

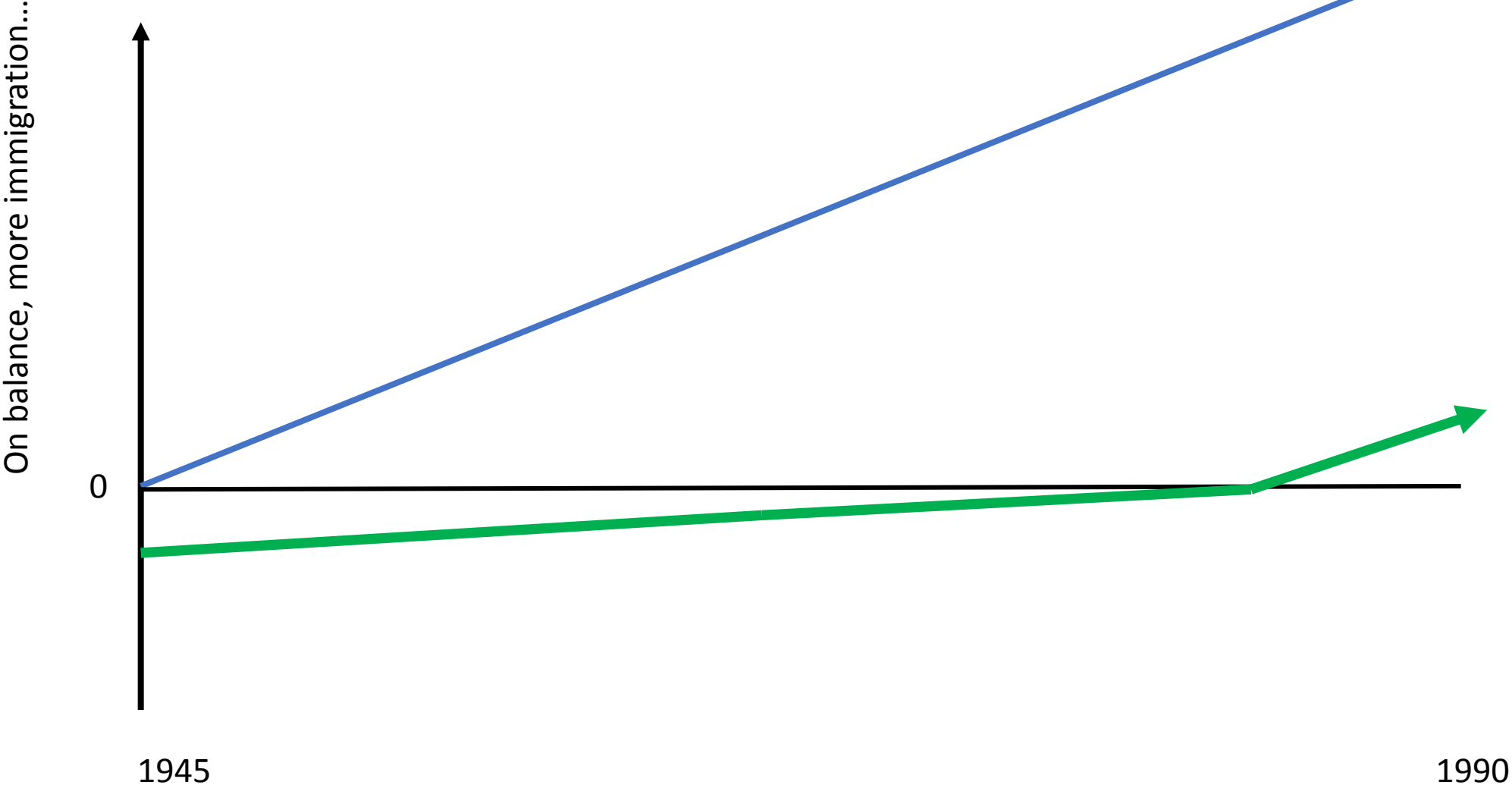
Emigration state: how mass emigration affected policy from the Victorian era to the Windrush Scandal

