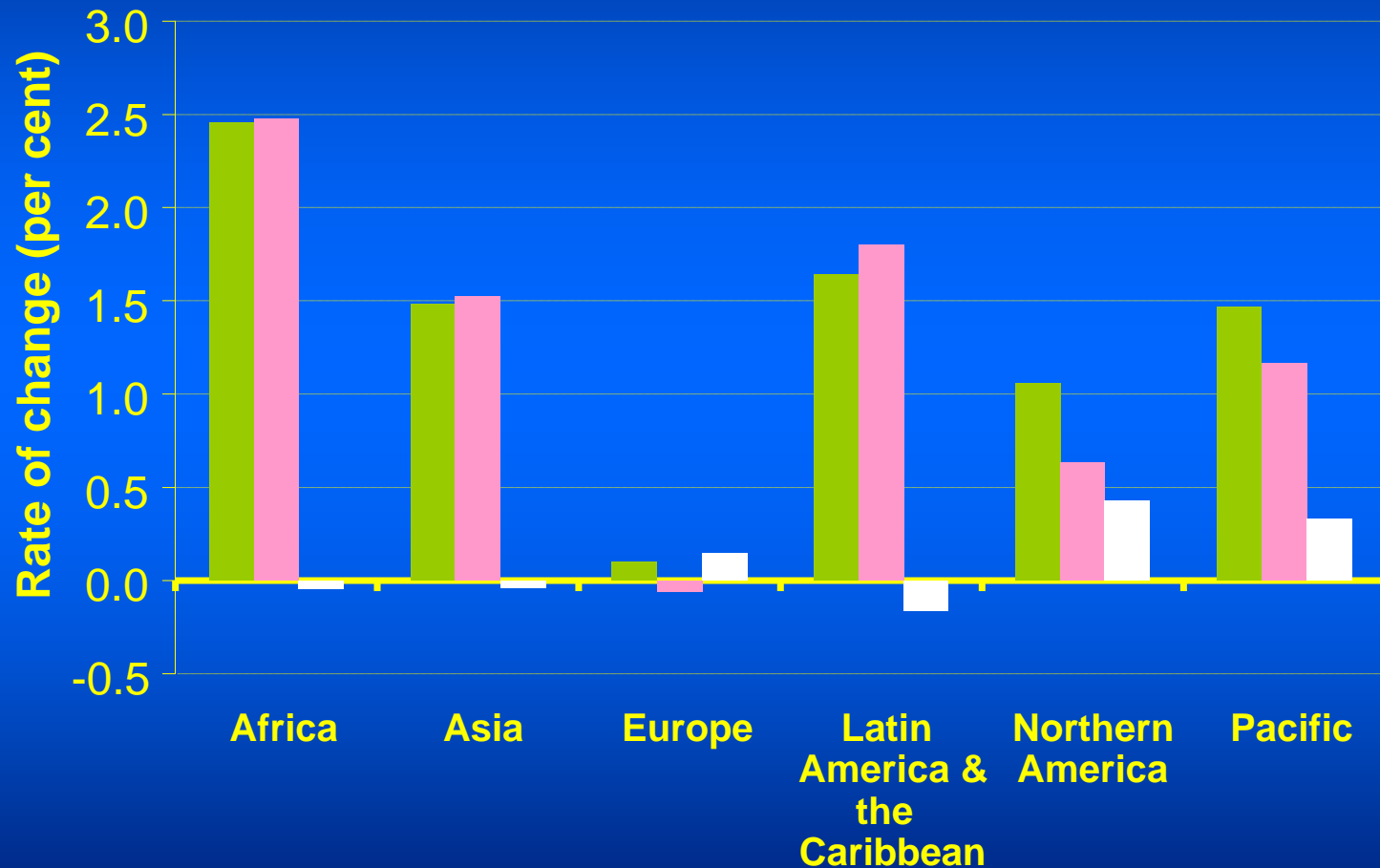


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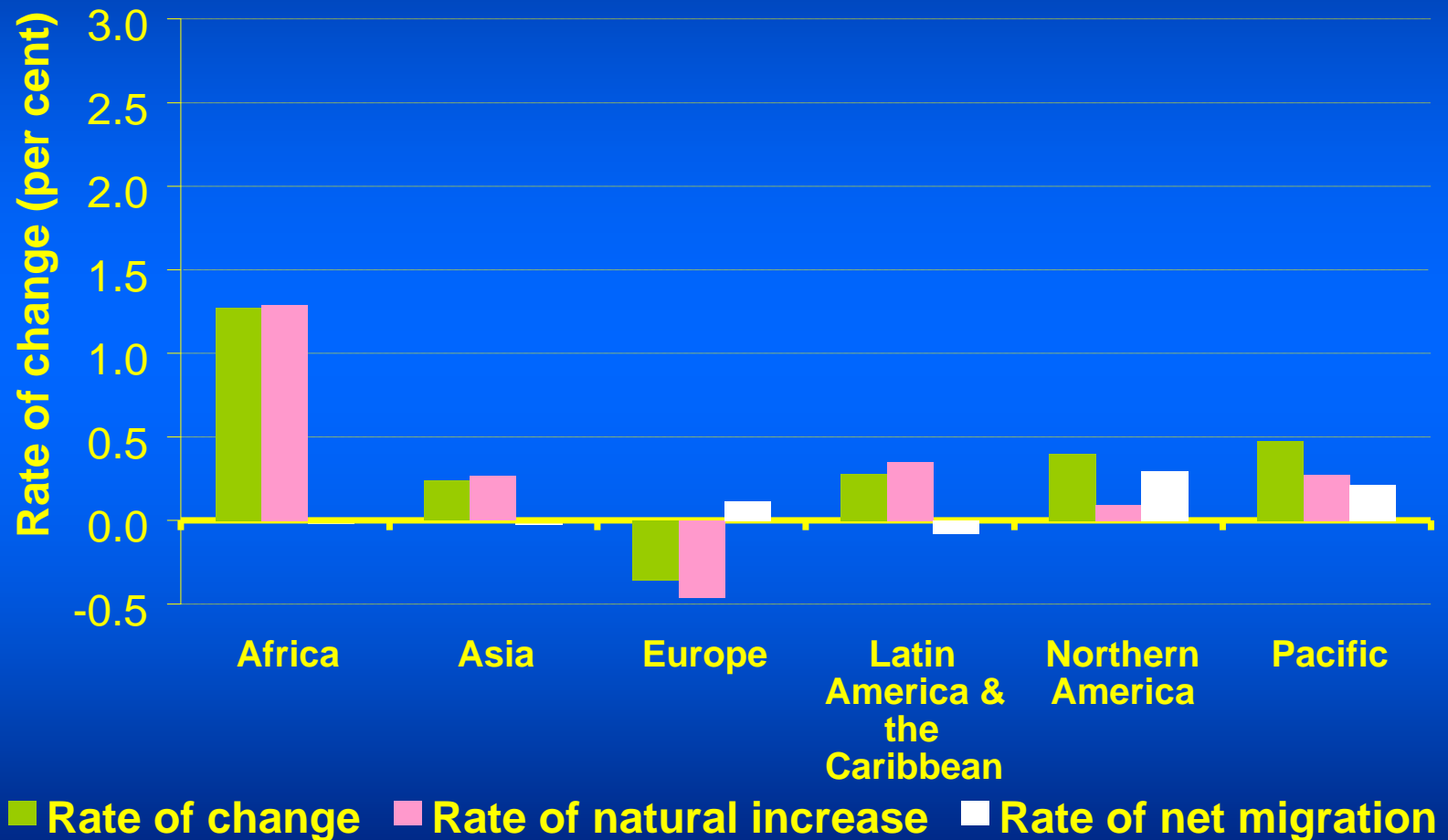
