

The Ballpark podcast Episode 2.6: Racism towards Latinos: Past, present, and future

The current US president is not the first American leader to use inflammatory rhetoric about Latinos and push anti-immigration policies, but Donald Trump's presidency has certainly brought these issue to the forefront of American politics. This episode we're diving into the fear, resentment, and history behind racism towards Latinos, and in doing so, we'll see that this is far from a recent phenomenon.

This episode features Neil Foley, Robert and Nancy Dedman Endowed Chair in History at Southern Methodist University. He the author of *Quest for Equality: The Failed Promise of Black-Brown Solidarity* and *Mexicans and the Making of America*, which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in History in 2015. Our discussion includes Susannah Crockford, Research Officer for Inform and recent PhD graduate of the Anthropology Department at LSE.

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Further reading:

- [Anxiety, Fear, and National Identity: Anti-Immigration Politics and the Rise of Latino Power in the US](#) – Neil Foley's talk at the LSE, March 2017
- [Why building a wall on the US-Mexico border is a symbolic monument, not sensible immigration policy](#) – Susannah Crockford, 21 February 2017, LSE USAPP blog

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