

A Research of Multi-ethnic Chinese-American Community: Case Study of Flushing, New York City

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Since the implementation of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Chinese immigrants had faced a tremendous amount of challenges and difficulties in the United States. Since the *Amendments of the American Immigration Act* in 1965, Chinese Immigrants move into America were skilled workers and professionals, whose socioeconomic status differed from the early Chinese immigrants. Many of the new Chinese immigrants chose to dwell in Flushing, New York City. During the 1980s, Korean, Indian, and Spanish immigrants came in droves to reside in Flushing as well. Consequently, Flushing became an Ethnoburb with a diversity of ethnic society.

This thesis will examine the characteristics of the Chinese community in Flushing's social structure from four different aspects. First, I study how Chinese Americans in New York transferred their diaspora to Flushing in suburban from Chinatown in Manhattan. I also analysis the population structure of Flushing in this chapter. Second, I analyze how Chinese immigrants contributed to the economic development of Flushing by scrutinizing their occupations and the industries, such as small business, real estate, bank and travel industries. Third, I investigate how Chinese Americans participated in politics by studying Chinese American politicians and political organizations and associations run by Chinese immigrants in Flushing. Last, I discuss the cultural identity of these new Chinese immigrants and their offspring. I also delve into the cultural and educational industries to discuss the contribution of new Chinese immigrants to constructing "Culture Community" in Flushing. Based on the "Ethnoburb" model, this thesis shows how the Chinese community, contributed to the economic, political, cultural developments with other ethnic groups of Flushing in New York City.

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