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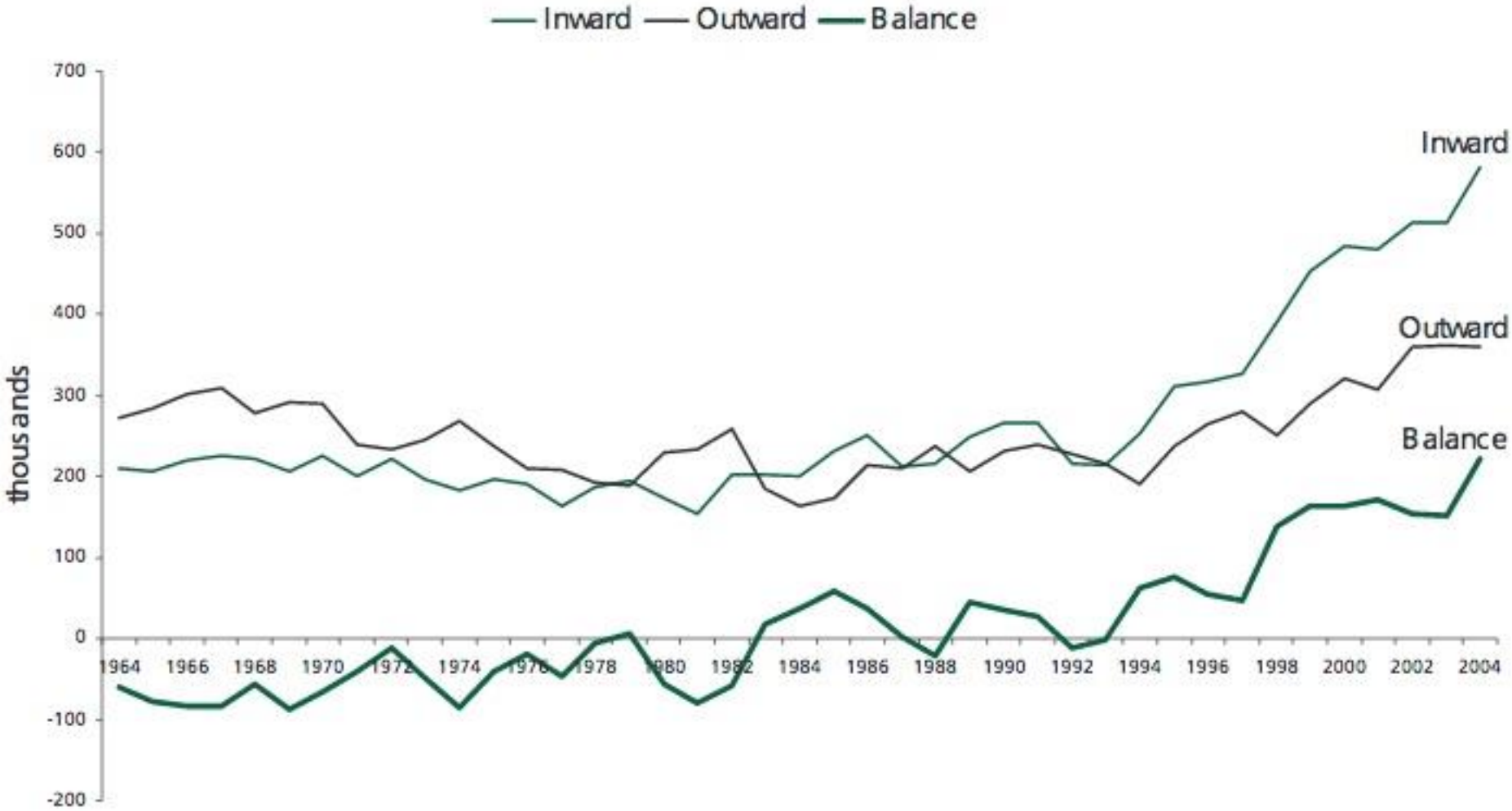
What will I know by the end of this talk?

