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West Coast Jews: The Relationship between Anti-Japanese and Anti-Semitic Movements during the Immigration Restriction Era.

Most accounts of the anti-Japanese immigration movement during the first quarter of the twentieth century portray this as simply an extension of the earlier agitation against Chinese immigration. Over the course of these decades, however, the rationales for restriction came to parallel the movement against Jews on the East Coast more so than the movement to restrict Chinese. While racial elements obviously carried over, even these came to be interpreted differently, both because of changing times as well as differences in the Chinese and Japanese immigrant populations.