



Illegal Immigration

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Description: Issues related to illegal immigration.

Originally part of a four-part Series which included: Being an American Citizen, Living in a Multi-Cultural America, and The Immigration Process. They can be stand-alone conversations or re-connected in a Series if you choose.

Estimated time: 1.5 hours

(1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 - 10 min.

Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**

Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where you live, and do you know anyone personally who has significantly suffered or died from COVID?

*****Remind everyone we're recording but we won't use any clips without their approval*****



(2) Illegal immigration

20 - 25 min.

- What do you feel are the major sources of illegal immigration, how do undocumented immigrants get and stay here? Probe for workers, students, tourists, refugees, etc.
- Does the US have a genuine illegal immigration problem, or is it a manufactured issue for political maneuvering, and why?
- Is anyone bothered by the term illegal immigrants? Does it matter if we label them as illegal immigrants or illegal aliens versus undocumented immigrants, and why or why not?

(3) DACA (Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals)

10 - 15 min.

- In 2012, Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the US as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal. They are eligible for work authorization, but deferred action does not provide lawful status. How do you feel about DACA?
- Should DACA recipients be given a path to citizenship, or should they be deported, and why?

(4) Specific issues related to illegal immigration

20 - 25 min.

- Should undocumented immigrants have access to Medicaid, and why or why not?
- Should undocumented immigrants have access to public education? Should they be offered in-state tuition rates at public colleges within their residing state?
- How do you feel about sanctuary cities? Should local law enforcement do more to work with federal immigration authorities?
- Does the US need to build a wall across its southern border, and why or why not? If yes, why a wall with Mexico but not one with Canada?

(5) Closing comments

5 - 10 min.

- Any additional comments about illegal immigration and its related issues?