How mass emigration influenced postwar migration and citizenship law and the lives of millions of people

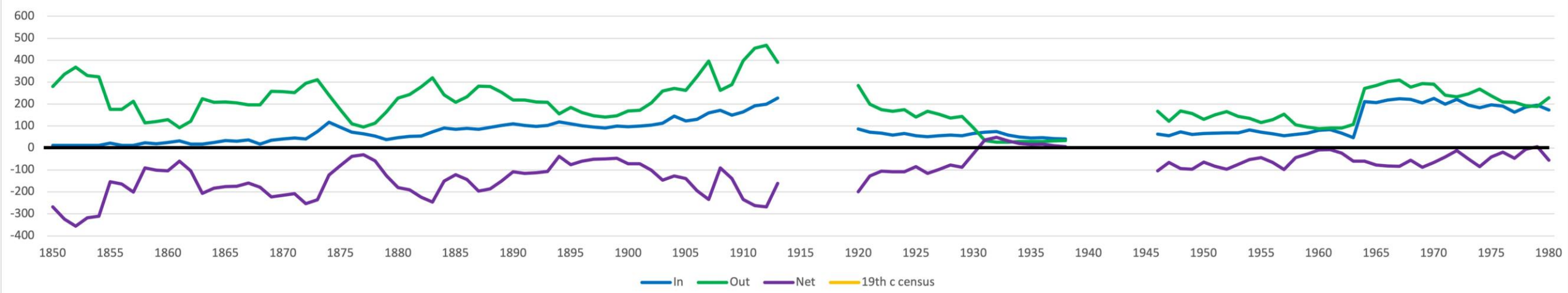
What is the major trend in postwar net migration?



Migration into and out of the UK since 1964



Estimated migration 1850-1990 (in 1000s)



Total outmigration between 1850 and 1990 – roughly 24 million

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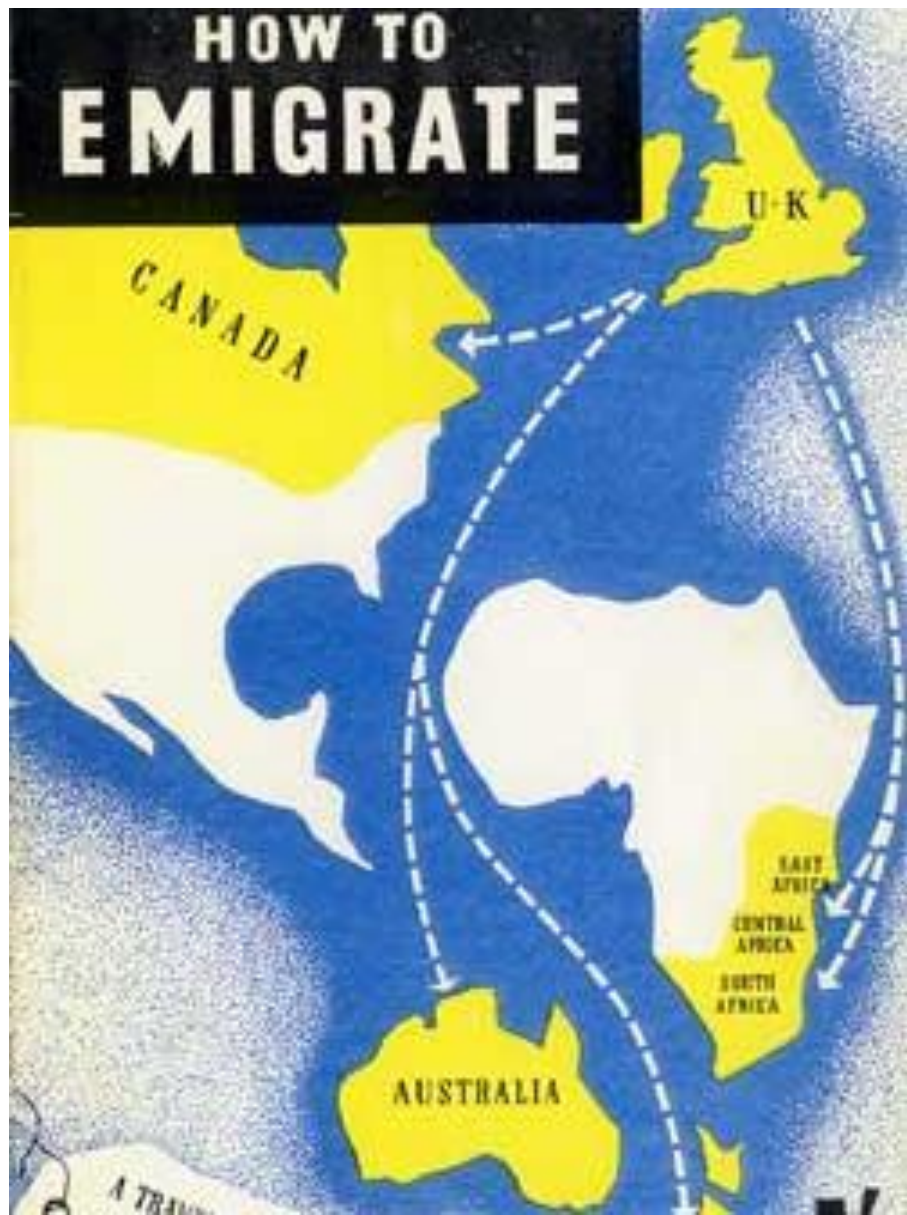
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We teach the boys Trades and the girls domestic pursuits, to fit them for the Battle of Life; and we place large numbers of them in situations in England. Others we emigrate to the Colonies, chiefly to Canada. It is wise in some cases, if our