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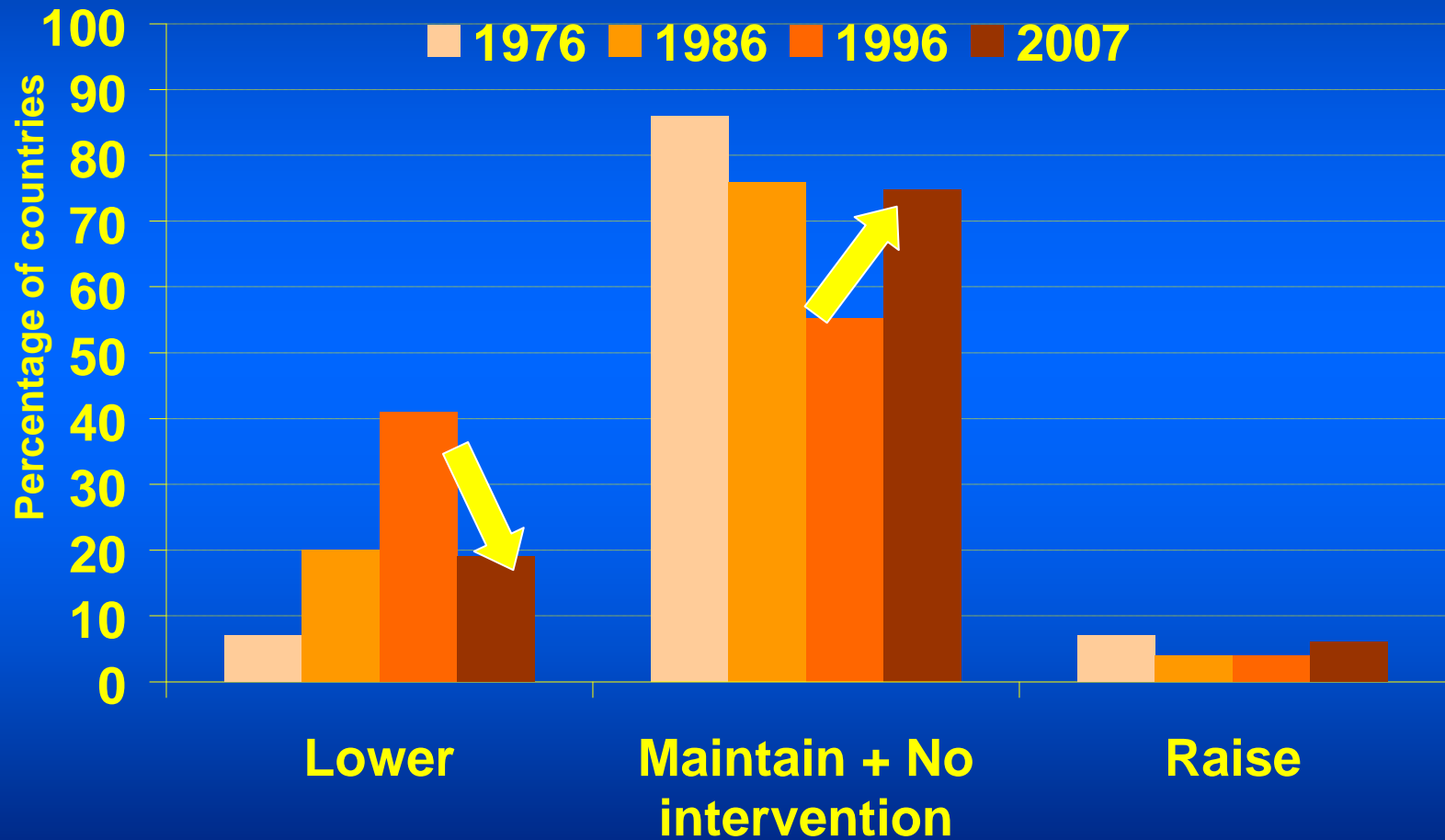
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# Rates of population change, natural increase and net migration by major area, 2040-2050



