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Explanations of naturalization and *jus soli* citizenship have relied on cultural, convergence, racialization, or capture theories, and they tend to be strongly affected by literature on immigration. This study of naturalization breaks with usual immigration theories and proposes an approach spanning centuries and decades to explain naturalization rates. First, it provides consistent evidence to support the long-term existence of colonizer, settler, noncolonizer, and Nordic nationality regime types that have framed naturalization for centuries. Second, it shows how left and green parties, along with an index of nationality laws, explain the lion's share of variation in naturalization rates over a span of three and a half decades. The text makes these theoretical claims believable by using the most extensive data set to date on naturalization rates that include *jus soli* births. It analyzes these data with a combination of carefully designed case studies comparing two to four countries within and between regime types and tests them (spanning thirty-seven years) with cross-sectional, pooled regression techniques especially suitable to slow-moving but dynamic institutions.

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