

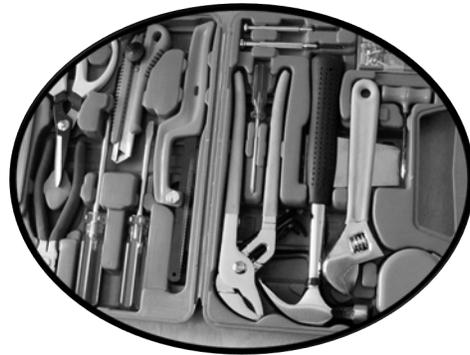
# NEGATIVE STRATEGY ON THE IMMIGRATION TOPIC

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2018-19 National Policy Topic

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

## Negative Tools

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## BRAIN DRAIN DISADVANTAGE

Uniqueness: Limited immigration at present

Link: The plan increases numbers of skilled immigrants.

Impact: Economic problems for developing countries – may focus on particular countries such as India or China.



Eliot Dickinson, (Prof., Politics, Western Oregon U.), GLOBALIZATION AND MIGRATION: A WORLD IN MOTION, 2017, 83. Skilled migrants leave for a wide range of reasons, but usually because they can earn more money, have greater social opportunities, and enjoy a higher quality of life abroad. The effect on countries that lose such valuable human capital is a serious problem inasmuch as it increases the already large economic disparity between rich and poor. It further disadvantages communities that are already struggling, and it contributes to keeping peripheral countries caught in a cycle of dependency and economic underdevelopment.

## POPULATION DISADVANTAGE

Uniqueness: U.S. population growth is under control at present.

Link: Immigration increases U.S. population.

Internal Link: Immigration serves as a "safety-valve" undermining population control efforts in sending countries.

Impact: Species destruction, overwhelming carrying capacity.



Philip Cafaro, (Prof., Environmental Studies, Colorado State U.). HOW MANY IS TOO MANY?: THE PROGRESSIVE ARGUMENT FOR REDUCING IMMIGRATION INTO THE UNITED STATES, 2015, 29-30. Once again, at the risk of stating the obvious: which immigration rate we choose will make a huge difference to US population numbers in the coming years. A good rule of thumb is that for every half million immigrants admitted annually we increase America's population at the end of this century by 72 million people. Another is that under all mass immigration scenarios with more than a few hundred thousand net immigrants per year, the US population cannot stabilize and instead continues to grow.

## HEGEMONY DISADVANTAGE

Uniqueness: U.S. leadership now at a low ebb, given rejection of Trump policies on immigration.

Link: The case claims to restore and reinvigorate U.S. leadership in global affairs.

Impact: Restoring U.S. leadership results in war, environmental destruction, and economic disaster.



Liu Mingfu, (Prof., China's National Defense University), THE CHINA DREAM, 2015, 58. American hegemony is the root cause of the current attempts at nuclear weapons proliferation. American war has not stopped since the Cold War concluded, and the reason is not nuclear weapons, but America's imposed hegemony. The first strategic task necessary to guarantee world peace is not denuclearization, it is the end of hegemony. Only if America halts its hegemonic campaigns can the world denuclearize.

## HORSE-TRADING DISADVANTAGE

Uniqueness: The current impasse in Congress will prevent a major change in immigration policy.

Link: Any liberalization of legal immigration will cause a draconian crackdown on illegal immigration.

Impact: Mass deportations of illegal immigrants will destroy families and cause economic breakdown.



Associated Press, THE MORNING CALL, Feb. 23, 2017.  
<http://www.mcall.com/business/getsmart/mc-fast-facts-how-much-would-deportation-of-illegal-immigrants-cost-the-us-economy-20170222-story.html>. Undocumented workers make up about 5 percent of the U.S. labor market. 8 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. are of working age, according to Pew. What is the value of undocumented immigrant labor? According to a study issued by the National Bureau of Economic Research, loss of that segment of the labor force would cost the U.S. economy \$5 trillion over a decade. Illegal immigrants provide \$500 billion in output a year, according to study co-author Francesc Ortega.

## POLITICS

Uniqueness: At present, Congress will check the President's impulse to abandon arms control agreements.

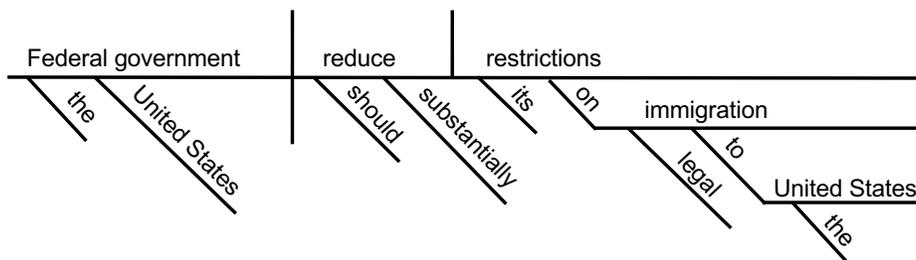
Link: Political capital gained from resolving immigration disputes will be used to gain swing votes on arms control issues.