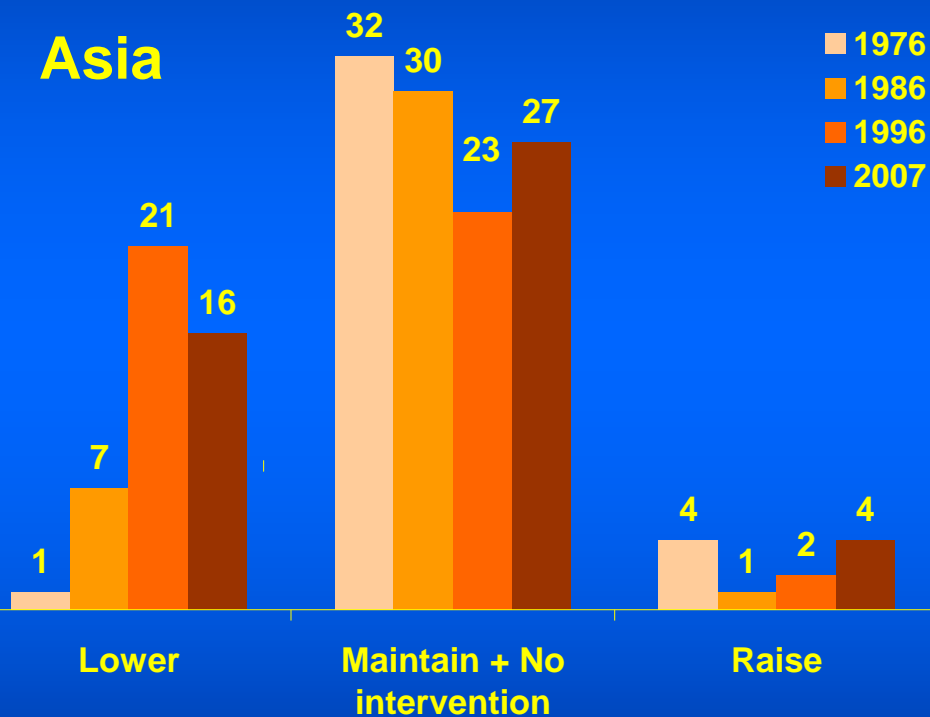


# Government policies on immigration, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2007 – World

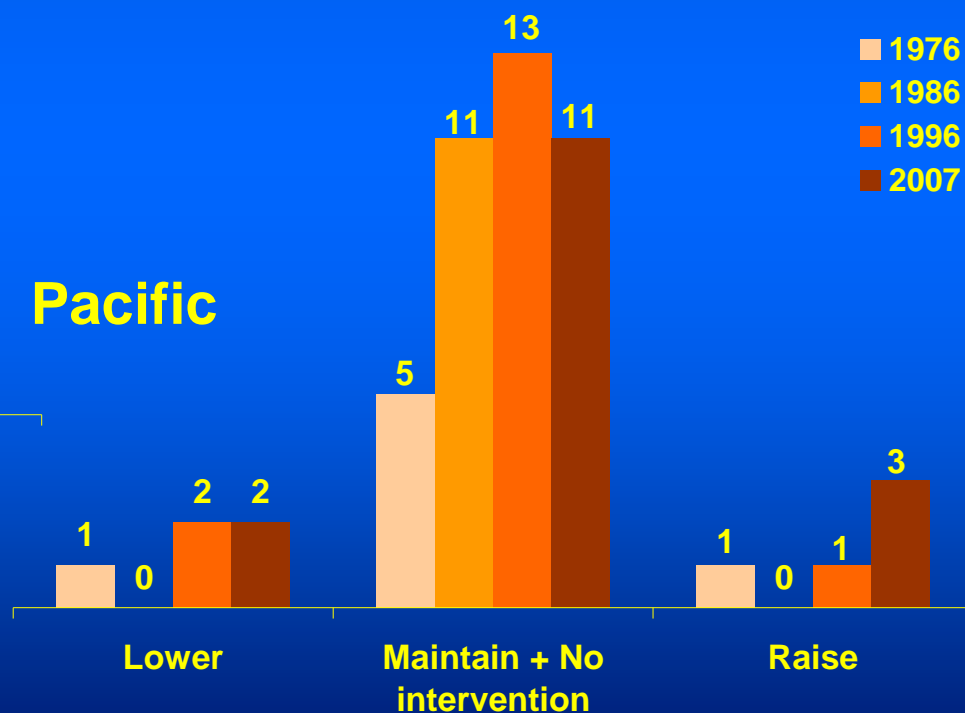


# Government policies on immigration, 1976, 1986, 1996 and 2007 (number of countries)

## Asia



## Pacific



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# International legal instruments on international migration

