IMMIGRATION TOPIC LECTURE

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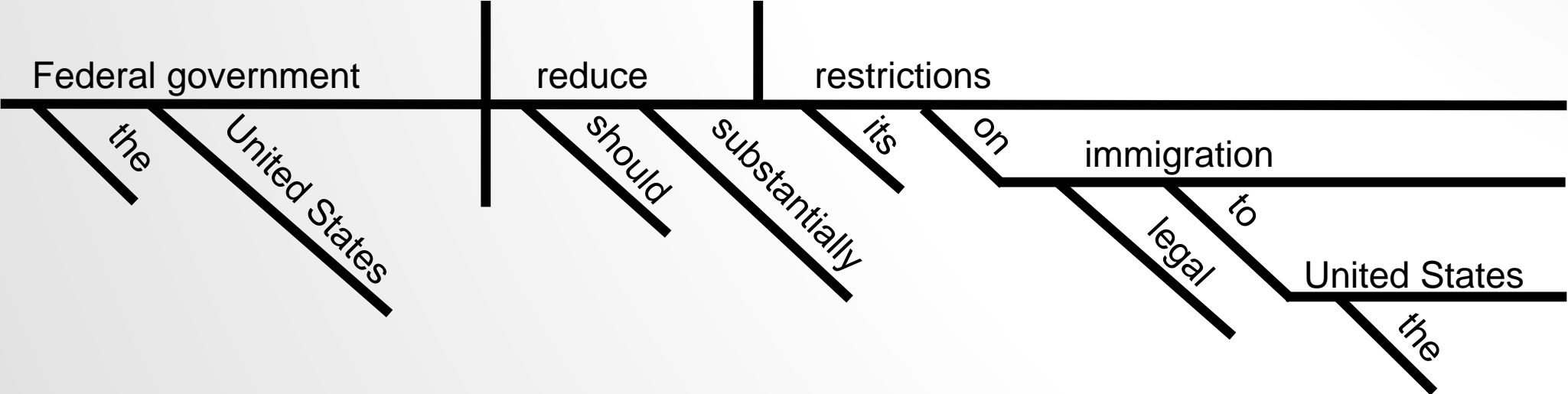nicoleyeakley@gmail.com
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RESOLUTION WORDING

- Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.

IMMIGRATION POLICY BACKGROUND

- Immigration policy has historically been a method to exclude certain populations from coming to the United States.

- Immigration and Naturalization Act – 1965

- 2 minor adjustments since
  - 1986 (Immigration Reform and Control Act)
  - 1990 (Immigration Act of 1990)

- DACA

- Trump's campaign and the border wall

- 2016 Study by the PEW Research center – 70% of voters identified immigration as very important in their decision

RESOLUTION WORDING ANALYSIS

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1. **Reduce** –
   A. <u>Does not mean to eliminate</u> – Can't do open borders. Potentially could limit out "eliminating caps", etc.
   B. <u>To make less</u> – giving rights potentially not topical

RESOLUTION WORDING ANALYSIS

2. **Restrictions**
   A. Must actually change the barriers to immigration. Just encouraging more immigration is not topical (probably FX).
   B. Giving social services to immigrants is probably not topical

RESOLUTION WORDING ANALYSIS

3. **Its**
   A. Refers to federal government. Cannot reduce state restrictions on immigration.

RESOLUTION WORDING ANALYSIS

4. **"To"**
   A. Arguably, this word is distinct from "in".
   B. This means that affirmatives must deal with people who are not already inside the United States.

RESOLUTION WORDING ANALYSIS

5. **Legal Immigration**

"Immigration" refers to "immigrants" collectively; "immigrants" are not the same as "non-immigrants." Cases dealing with "non-immigrant visas are potentially not topical.

Mark Amstutz, (Prof., Political Science, Wheaton College), JUST IMMIGRATION: AMERICAN POLICY IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE, 2017, 17. There are two major types of international migration: temporary and permanent. People in the first type—called "nonimmigrants"—are by far the largest in number and include millions of temporary visitors, tourists, students, business travelers, and guest workers. The second group involves "immigrants": these are people who seek permanent settlement in a new country. In 2012, the US government admitted about 165.5 million nonimmigrants, while the number of immigrant admissions was a little over one million.