Impact: Gutting key arms control agreements will result in nuclear war.



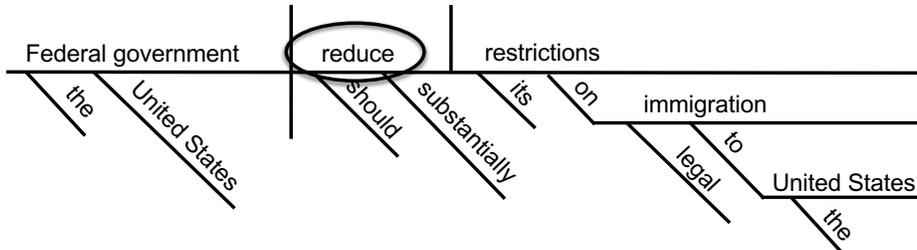
Zachary Cohen, (Journalist, CNN), TRUMP STRATEGY FUELS NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, Sept. 19, 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/18/politics/trump-us-nuclear-weapons-warning/index.html>. "The Trump administration's nuclear posture goes beyond legitimate goals of credible national security, and actually promotes a nuclear arms race and nuclear war fighting," [Dr. Bruce Blair, nuclear security expert at Princeton University] added. Blair said some of the Pentagon's nuclear strategies are "dangerous" and contain unnecessary redundancies that may increase the chances of a full-scale nuclear conflict.

## The 2018-19 Resolution



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## Topicality Challenges

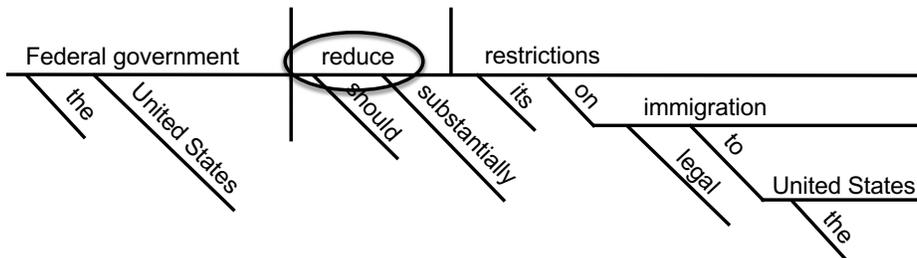


“Reduce” does not mean “eliminate” – some restrictions would remain. Open borders would not be topical.

Christine Lindberg, (Editor), OXFORD AMERICAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY, 2002, 1140. Reduce: Bring something to a lower or weaker state.

G L Colgan (Chief Judge), XTREME DINING LIMITED TRADING v. LEIGHTON DEWAR, Oct. 31, 2016. Retrieved May 14, 2018 from <https://www.employmentcourt.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Decisions/2016-NZEmpC-136-Think-Steel-v-Dewar.pdf>. See also Eastern Extension Australia and China Telegraph Company Ltd v Commonwealth [1908] HCA 59, (1908) 6 CLR 6474 at 678 where O’Connor J said when construing a contract taking the word in its ordinary meaning “reduce” does not mean “abolish”.

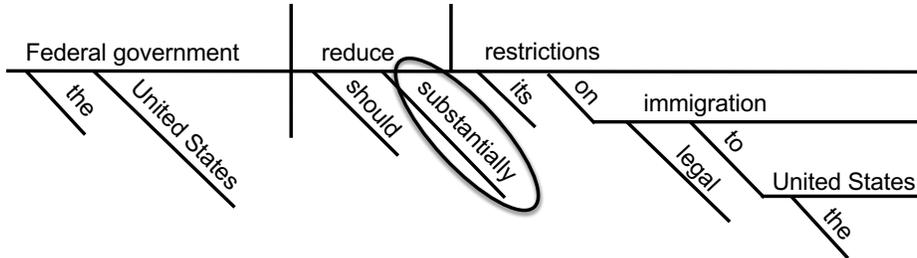
## Topicality Challenges



“Reduce” means to “make less” – cases that give additional rights to immigrants are not topical.

Allen Walker Read, (Prof., English, Columbia U.), THE NEW INTERNATIONAL WEBSTER’S COMPREHENSIVE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, 2004, 1058. Reduce: To make less in size, amount, number, intensity, etc.; diminish.

