

Economic Thinking Video Outline

Legal Immigration Reform, Part I

Outline, notes, links for ET Online Legal Immigration Reform Workshop for 2018-19 NSDA/UII policy topic:

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

Outline: Immigration Reform-Part I Click URL for online video: <https://youtu.be/gxTAJDMSO8Y>

1. Notes on the NSDA immigration resolution on legal immigration reform. [To 1:49]

2. Making the case for immigration reform [1:50-6:26]

Moral and ethical claims: A Freedom to Move?

- [The Freedom to Move, Oscar Cooley, The Freeman, November 2006](#)
- [The Freedom to Move: Personal Liberty or Government Control, Part I, Richard Ebeling, The Daily Bell, July 21, 2015](#)
- [Immigration: Is Exclusion Just? By Manuel Velasquez \(Santa Clara University\)](#)

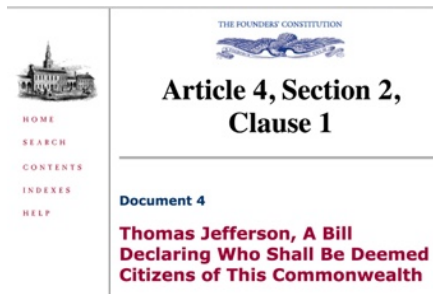
American history and the Constitutional.

Immigration open then closed (1924-1964), then gradually opening. So the U.S. has both open and closed immigration traditions.

- [Immigration and the Constitution e-lesson](#), Bill of Rights Institute ([e-lesson pdf](#))

- Thomas Jefferson on the natural right to move:

...And in order to preserve to the citizens of this commonwealth, that natural right, which all men have of relinquishing the country, in which birth, or other accident may have thrown them, and, seeking subsistence and happiness wheresoever they may be able, or may hope to find them... [Thomas Jefferson, May 1 1779 Papers 2:476-78](#)



3. Major weakness in affirmative: the U.S. federal government [6:26]

4. Current U.S. Immigration Policy [8:24-13:37]

5. Website resources on immigration policy: www.EconomicThinking.com/immigration

6. [More Mexicans Leaving than coming to the U.S.](#), Pew Research [14:24]

7. [Economic Engagement with Cubs, Mexico, Venezuela](#) (related past debate topic). Reform Cuba legal immigration policy [15:38 (at 16:11, "deported back to Mexico" should be "deported back to Cuba.)

8. [Economic Engagement study guide](#): Mexican immigration to the U.S., 1980 to 2007: ten million people. But demographic changes...



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Economic Engagement with Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela

Study Guide for the 2013-14 NFL Debate topic

Mackinac Center Debate Workshops Topic Study Guide, October, 2013

Global Crossings, BORDERLESS ECONOMICS, LESSONS FROM THE POOR, Making Poor Nations Rich, MORALITY CAPITALISM

"Economic engagement" is not a phrase much used by economists. Countries don't economically engage, but people do through trade, investment, employment, travel, and migration. Governments enable or restrict economic engagement between people and firms by their various regulatory, trade, travel, and migration policies. Since WWII and then NAFTA, governments have generally reduced trade and investment barriers.

Barone writes that immigration to America has been episodic and unpredictable through American history. And the latest immigration surprise was astonishing in scale, transforming both the U.S. and Mexico:

In a single generation, between 1980 and 2007, more than 10 million people migrated, legally or illegally, from Mexico to the U.S. Today there are more than 12 million Mexican-born people in the U.S.



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