training is to be permanent, to place the ocean between the child and its earlier surroundings; for having once rescued the child we do not want it to drift back to the condition from which we rescued it.

Ninety-eight per cent. of our Emigrants do well, thus proving that our training is on the right basis. This is Empire-Building work of the best kind.





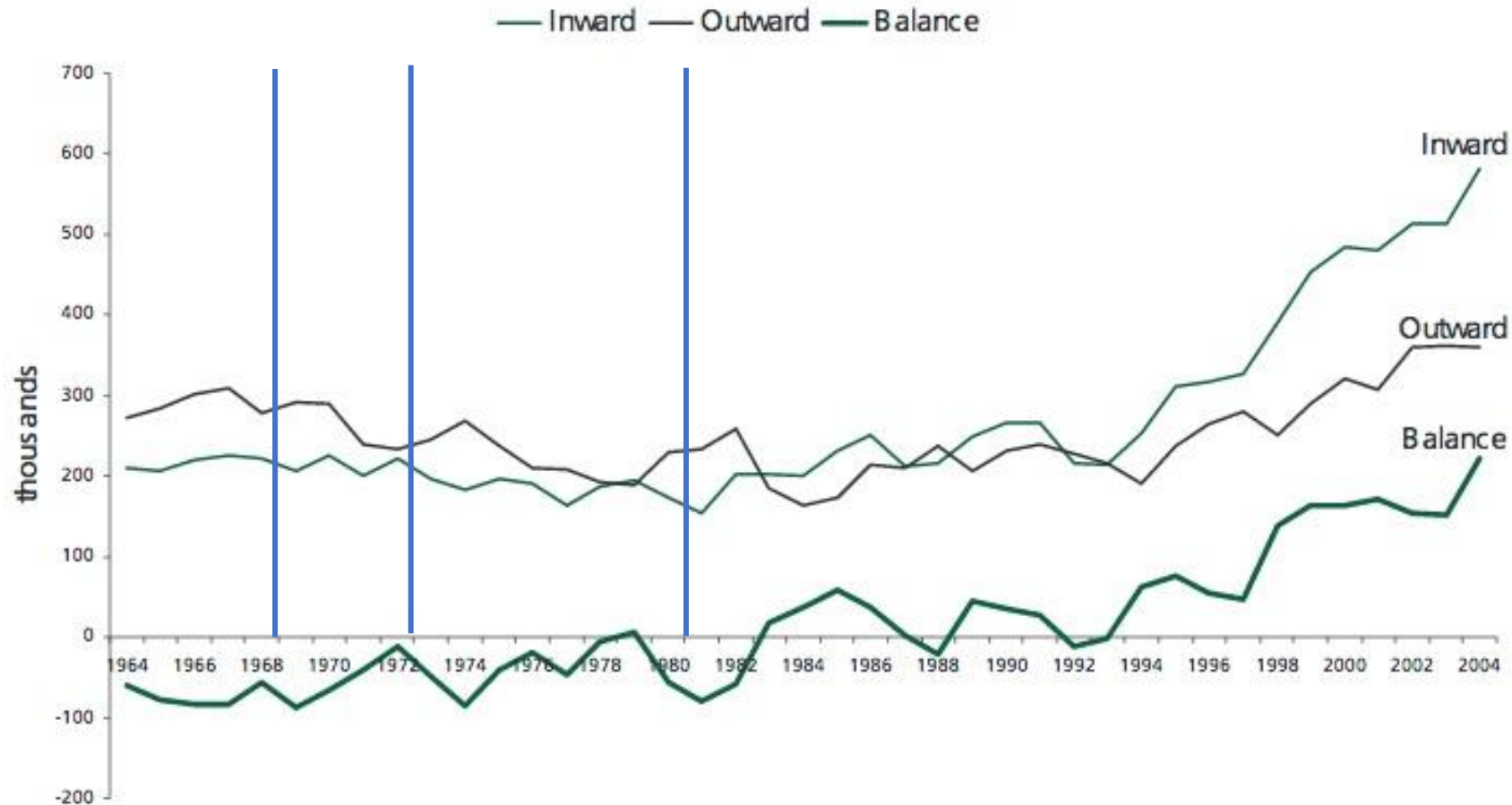
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WINDRUSH