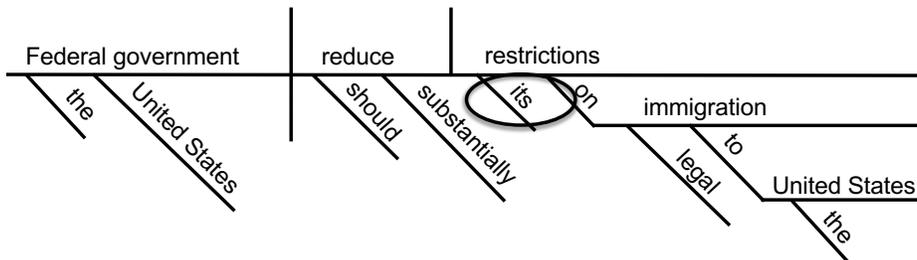
## Topicality Challenges



Substantially: Without material qualification—plans which establish conditions for legal immigration are not topical.

BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY, Feb. 5, 2014. Retrieved May 10, 2017 from <https://www.novoco.com/notes-from-novogradac/close-enough-how-measure-substantially-similar-under-fasbs-new-lihtc-investment-guidance>. Substantially: Essentially; without material qualification; in the main; in substance, materially; in a substantial manner

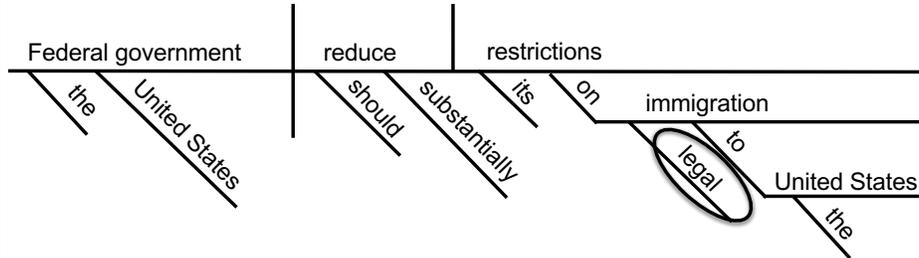
## Topicality Challenges



“Its” refers to the federal government’s own restrictions on legal immigration, not the restrictions imposed by states or localities. Cases overturning restrictive state legislation in Arizona, Alabama, Georgia, or other states, would not be topical.

Frederick Mish, (Editor-in-chief), WEBSTER'S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, 10th ed., 1993, 623. Its: Of or relating to it or itself, esp. as possessor.

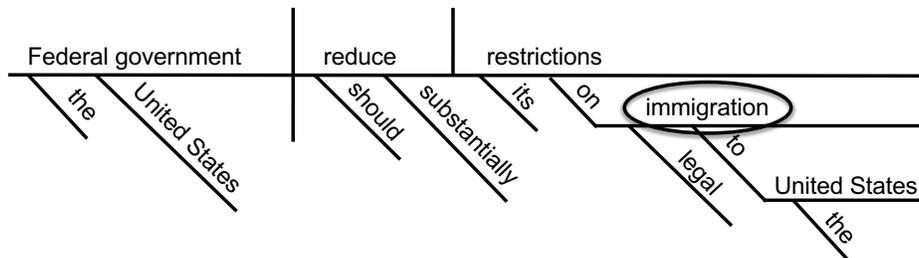
## Topicality Challenges



“Legal” refers to a particular subset of immigration – cases reducing restrictions on undocumented immigrants are not topical.

Wendalyn Nichols, (Editor), RANDOM HOUSE WEBSTER'S COLLEGE DICTIONARY, 2000, 758. Legal: Permitted by law; lawful.

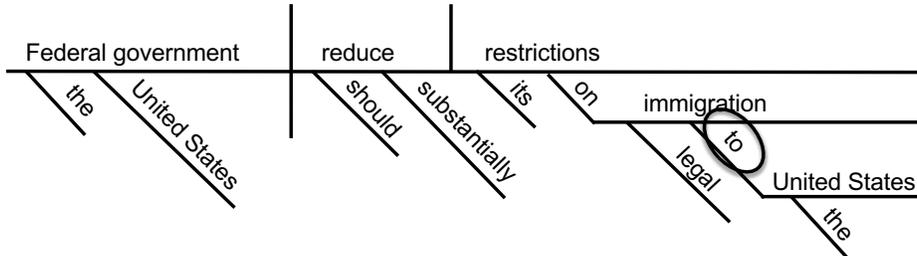
## Topicality Challenges



“Immigration” refers to “immigrants” collectively; “immigrants” are not the same as “non-immigrants.” Cases dealing with “non-immigrant visas are 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.

