

# Understanding the Complexity of International Migration

## Lesson Two



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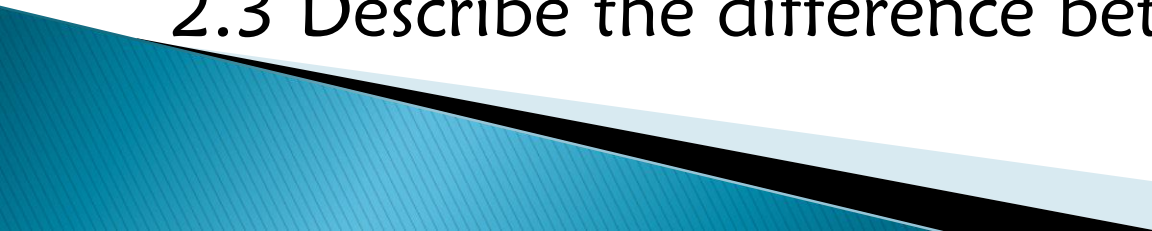
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### Learning Outcomes

**By the end of this session you should be able to:**

- 2.1 Outline the reasons why people migrate and The push and Pull Factors in International migration.
  - 2.2 Describe the positive and negative effects of international migration.
  - 2.3 Describe the difference between emigrant and immigrant.
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## Task

