

# PROJECT: IMMIGRATION ISSUES

You live in a country where the economy is very bad and there are no available jobs. You have a family of four to feed, along with their most basic needs that must be met. You:

- become a criminal;
- go hungry; or
- go to a neighboring country to look for work.

For many people in Mexico and other nations, this is a common situation facing numerous families. Due to no fault of their own, literally millions of homes are faced with horrific unemployment, steep inflation, and a government incapable of meeting its citizens' needs. If you are a parent living in these conditions, you will do whatever it takes to feed your family.

On the flip side, you are part of a nation that is very prosperous as a whole. Not only that, but there are plenty of employment opportunities out there all the time. America has constantly faced the issue of immigration for more than two hundred years. Today is no different, with millions of undocumented workers living in the United States.

If you have never given immigration much thought, you should. Adulthood is just around the corner, and the issue will hit you directly in the near future.

## Instructions

Use the Internet and other reference materials to learn about immigrants and undocumented workers in the United States. Helpful Links:

<https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/us-immigration-debate-0>

<https://immigration.procon.org/>

<http://prospect.org/article/great-immigration-debate>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comprehensive\\_Immigration\\_Reform\\_Act\\_of\\_2007](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comprehensive_Immigration_Reform_Act_of_2007)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diversity\\_Immigrant\\_Visa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diversity_Immigrant_Visa)

Use the information you find to answer the following questions:

1. There are already millions of undocumented workers in the U.S. Would you favor granting them amnesty since they are working or make them leave and file the proper forms and papers?
2. Do you believe the U.S. is doing enough to prevent undocumented workers from sneaking into the country?
3. Would you favor a cap on the number of immigrants entering the U.S. and why?
4. What do you think are some of the economic effects—positive and negative—of having so many immigrants living in the U.S.?