## Topicality Challenges



“To” is not the same as “in” – The topic calls for lessening restrictions on those intending to come “to” the United States rather than for those already “in” the United States. Cases dealing with undocumented immigrants, DREAMers, or in Temporary Protected Status are not topical.

Steven Kleinedler, (Editor), AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, 2006, p. 1814. To: (Used as Prep.): Toward a given state.

Humanity’s days are NUMBERED and AI will cause mass extinction, warns Stephen Hawking

HUMANITY is now bound to self-destruct and AI will replace us as the dominant being on the planet, according to a dire warning from Stephen Hawking.

By SEAN MARTIN

PUBLISHED: 10:11 PM Nov 3, 2017 | UPDATED: 17:30 PM Nov 3, 2017



## H-1B: “Best and Brightest”

The case typically claims massive advantages from ending the STEM shortage.

You can deny there is a shortage or grant the case claims and turn the impact of advancing computer tech.

Anne Steele, (Staff), THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, Oct. 27, 2014. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from Nexis. Just as Tony Stark warns of the dangers of high-tech weaponry in the wrong hands, Elon Musk - the Tesla and SpaceX founder who is regularly compared to Iron Man's not-so-secret identity - is raising the alarm about advances in artificial intelligence. The Space X founder called artificial intelligence "our biggest existential threat," at an MIT symposium, comparing it to "summoning the demon."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4330776/Insect-size-robot-weapons-render-humanity-EXTINCT.html>

### Terrifying insect-sized robots could render humanity EXTINCT 'by the end of this century', expert warns

- A book on nanoweapons warns that tiny robots could cause serious damage
- These insect-like weapons could even wipe out humanity in the near future
- Louis del Monte, author of the book, says the US, Russia and China are all currently investing billions in nanoweapon research

By PHOEBE WESTON FOR MAILONLINE  
PUBLISHED: 07:39 EDT, 20 March 2017 | UPDATED: 08:06 EDT, 20 March 2017

Despite being just the size of an insect, tiny military weapons being developed by the military have the incredible power of hundreds of tons of TNT.

In a new book, Louis del Monte, a physicist from Minnesota warns that these tiny weapons - dubbed 'nanoweapons' - could lead to the most destructive world war yet which could spell the end for humanity.

And this isn't just a long-term worry, as Mr del Monte has warned that the tiny weapons could render humans extinct by the end of the century.

## H-1B: “Best and Brightest”

Nanotech also has military applications that threaten human extinction.

Jeff Daniels, (Staff, CNBC), MINI-NUKES AND MOSQUITO-LIKE ROBOT WEAPONS BEING PRIMED FOR FUTURE WARFARE, Mar. 17, 2017. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/03/17/mini-nukes-and-inspect-bot-weapons-being-primed-for-future-warfare.html>. "Nanobots are the real concern about wiping out humanity because they can be weapons of mass destruction," said Louis Del Monte, a Minnesota-based physicist and futurist. He's the author of a just released book entitled "Nanoweapons: A Growing Threat To Humanity."



### Help Refugees Help Themselves

Alexander Betts, (Prof., Migration Studies, U. of Oxford), FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Nov./Dec. 2015. Retrieved Apr. 8, 2018 from <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/levant/2015-10-20/help-refugees-help-themselves>. Jordan offers one place to begin. There, a reconsidered refugee policy would integrate displaced Syrians into specially created economic zones, offering Syrian refugees employment and autonomy, incubating businesses in preparation for the eventual end of the civil war in Syria, and aiding Jordan's aspirations for industrial development. Such an approach would align the interests of a host state with the needs of refugees and might prove broadly applicable to refugee crises elsewhere.

## Syrian Refugees

Minimize the impact by pointing to U.S. funding of resettlement programs in neighboring countries, especially Jordan.

The High Cost Of Open Borders

December 2, 2015 | Matt Winekejohn



## Open Borders

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Lea Ypi, (Prof., Political Theory, London School of Economics), *MIGRATION IN POLITICAL THEORY: THE ETHICS OF MOVEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP*, 2016, 164. Typically, only those who are not absolutely deprived where they are and have sufficient means at their disposal—skills, savings, foreign contacts, or all of these in combination—can afford the risks involved in transport and the costs of settlement in a completely different environment.

