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**Topic:** Individual Studies of Immigrants and Education

- It is a general trend for immigrant families to have high expectations for their children to attend college. However the degree to which that expectation is put into practice reflects upon the parent’s educational background. (Portes, 103-106)

- Many studies were performed to provide solid data that is able to show how certain immigrant groups prioritize their schooling. One displays a groups educational discipline and how much effort they put into their schooling. It shows that Asian nationalities put in more time doing homework after school than any other nationality. (Portes, 212-213)

- The book is written using the data collected and presents it in a way that allows the reader to follow trends. A trend noted took into account children with parents that had high expectations for their children in terms of achieving a college degree, and the expectations they had in themselves. Showing how family plays a vital role in an immigrant child’s self image and therefore their success. (Portes, 217-219)
Assessment:

Portes presents his ideas through the form of statistics and graphs. He took a large sample of a variety of immigrant nationalities and compared their success with their outlooks. By doing so he is able to convey facts and display the socio economic relationships in immigrant families that pertain to education, among other things, in a very educated and precise manner. There is a lot of insight to be gained through this book and I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for anything from a synopsis on the immigrant social climate, to people looking for hard data on the matter.