What a Difference a Century Makes
Part 1

Tuberculosis (TB)
U.S. tries to halt TB at border

Major screening also urged for key cities

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NEW YORK – With tuberculosis rampant in much of the developing world and immigration from those countries at a record high, public health officials are calling for large-scale TB screening programs in cities with large immigrant communities and at the nation’s borders.

In southeast Texas, where thousands of illegal immigrants are placed in crowded detention centers after trying to cross the border, doctors have installed X-ray machines to help isolate quickly anyone who might be infected with tuberculosis.

More units are expected to be installed this year in Texas. Machines also are planned for Florida and California.

In New York City and other metropolitan areas, doctors have
Deaths by Specific Causes

- Year: 1900
  - TB actual: 160,000

- Year: 1940-45
  - TB actual: 0

- Year: 1997
  - TB actual: 0
Deaths by Specific Causes

Only 1,200 TB deaths in 1997
Deaths by Specific Causes

- 1900: TB actual
- 1940-45: TB actual
- 1997: TB extrapolated

Chart shows a significant increase in TB deaths from 1900 to 1997.
Deaths by Specific Causes

- **TB actual**
- **TB extrapolated**
- **War**

Yearly death counts:
- 1900: 100,000
- 1940-45: 200,000
- 1997: 500,000
Deaths by Specific Causes

- TB actual
- TB extrapolated
- War
- Cancer
- Heart disease
Part 2

Infant Mortality
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)

- 1900: 150
- 1915: 0
- 1997: 0

[Graph showing Infant Mortality for Massachusetts]
Infant Mortality
(per 1,000 live births)

- Massachusetts
- United States
Infant Mortality
(per 1,000 live births)

- **Massachusetts**
- **United States**
- **Mauritania**
- **Bangladesh**
- **Bolivia**

Years: 1900, 1915, 1995, 1997
Infant Mortality

Year

Death Per 1,000

White
Nonwhite-Total