



Marx Now

Alejandro Murguía, Professor, Latino Studies, SFSU & San Francisco Poet Laureate

Please note: Due to the not always accessible sources, the quotation below may vary from the one read in the video.

“On the one hand, the enormous and ceaseless stream of men, year after year driven upon America, leaves behind a stationary sediment in the east of the United States, the wave of immigration from Europe throwing men on the labour-market there more rapidly than the wave of emigration westwards can wash them away. On the other hand, the American Civil War brought in its train a colossal national debt, and, with it, pressure of taxes, the rise of the vilest financial aristocracy, the squandering of a huge part of the public land on speculative companies for the exploitation of railways, mines, &c., in brief, the most rapid centralisation of capital. The great republic has, therefore, ceased to be the promised land for emigrant labourers.”

(Capital, Vol. 1, Chapter 33)

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1867-c1/ch33.htm>

www.goethe.de

**GOETHE
INSTITUT**

Sprache. Kultur. Deutschland.