Hungarian Diaspora of 1956

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Soviet Union Invades Hungary

• October 23, 1956 was the day Hungary was invaded

• Hungarians were at first hopeful for a victorious end of the war but were quickly disappointed

• The revolution was a result of the Soviet’s tight hold on Hungary
Hungarians Flee

• On November 4, the Soviets entered Budapest, a battle which lasted 6 days and had major effects.
• With the rising danger and high casualties, 200,000 Hungarian refugees fled to safety.
Finding New Homes

• With so many people looking for a new place to call home the Hungarians spread to multiple countries
  – America being the main point of refuge
  – South America and Canada taking a far fewer number of Hungarians into their borders
Push Factors

• The high control Soviets had over their home country and the forcing of Communism
• The invasions and economy downfall
• The level of violence and lack of safety
• The desire for a better life and greater freedoms
Pull Factors

• A safe place to settle down and rebuild a life
• A stable government and more freedoms
• The diversity in culture and the idea of the “Melting Pot”.
Impacts on Hungary

With the large amount of people leaving the country, and the population density being far less concentration compared to bigger countries, the impact was more significant.
Impacts on America

• America was exposed to a whole new culture including a new language
• With new people sprouted new ideas
  – California Wineries
  – Drew Barrymore 😊
  – Nobel Prize Winners
Remnants

• There are now over a million people who will claim to have Hungarian ancestry

• Other Diasporas + chain migrations= a prediction that leads to many other Hungarian people to choose America as their home.

The End