### Working in groups

- Brainstorm reasons people migrate
- The push and pull factors of migration





# Reasons Why people Migrate

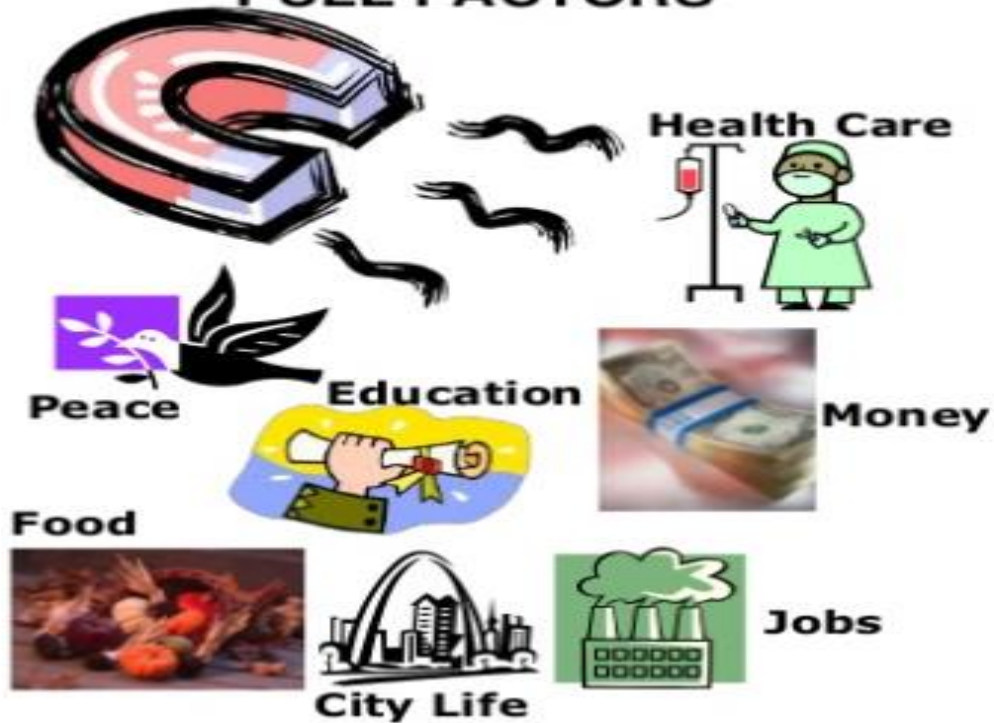




# Reasons People Migrate

## Reasons For Migration

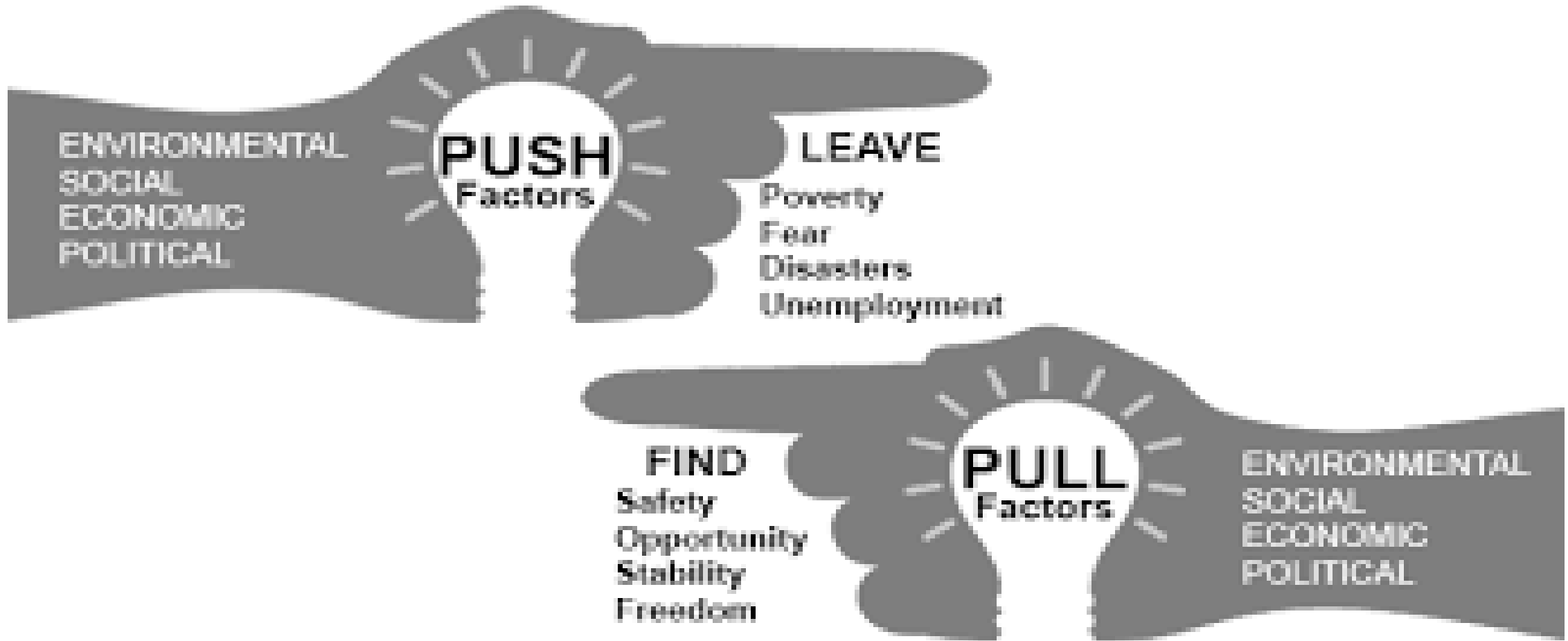
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### PUSH FACTORS



# Reasons for migration



# Film clip on Different Reasons People Migrate

Unit 2.1 <https://youtu.be/6INFyZESn1M>

Unit 2.2 <https://youtu.be/t1R0KUKaigl>

Unit 2.3 [https://youtu.be/Jq6-\\_esiRIA](https://youtu.be/Jq6-_esiRIA)



## Exercise: Positive and Negative Effects of International Migration

- ▶ Migration can have positive and negative effects on the countries that 'export people' and countries that 'import' people
- ▶ In groups



Discuss what you consider to be the negative and positive effects of international migration



# Positive Effects of International migration: Examples

		For the host country
1	Migrants Fill Jobs	If a country is facing a labour shortage, the economy may depend on migrant workers to keep certain industries going. Also as the population of a country ages there might not be enough people to fill the jobs that are available
	Cheap Labour	Migrants are often prepared to do unskilled jobs even when they are highly skilled
		Migrants can help overcome labour shortages
2	Migrants pay taxes-	They contribute to the economy by paying taxes like income tax and VAT. They can also create new businesses and products in the host country
3	Migrants create cultural diversity-	As migrants settle into society, a greater understanding towards other cultures may develop

# For the country loosing People


## Examples

1	Loss of young and most able
2	Loss of working age people
3	Loss of those most likely to have education and skills
4	Divisions of families
5	Elderly population remains, so there is a higher death rate

# Negative Effects of International Migration: Examples

1	Lack of knowledge	Migration can be perceived negatively if societies are ill informed about positives of migration
2	Racism	Integration of migrants into a community may cause racism and discrimination.
3	Language skills	Lots of migrants may not have the language skills they need. This can lead to exploitation in various areas e.g. employment
4	Cultural Diversity	Cultural conservatives may worry about the impact migrants may have on national identity and social traditions
5	Fear of Foreigners	Migrants in some countries are accused of stealing jobs, scrounging on welfare, spreading diseases committing crime plotting terrorism, etc.

# The difference between an emigrant and an Immigrant

- ▶ An emigrant is a person who leaves his native country to take up permanent residence in a new country.
  - ▶ An Immigrant is a person who comes to a new country and gives up residence in his native country.
  - ▶ A person coming to live in the United States from Mexico is an immigrant to the United States and an emigrant to Mexico.
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# Summary

- ▶ Reasons people migrate: The push and pull factors
  - ▶ Positive and negative effects of international migration
  - ▶ Difference between emigrant and immigrant
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