Instrument	Countries that have ratified <sup>c</sup>	Countries in Asia and the Pacific that have ratified <sup>c</sup>
<b>MIGRANT WORKERS</b>	Percentage <sup>a</sup>	Percentage <sup>b</sup>
1949 ILO Convention concerning migration for employment (Revised) (No. 97)	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>
1975 ILO Convention concerning migrations in abusive conditions and the promotion of equality of opportunity and treatment of migrant workers (supplementary provisions) (No. 143)	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>
1990 International convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and members of their families	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>

a Of states members of the United Nations; b Of countries in Asia and the Pacific; c As of 18 August 2008

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2000 Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>
2000 Protocol against the smuggling of migrants by land, air and sea	<b>59</b>	<b>33</b>

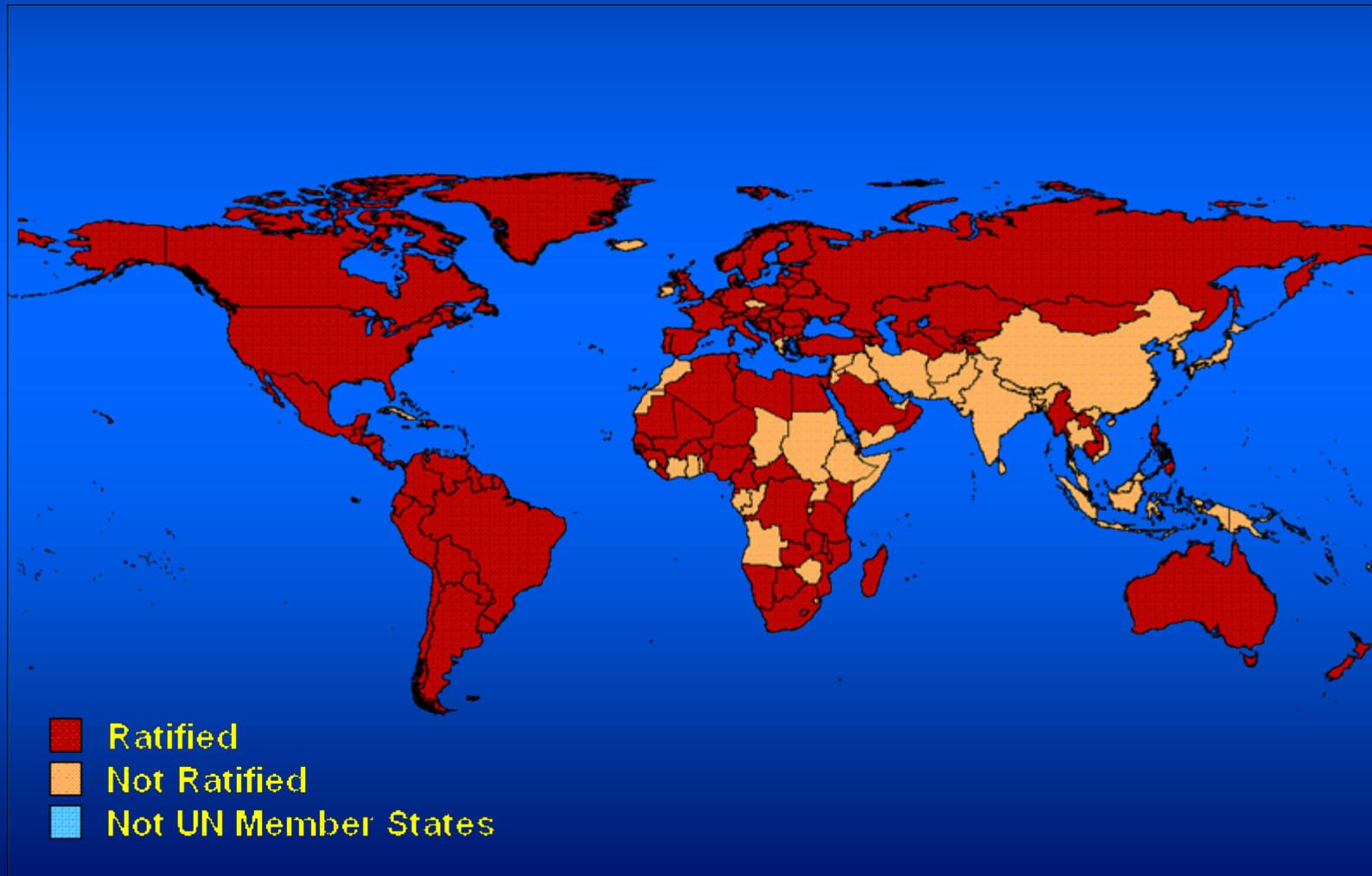
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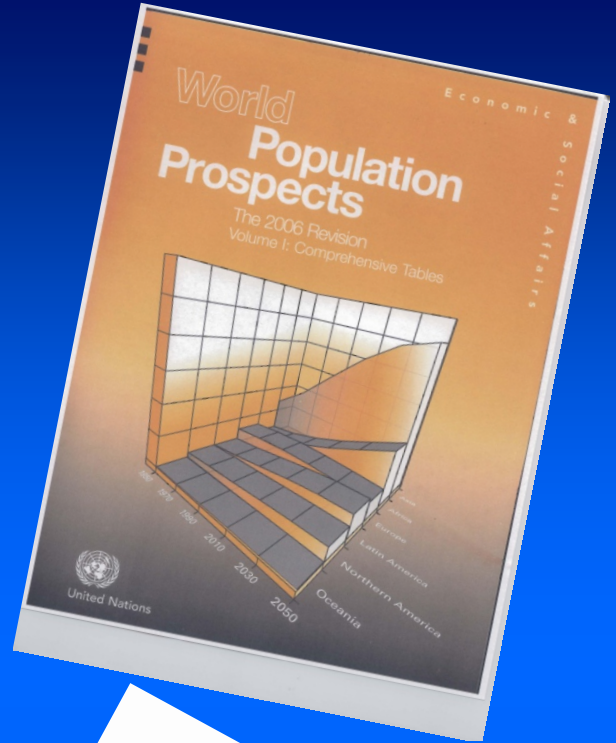
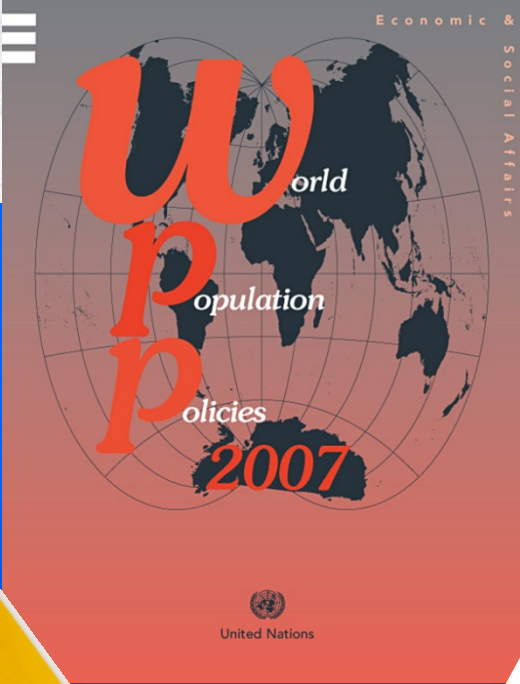
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<b>REFUGEES</b>	Percentage <sup>a</sup>	Percentage <sup>b</sup>
1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees	<b>75</b>	<b>35</b>
1967 Protocol relating to the status of refugees	<b>75</b>	<b>38</b>

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