

## ***Timeline of Chinese Immigration and Exclusion***

**1848** Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill, California; many Chinese arrive to mine for gold.

**1850** Foreign Miners' tax mainly targets Chinese and Mexican miners.

**1852** Approximately 25,000 Chinese in America.

**1854** Court rules that Chinese cannot give testimony in court.

**1862** Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association forms.

**1865** Central Pacific Railroad recruits Chinese workers; ultimately employs about 15,000 Chinese.

**1869** First transcontinental railroad completed.

**1870** California passes a law against the importation of Chinese and Japanese women for prostitution.

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**1871** Los Angeles: anti-Chinese violence; 18 Chinese killed

**1873** Panic of 1873; start of major economic downturn that lasts a decade; blamed on corrupt RR companies.

**1877** Chino, CA: anti-Chinese violence

**1878** Court rules Chinese ineligible for naturalized citizenship

**1880** Approximately 106,000 Chinese in America; California passes anti-miscegenation law (no interracial marriage).

**1882** Chinese Exclusion Act: prohibits Chinese immigration (in one year, Chinese immigration drops from 40,000 to 23).

**1885** Rock Springs Wyoming Anti-Chinese Violence.

**1892** Geary Act-extends Chinese Exclusion Act.