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Compare the Columbian exchange with immigration now. Similarities? Differences?

The Columbian Exchange determines a global diffusion of human populations along with various disease pathogens, for instance, smallpox, measles, and chickenpox, or influenza, malaria, and yellow fever; besides it is diffusion of plants, and animals thanks to the Columbus` voyages of exploration together with other European mariners. On the other side, immigration is just an international movement of people to not native country mostly to take-up employment as a foreign or a migrant worker.

Similarities: According to Loucky et.al. "The contemporary age of global migration entails similar processes of diffusion and blending, reminiscent of the Columbian exchange of innumerable plants, animals, and ideas, associated with the transatlantic meeting of two hemispheres 500 years ago" (2006). Moreover, Castelli and Sulis state that "Infectious diseases still represent an important cause of morbidity and mortality among foreign-born individuals. The rising migration flows towards Europe throughout the last few years are raising renewed concerns about management issues and the potential associated risk for the native population."(2017).

Differences: Nowadays, people are less affected by different viruses according to the Castelli`s study, where the author states that "although infectious diseases among migrants are known to have a negligible impact on European epidemiology, screening programmes need to be implemented and adapted to the different stages of the migratory process to better understand the trends and set priorities for action." During the Columbian exchange, people were forced to move, especially African migrants in comparison to the willing movement of today`s migrants.

Moreover, today`s flow of migrants is continually growing at the same time provoking the occurrence of illegal immigration.

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