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Philip Cafaro, (Prof., Environmental Studies, Colorado State U.). *HOW MANY IS TOO MANY?: THE PROGRESSIVE ARGUMENT FOR REDUCING IMMIGRATION INTO THE UNITED STATES*, 2015, 210. While highly educated, well-trained Americans might still do fine under an "open borders" scenario, at least for a few years, exposing less-favored Americans to direct competition from hundreds of millions of poorly educated, low-skilled workers from around the globe would be disastrous, swamping any efforts to bargain for or legislate higher wages and setting off a race to the bottom among businesses focused primarily on increased profits.

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**  
**Immigrants Need Better Protection—From Their Lawyers**

This area of law is prone to abuse. It's difficult to file a bar complaint after you've been deported.

*By Benjamin Edwards*

Nov. 26, 2017 4:07 p.m. ET

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As a group, the private immigration bar now contains the worst lawyers in all of law.

Careem Shannon, (Prof., Law, Cardozo School of Law), UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW, Spr. 2014, 200. It should not be forgotten, however, that not only are there not enough attorneys available to meet the demand for immigration services--thus creating a market for various types of non-lawyer immigration service providers--but the representation that many licensed attorneys provide to immigrants is often substandard. In some cases, "lawyers with little or minimal training and experience in immigration law are also jeopardizing immigrants' status in the United States by providing incompetent or inaccurate legal advice."

**Right to Counsel**

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Banks Miller, (Prof., Political Science, U. Texas at Dallas), LAW AND SOCIETY REVIEW, Mar. 2015, 230. Another startling finding is that having no attorney is consistently more beneficial than having a low quality attorney. This finding has serious policy implications in regard to proposed reforms concerning representation for all asylum seekers, which we discuss more in the section below.

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TECH + BUSINESS

**Robots May Steal As Many As 800 Million Jobs in the Next 13 Years**



**More and more robots are being developed to take over our jobs**

By DAVID MEYER November 29, 2017

A new study by the McKinsey Global Institute estimates that between 400 million and 800 million of today's jobs will be automated by 2030.

## Aging Workforce

The aging workforce is a fortuitous development, since automation is replacing workers at a rapid pace.

Given the impact of automation, the last thing low-income U.S. workers need is more competition from increased immigration.

Ginger Szala, (Staff), THINK ADVISOR, Sept. 2017. Retrieved Apr. 20, 2018 from Nexis. This smart technology growth expands across the globe, which is exciting, he said, it also can be scary, as studies done by Oxford University and MIT have found that 47% of jobs in the U.S. today will be "automated away" by 2022. For India 69% of jobs will be lost to technology and for China 77%.

### How the TVPA helps victims

1. Enabling trafficking victims to obtain medical care, witness protection, other types of social service assistance
2. Enabling victims to obtain legal immigration status
3. Criminalizing trafficking
4. Permitting prosecution where victim's service compelled by confiscation of documents
5. Increasing prison terms for all slaver violations from 10 years to 20 years; adding life imprisonment for death, kidnapping or sexual abuse of victim

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## Human Trafficking

U.S. law and policy are exemplary

T Visa solves Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA solves)

Efthimia Barbagiannis, (Editor), CARDOZO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW, Summer 2017, 590. The T-Visa program can serve as a model for other countries to replicate. Other countries should create similar long-term residency programs that are suited for victims of trafficking. Long-term residency reduces the chances of a victim being repatriated to a place where his or her vulnerabilities can be exploited to re-traffic them. With a fifty percent rate of re-trafficking, long-term residency programs could significantly reduce that percentage, and doing so, better combat human trafficking.

**The Washington Post**  
 Democracy Dies in Darkness  
**Trump has not been vindicated**



## Travel Ban

The various Trump travel bans have spawned activism by federal courts and state attorneys general

Court activism is the only hope for controlling Trump administration excesses

WASHINGTON POST, June 26, 2018. Retrieved June 26, 2018 from [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trump-has-not-been-vindicated/2018/06/26/7b29b92e-795b-11e8-93cc-6d3becdd7a3\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.d7b4f292e478](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trump-has-not-been-vindicated/2018/06/26/7b29b92e-795b-11e8-93cc-6d3becdd7a3_story.html?utm_term=.d7b4f292e478). On Tuesday, a five-member majority of the Supreme Court upheld this so-called travel ban. Given that it had been revised twice after flunking judicial and public scrutiny, and now includes various exceptions, and covers not all Muslim nations but only a handful, it could not be said to violate the First Amendment ban against religious discrimination, the court concluded. . . . The Trump policy was forced to change; checks and balances did operate to that extent.

**THE HILL**  
 Republicans beware: The 'blue wave' is already changing red states

BY STEVEN WALL, SENIOR CONTRIBUTOR — ANALYSIS OF HOW THE YEAR'S EXPENSES BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE TRACKING AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

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Trump autographs photos of people killed by undocumented immigrants for 'tingle' fund-raiser event  
DEMOCRATS MAY PICK UP A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL SEATS IN NOVEMBER. SOME FORMER AID AND DISTRICTS MAY TILT A FEW SHADDS BLUER, ESPECIALLY WITH A WAVE OF GOP RETIREMENTS.

