The Netherlands and 20th century migration

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This paper will include an overall account of migration, both emigration and immigration, to and from the Netherlands, beginning in the 1600s and analyzing up to the present day. In-depth analyses will cover the migration of Dutch people throughout the globe, paying special attention to the Dutch diasporic community in Western Michigan. An analysis will also be given of more recent migration to the Netherlands by a variety of groups from around the globe. This portfolio will also cover the current climate of politics in the Netherlands and how that relates to immigration.

It is important for the reader to keep in mind the various aspects of the Dutch diaspora. Questions such as ‘why the Dutch migrated to these areas?’ and ‘Does their migration history explain the intricacies of that community today?’ would be prudent. The reader should especially keep those questions in mind when thinking about the Dutch diasporic community in Western Michigan and the public figures it has produced. As it concerns immigration to the Netherlands, the research has founded that certain immigrant groups such as the Caribbean and Surinamese communities have fared better than others, such as the Moroccan community. The reader should ponder as to why certain immigrant groups have been integrated more successfully than others. Overall, the history of migration and the Netherlands is an interesting story that this paper will shed light on.