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'Patriality' and exclusion: 1948 to 1973

Migration into and out of the UK since 1964



A revised timeline of UK migration history

Emigration

24 million between 1850s and 1980s

In 20th century most go to the 'white Commonwealth' (Aus, Can, NZ)

Immigration

The 1948 Act gave UK and Colonies passport holders the same rights, whether travelling from the UK to Commonwealth countries or vice versa

Hostile Environment

The 1962 Commonwealth Immigration Act instituted a work voucher system, ending free movement

The 1968 Act barred entry to Commonwealth citizens unless they had a grandparent born in UK

The 1971 immigration act formalised the idea of 'patrial citizenship'

1981 British Nationality Act removed automatic birthright citizenship



'Lambs to the slaughter': 50 lives ruined by the Windrush scandal

▲ Just some of the Windrush generation affected by Home Office rulings. Photograph: various

As the report on the Home Office scandal is finally published, we revisit the victims' stories

Hubert Howard, died aged 62 'They messed up my life'



▲ Photograph: Sarah Lee/The Guardian

Howard died in November [before receiving an apology or compensation](#). He spent the last two months of his life fighting for British citizenship from an intensive care bed. He was granted it two weeks before he died, and 59 years after he arrived, aged three, from Jamaica in 1960. He worked all his life until 2012 when he was wrongly labelled an illegal immigrant by the Home Office and sacked from his job.

Richard (Wes) Stewart, died aged 74 'It was blatant discrimination'



▲ Photograph: Jill Mead/The Guardian

The former Middlesex bowler was 10 when he moved from Jamaica to London in 1955 to live with his older sister, who was working as a nurse. He was told he was an overstayer in 2012 and spent seven years [in immigration limbo](#), unable to afford the £1,400 fee for naturalisation. He had hoped to visit his mother's grave in Jamaica, but [died in June 2019](#).

Paulette Wilson, 63 'I felt like I didn't exist'



▲ Photograph: Fabio De Paola/The Guardian

Wilson, a former cook at the House of Commons, arrived in the UK in 1968, aged 10. Almost 50 years later she was told she was here illegally, arrested twice and prevented from working. In October 2017 she was sent to an immigration detention centre for a week, then taken to Heathrow for deportation to Jamaica. [A last-minute intervention from her MP](#) and a charity prevented her removal.

Anthony Bryan, 62 'They could have treated me better after 52 years'



▲ Photograph: Martin Godwin/The Guardian

Bryan was [wrongly held for five weeks in immigration removal centres](#). In November 2017, immigration officers arrived at his home with a battering ram, arrested him and booked him on a flight back to Jamaica, the country he left when he was eight in 1965 and had not visited since. After his case was highlighted in the Guardian, officials acknowledged he was in the UK legally.

Sarah O'Connor, died aged 57 'They made me feel like I'm not British'



▲ Photograph: Martin Godwin/The Guardian

One of the most vocal Windrush campaigners, [O'Connor died](#) in September 2018. Officials mistakenly classified her as being in the country illegally, even though she had lived here for 51 years, since she was six. Unable to work, and not eligible for benefits, she had to sell her car and clothes. The scandal reminded her of the racism she faced in the 1970s. "It feels like it has become a hostile country again."