 A collage of images. On the left, a person is seen at a podium, possibly speaking. In the center, a person is in a crowd, possibly at a campaign event. On the right, a graphic titled "TOP 10" is visible, with the subtitle "OF THE YEAR".

## Pathway to Citizenship

Trump immigration policy is all about theater – actual deportations are down.

Trump's tough talk is creating an immigration backlash that will create a blue wave in the Midterms.

ECONOMIST, Dec. 14, 2017. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from <https://www.economist.com/united-states/2017/12/14/donald-trump-is-deporting-fewer-people-than-barack-obama-did>. While campaigning, Mr. Trump had promised to “round up” and remove all 11m undocumented immigrants estimated to be living in America. It was an impossible vow to keep, but the country still braced for an onslaught of deportations. Yet figures released by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on December 5th show that the total number of deportations has declined over the past fiscal year—from October 1st 2016 to September 30th 2017—to the lowest level seen since 2006.

### As Trump Nixes DACA, Dreamers Worry About Their Families

The country's undocumented youth made a leap of faith when they trusted the federal government with personal information that could now be used against them.

By Rosie Flores



AUSTIN — When Karla Pérez handed over a stack of paperwork including her home address, photographs and her fingerprints to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services five years ago to apply for DACA, she was still living at home with her parents. To gain the ability to work legally under the new program despite being undocumented, Pérez had to make the tough choice to give the Department of Homeland Security not just her own address, but the one for her mom and dad as well.



### Protecting DREAMers

DREAMers don't want protection for themselves at the expense of their families.

Courts are providing protection.

Trump is determined to use DREAMers as trading bait for harsh immigration policies.

Ali Linan, (Staff), LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS, Jan. 26, 2018, A2. The main concern for many "Dreamers" is that their freedom does not come at the cost of their families. The Trump administration laid out a proposal Thursday afternoon that would grant 1.8 million young undocumented immigrants a pathway to citizenship in exchange for a \$25 billion trust fund to pay for a wall along the United States-Mexico border. But, it leaves out one key request of the Dreamers, and that is protection for their loved ones.



### Sanctuary Cities

Courts are protecting sanctuary cities.

The Justice Department's sanctuary cities threat has created useful activism among state attorneys general.

Jonathan Shaub, (Assistant Solicitor General, State of Tennessee), UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND LAW REVIEW, Mar. 2018, 685. In other words, state attorneys general serve as a check on the executive branch where one otherwise may not exist. The existence of their threat is ever-present and obvious as the executive branch chooses its actions. State attorneys general thus further a fundamental principle of our constitutional system by acting as an outside check on the exercise of executive authority in order to protect individuals and their liberty from a government in which the powers have not been separated. Although state attorneys general are not a formal part of the Constitution's separation of legislative and executive powers, they have become vital to protecting it in light of the evolution of the administrative state and statutory delegation. Without them, delegation enforcement may be impossible.

**CNN** World

**International adoption: Saving orphans or child trafficking?**

By Kevin Wight, CNN  
Updated 2:41 PM EDT, Wed September 18, 2013



## International Adoption

Careful monitoring of international adoption agencies is justified by past abuses.

The Child Citizenship Act of 2000 gives citizenship to most children born abroad and adopted by U.S. citizens.

Gabriela Misca, (Prof., Health & Society, U. of Worcester), FAMILY COURT REVIEW, Jan. 2014, 62. Intercountry adoption is often hampered by illicit activities such as human trafficking and the exploitation of children. The increased demand of children from developing countries has, at times, turned intercountry adoption into a cover for illicit movement of vulnerable children. Thus, many vulnerable children become victims of child laundering where they are illegally separated from their birth families and processed through the adoption system as "orphans". Acknowledging the illegal movement of children underlines the importance of ethical and legal considerations that cannot be ignored, particularly as intercountry adoption operates on the premise of protecting children from further harm.

