

**Asian ‘Brain Drain’ to the United States:
A Comparison of Skill Quality of Indians, Chinese, Philippines and Vietnamese
vis-à-vis Native Americans**

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Abstract

The paper discusses the ‘brain drain’ of select South and East Asian nations such as India, China, Philippine and Vietnam to the US. It examines the productivity of these immigrants in the US through their education and earnings and compares the same with the Native Americans. It is found that Indian, Chinese and Philippine born in the US have earned higher Individual median income by virtue of their superior human capital quality than the Native Americans. Vietnamese born on the other hand have earned lower than the Native Americans. It is observed that ‘brain drain’ caused severe erosion of the top cream of the cake of human capital stock back home in India.

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