Jocelyn John, 58 'They ruined my life completely'

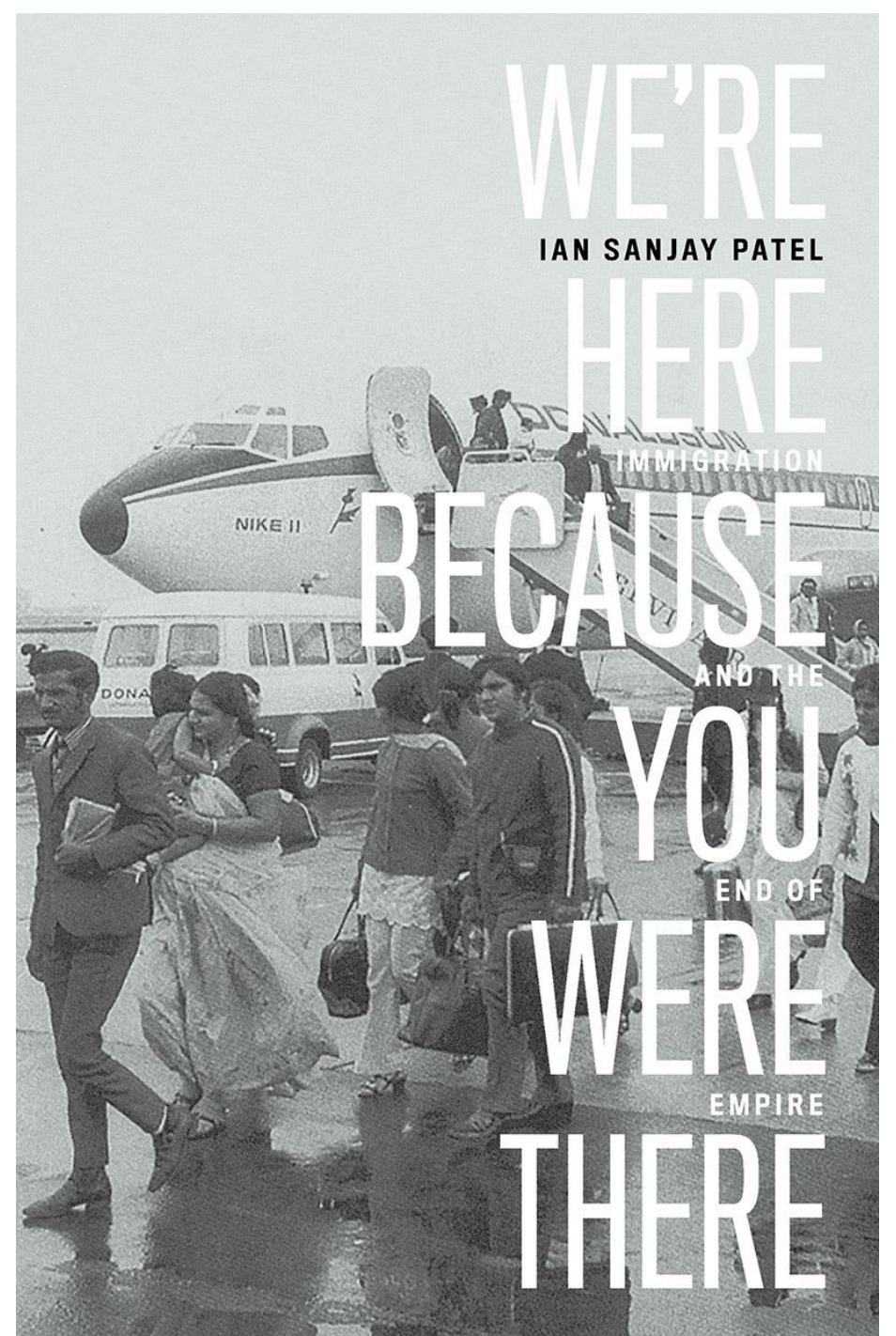


▲ Photograph: Yves Salmon/The Guardian

In November 2016, John agreed to a "voluntary" removal to Grenada, the country she had left, aged four, 53 years earlier. The former Ritz chambermaid was wrongly classified as living in the UK illegally in 2009; she lost her job and spent years sleeping on relatives' sofas and floors. Despite 75 pages of evidence [proving a lifetime spent here](#), the Home Office said she faced detention unless she left the UK, so eventually she agreed to self-deport.

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