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5. Legal Immigration

"Immigration" has five main categories

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Cassidy Cloninger, (JD), CAMPBELL LAW REVIEW, Spr. 2017, 417. Today, America's immigration system allows for five specific types of immigration: (1) family-based immigration; (2) employment-based immigration; (3) diversity immigration; (4) refugee and asylee immigration; and (5) other forms of humanitarian relief.

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5. **Legal Immigration**

Consensus, if there is one, is that legal immigration refers to granting admission of persons to the United States for legal permanent residence (LPR).

Admission requires either:

1. Visa and Inspection at port of entry

Or

2. Adjustment of Status

RESOLUTION WORDING ANALYSIS

5. **Legal Immigration**

<u>Legal Permanent Residence</u>

 - Requires a green card

Means the person is allowed to live and work in the US ***indefinitely***

POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE CASES

H-1B VISAS

- Definitely going to be popular on this topic.
- High Skilled workers
- Temporary
- Biggest Advantage:
  - Claim "big stick" impacts like economy, cyber security, technological impacts
- Biggest Concern:
  - Topicality - "Nonimmigrant Visas"
  - Links hard to Capitalism – cheap workers and can pull visas whenever they want

POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE CASES

REFUGEES

- Most likely – Syrian
- Good CP Literature – Jordan CP (Nov/Dec 2017 article from Foreign Affairs
- Biggest Advantage:
  - Tons of very recent literature and good moral ground
- Biggest Disadvantage:
  - Topicality – refugees =/= immigrants

POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE CASES
U AND T VISAS

- Victims of Human Trafficking don't have access to enough visas
- Biggest Advantage:
  - Good moral ground, human rights advantages
- Biggest Disadvantage:
  - Topicality – Nonimmigrant visas
  - Can wait in country

POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE CASES
FAMILY SPONSORED VISAS

- Goal: Reunification of family
- Some family members can get visas and some can't
- Family Separation at the border (Detention)
- Flores Ruling – Children can only be detained for a short amount of time

POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE CASES

H-4 VISAS

- Spouses of H-1B visa holders
- Doctrine of Coverture
- H-4 visa holders not allowed to work
- Biggest Advantage:
  - Great moral ground
  - Lots of literature
- Biggest Disadvantage:
  - Violence Against Women Act was specifically created to protect immigrant women.

POSSIBLE AFFIRMATIVE CASES

DREAMERS

- DREAMers are those that don't know any country other than the US.
- Biggest Advantage:
  - Both moral and "big stick" impacts to DREAMers
- Biggest Disadvantage:
  - Topicality – "to" the US.
  - Trump will use DREAMers as a bargaining chip for harsh immigration policies

BORDERS

- Kritik of the topic

- Borders themselves should not exist

- Topic paper has a really good source for background on this topic (Spener 2009)

IDENTITY POLITICS

- Kritik of the topic

- ICE Handbook refers to immigrants as either "Mexican" or "other than Mexican"

- Creates "virtual border"

- "Denies agents of the state the access to full rights of personhood" (Spener 2009)

BIG PICTURE NEGATIVE

- Do you want to defend the Trump conservative position on immigration? You will probably be depending on sources from the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), and NumbersUSA. But beware: You should at least read this source evaluation from the Southern Poverty Law Center at https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/individual/john-tanton and https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/group/center-immigration-studies.

- The alternative is to use some of the strategies that I have suggested in the negative answers in the following slides.

BRAIN DRAIN DISAD

- High skilled workers leave their original country to come to the United States, that leaves less skilled workers for the country of origin.

- This leads to economic issues for the country of origin

POPULATION DISAD

- United States is at carrying capacity

- More immigration would put the US over carrying capacity

- There shouldn't be a global "safety valve"

- Environmental destruction

POLITICS

- Trump – "horse trading"

- Agenda

- Mid-Terms