LESSON 6: IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

**Net Widening or Diversion**



Restorative Justice • About Restorative Justice • Tutorial Intro to Restorative Justice • Lesson 6: Implementation Issues • Overview of Net Widening

*Some fear that restorative programmes could result in sanctions imposed on people (especially youth) who would have simply been left alone if restorative sanctions did not exist. Restorative justice may widen the net of social control by receiving cases that the formal court-system would not have received, or by imposing sanctions not utilized by the formal justice system.*

## Immigrant Detention

Alternatives to detention simple enable an abusive system – a classic form of “net widening”

Liat Ben-Moshe, (Prof., Disability Studies, U. of Toledo), BEYOND ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND CONFINEMENT, 2017, 12. The problem with such so-called alternatives is that they only increase the scope of incarceration and become an addition to traditional forms of incarceration, instead of an alternative. Even though electronic monitoring was supposed to be a tool of decarceration, it became an accompanying tool of incarceration, in addition to prisons and jails, and has not been shown to decrease prison or detention populations in any significant way. GPS monitoring systems and home surveillance would also not be construed as very useful by some prisoners and anti-prison activists, as these are only alternatives to prisons, and do not provide alternatives to incarceration in a meaningful way. Such so-called alternatives then do not comprise a decline of segregation, but its intensification through other means.

## Family Reunification Is the Bedrock of U.S. Immigration Policy

By Philip E. Wolgin | Posted on February 12, 2016, 10:41 am



## Family Reunification

Family reunification already dominates U.S. immigration policy.

Expansion of family reunification would come at the expense of other forms of immigration.

Cassidy Cloninger, (JD), CAMPBELL LAW REVIEW, Spr. 2017, 416. With limited exceptions, America's current immigration system annually accepts 675,000 permanent immigrants worldwide. Immigration to the United States is prioritized based upon the principles of reunifying families and "admitting immigrants with skills that are valuable to the U.S. economy, protecting refugees, and promoting diversity." Noticeably, the "[p]reference allocation for family-sponsored immigrants" is the first category of immigrant visas discussed in the Immigration and Naturalization Act ("INA") Section 203. This is important because family reunification has been, and should remain, at the heart of America's immigration system. Family-based visas seek to accomplish the goal of reunification.

## Top 10 Robotic Applications in the Agricultural Industry

By Jeff Daniels on Aug 1, 2017 | 10:00 am

Robots are changing agriculture beyond imagination, from cotton harvest to milk to corn planting and more.



The food industry is being revolutionized by robotics and automation. We introduced this trend in our previous article Top 10 Ways Robotics is Changing the Food Industry. In this article, we focus on specific applications in the agricultural industry. After all, farming is the heart of the entire food system!

## Guest Workers

The guest worker program is not necessary – automation in agriculture is eliminating the need for more workers.

Jeff Daniels, (Staff, CNBC), FROM STRAWBERRIES TO APPLES, A WAVE OF AGRICULTURAL ROBOTS MAY EASE THE FARM LABOR CRUNCH, Mar. 8, 2018. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/08/wave-of-agriculture-robotics-holds-potential-to-ease-farm-labor-crunch.html> . Some farmers are responding to the worsening farm labor shortage by turning to automated harvesting equipment and other advanced technology that perform tasks such as pruning, seeding and weeding. Robotic harvesting vehicles are being tested in Florida and California to pick strawberries and replace labor-intensive tasks normally performed by dozens of farm workers. Also, robotic machinery is being tested to harvest apples and other crops, and efforts are underway to develop small agriculture field robots that can attack weeds or take care of other farm work. Large farming companies are helping to champion the robotic solutions by sometimes becoming strategic investors in the technology firms and by participating in testing of the next-generation farm equipment. It comes as advancements in processor speeds also have paved the way for robotics to become more practical and cost effective.

## The Investor Visa Program Should Be Scrapped

It's widely misused and failing to work as intended.

By The Editors  
 March 22, 2016, 7:00 AM EDT



## Investor Visas

This program is rife with fraud and abuse while creating very few U.S. jobs.

Fundamentally, this program offers U.S. citizenship to the rich.

Peter Elkind, (Staff), FORTUNE, July 24, 2014. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from <http://fortune.com/2014/07/24/immigration-eb-5-visa-for-sale/>. But because the EB-5 industry is virtually unregulated, it has become a magnet for amateurs, pipe-dreamers, and charlatans, who see it as an easy way to score funding for ventures that banks would never touch. They've been encouraged and enabled by an array of dodgy middlemen, eager to cash in on the gold rush. Meanwhile, perhaps because wealthy foreigners are the main potential victims, U.S. authorities have seemed inattentive to abuses.

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### Potential Adjustment of Status Options After the Termination of TPS

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As President Trump restricts immigration, it is incumbent upon immigration lawyers to assist their clients with creative solutions available under law. The most recent example of Trump's attack on immigration is the cancellation of Temporary Protected Status for more than 200,000 Salvadorans. David Isaacson's What Comes Next: Potential Relief Options After the Termination of TPS comprehensively provides tips on how to represent TPS recipients whose authorization will soon expire with respect to asylum, cancellation or removal and adjustment of status.

