

# Current Issues

## 1. Migration

- a. What's economics have to say?
- b. Readings: Krugman "Return of the blood libel." (evidence as a start)

## 2. Trade wars

- a. Readings: Krugman (2); Chicken wars (2), Harley Davidson ("beef" war?)

### b. Theory

### c. Evidence?

#### i. Broad sweep—Smoot-Hawley to today (RTAA)

#### ii. Chicken wars

- A. By Johnson! In retaliation to French/W. Germ. tariffs on chickens
- B. Rationale: Dutch accused US of dumping (is now the time to introduce this?); French accused U chickens of haveing added hormaones which would affect virility (YCMTSU); speculation: French wanted larger share of German mkt. by excluding US
- C. US imposed tariffs on potato starch, brandy, light trucks (Volkswagon);
- D. Legacy: DUP (imports of passenger vans from Hungary then stripped out in Baltimore); light truck tariffs only recently reduced, with implications for US fleet

#### iii. Banana wars