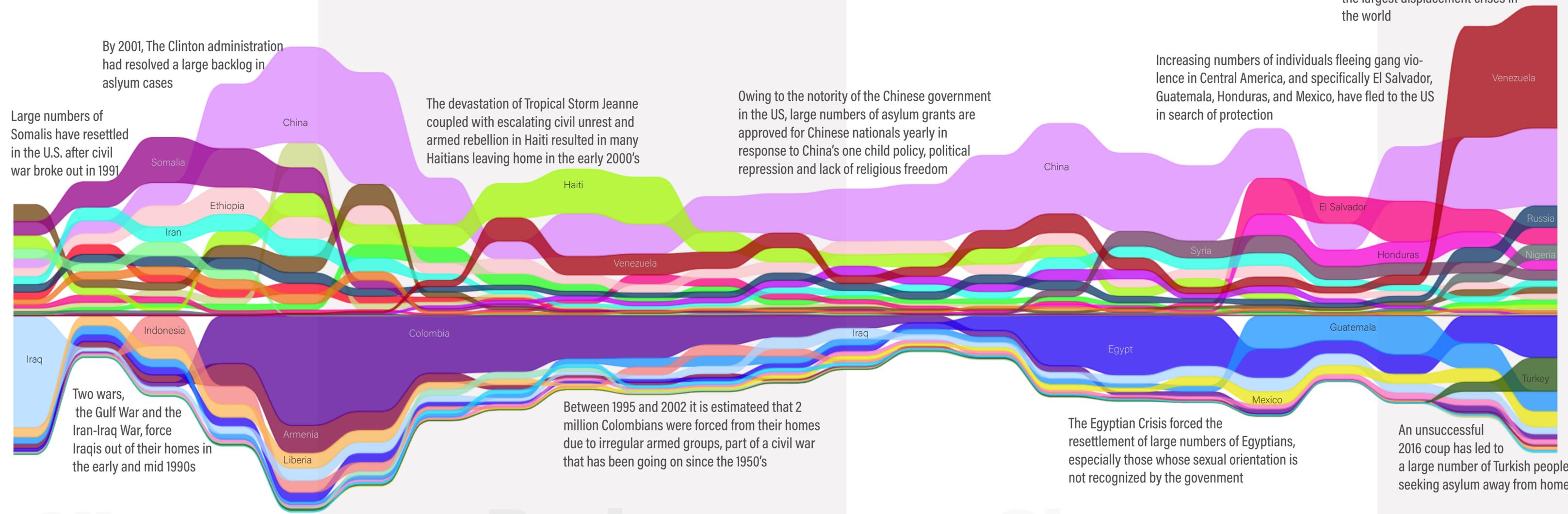


Trends in Affirmative Asylum Grantees in the United States

This chart shows grants of affirmative asylum by asylee's country of origin in each year since 1997. The height of each stream represents the approved grants of affirmative asylum to that nationality in a given year. Not all nationalities are shown. Defensive asylum data is not shown. A gray background represents an Republican administration of the United States government.

Ongoing political, human rights and socio-economic developments in Venezuela have created one of the largest displacement crises in the world



By 2001, The Clinton administration had resolved a large backlog in asylum cases

Large numbers of Somalis have resettled in the U.S. after civil war broke out in 1991

The devastation of Tropical Storm Jeanne coupled with escalating civil unrest and armed rebellion in Haiti resulted in many Haitians leaving home in the early 2000's

Owing to the notoriety of the Chinese government in the US, large numbers of asylum grants are approved for Chinese nationals yearly in response to China's one child policy, political repression and lack of religious freedom

Increasing numbers of individuals fleeing gang violence in Central America, and specifically El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico, have fled to the US in search of protection

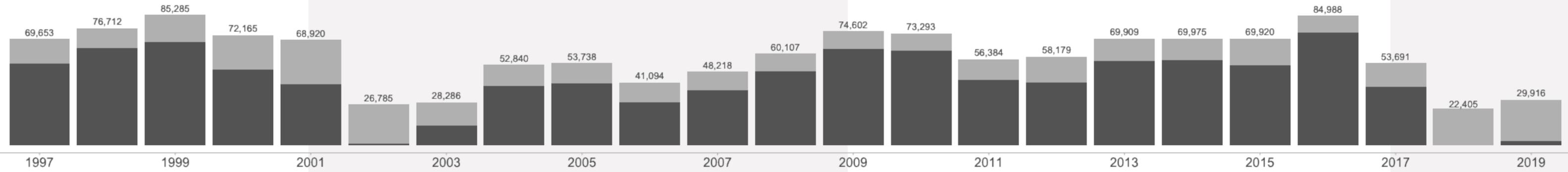
Two wars, the Gulf War and the Iran-Iraq War, force Iraqis out of their homes in the early and mid 1990s

Between 1995 and 2002 it is estimated that 2 million Colombians were forced from their homes due to irregular armed groups, part of a civil war that has been going on since the 1950's

The Egyptian Crisis forced the resettlement of large numbers of Egyptians, especially those whose sexual orientation is not recognized by the government

An unsuccessful 2016 coup has led to a large number of Turkish people seeking asylum away from home

Clinton Bush Obama Trump



These bars represent the total refugee arrivals per year. The darker bar shows the difference in arrivals from approved asylum grants.

Source: Yearbook of immigration statistics. (2020, October 27). Retrieved March 28, 2021, from <https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-statistics/yearbook>.

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