I focus specifically on how TPS recipients can potentially adjust their status within the United States through either a family-based I-130 petition or an I-140 employment-based petition for permanent residency. A September 2017 practice advisory from the American Immigration Council points to two decisions from the Ninth and Sixth Circuit, *Ramirez v. Brown*, 852 F.3d 954 (9th Cir. 2017) and *Flores v. USCS*, 718 F.3d 548 (6th Cir. 2013), holding that TPS constitutes an admission for purpose of establishing eligibility for adjustment of status under INA 245(a).

In both these cases, the plaintiffs previously entered the United States without inspection, and then became recipients of TPS grants and subsequently married US citizens. At issue in both these cases was whether they were eligible for adjustment of status under INA 245(a) as beneficiaries of immediate relative I-130 petitions filed by their US citizen spouses. Both the decisions answered this question in the affirmative.

Wites & Kapetan, Attorneys at Law, Dec. 29, 2015. <http://wklawyers.com/immigrants-temporary-protected-status-may-soon-eligible-apply-lawful-permanent-residency/>.

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders who entered the United States illegally may now be eligible to adjust their status to "Lawful Permanent Resident" (LPR), according to a recent groundbreaking decision by a United States Court of Appeals. The decision serves as a stunning departure from previous United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) policy requiring TPS holders to first leave the United States before applying for LPR status

## Temporary Protected Status

Persons in the U.S. under TPS protection can now apply for permanent residency, given recent court rulings.

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## Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC)

Nonprofit groups are providing relief.

U.S. law prevents detention for more than 20 days.

White House Press Release, WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LOOPHOLES ALLOWING UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY, Apr. 4, 2018. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/need-know-loopholes-allowing-unaccompanied-alien-children-stay-country/>. Currently, based on a consent decree in a court case from roughly twenty years ago, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) can only detain UAC for a maximum of 20 days combined. All UAC must be promptly transferred to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for reunification with sponsors in the interior of the United States. Further, current Federal law prevents UAC who are not from Canada or Mexico from being promptly returned to their home countries.

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### The Violence Against Women Act and Remedies to Undocumented Immigrants Victimized by Domestic Violence

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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), 42 U.S.C. § 13701 et seq., is a United States federal law that was originally passed in 1994 and was reauthorized in 2013 in which the spouses and children and parents of United States citizens or lawful permanent residents may self-petition to obtain lawful permanent residency in the United States. The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) is the law that governs immigration in the United States. The VAWA provisions relating to immigration are codified in section 204(a) of the INA. Rules published in the Federal Register explain the eligibility requirements and procedures for filing a self-petition under the VAWA provisions. People who may apply include: (1) a spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident; (2) a child of U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident; (3) a spouse of U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident who's child has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty for the reason being that a parent files for self-petition based on abuse of the child but both parent and child benefit; and (4) parent of a U.S. citizen

## Spouses

VAWA, the Violence Against Women Act was specifically designed for the protection of immigrant women.

Lianna Donovan, (Editor), RUTGERS LAW REVIEW, Spring 2014, 758. Congress's passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 ("VAWA 1994") was the first measure to explicitly "provide a federal role" in the prosecution of acts of domestic violence and the protection of victims of these crimes. From the outset of VAWA's enactment, Congress sought to end abusers' continued use of immigration status as a "key tool of control." By incorporating provisions that allowed undocumented victims to petition for legal status for themselves and their children without their batterer's knowledge and cooperation, VAWA reflected congressional intent to ameliorate immigrant victims' dependency on their abusers.

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## U.S. Senate Approves Funds For 2,500 More Afghan Special Immigrant Visas

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U.S. Army Captain Mark Solter (left) sits with translator Ismail Shamsuddin (right) for a meeting with a foreigner in Afghanistan in December 2008, during an interview in November 2013 in Arlington, Virginia.

The U.S. Senate has approved the funding of 2,500 additional immigrant visas for Afghan interpreters and support staff who have helped U.S. troops and government officials in Afghanistan.

Additional numbers of Special Immigrant Visas have been authorized.

US OFFICIAL NEWS, Dec. 13, 2017. Retrieved May 15, 2018 from Nexis. In this legislation, Senator Shaheen secured the authorization of 3,500 visas for the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program for Afghan interpreters and support staff. Senator Shaheen has championed the Afghan SIV program, which allows Afghans who have supported the U.S. mission in Afghanistan and face threats as a result of their service to apply for refuge in the United States. Earlier this year, Shaheen played a critical role in securing additional Afghan visas to avert a lapse in the program.