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Eleanor Albert, "[The Rohingya Crisis](#)," Council on Foreign Relations, last updated December 5, 2018.

A brief backgrounder on one of the major international refugee crises of today presented in an approachable question-and-answer format. (2,100 words)

Claire Felter and Danielle Renwick, "[The U.S. Immigration Debate](#)," Council on Foreign Relations, last updated July 2, 2018.

A look at the immigration debate and the actions various parts of the government are taking. (1,900 words)

Claire Felter and James McBride, "[How Does the U.S. Refugee System Work?](#)," Council on Foreign Relations, last updated October 10, 2018.

A clear, easy-to-read backgrounder on U.S. policy on accepting refugees into the country. (2,000 words)

Claire Felter, "[U.S. Temporary Foreign Worker Programs](#)," Council on Foreign Relations, May 30, 2017.

A short piece that demystifies the most common temporary foreign worker programs in the United States and explains their context. (1,500 words)

Jeanne Park, "[Europe's Migration Crisis](#)," Council on Foreign Relations, last updated September 23, 2015.

A backgrounder on the European migrant crisis that has been unfolding over the last few years. (3,400 words)

"[U.S. Postwar Immigration Policy](#)," Council on Foreign Relations.

An interactive timeline of how U.S. immigration policy has changed in the years since World War II. (3,300 words)

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Articles

Richard Brodie, "[Fortress Europe's Last Stand?](#)," *Jacobin*, August 18, 2017.

Coming from a clear leftist position, an examination of how Italian policy and public opinion shifted in the face of tremendous immigration from Africa. (2,600 words)

Elizabeth Collett, "[The Paradox of the EU-Turkey Refugee Deal](#)," Migration Policy Institute, March 2016.

A detailed, critical look at the EU-Turkey refugee deal. (2,200 words)

Tove Danovich, "[Why Food Has Become a New Target for Nationalists](#)," *Eater*, June 30, 2017.

An article on how food has become one of many flash points in tensions over immigration in Europe. (1,700 words)

Jason DeParle, "[Global Migration: A World Ever More on the Move](#)," *New York Times*, June 26, 2010.

A general analysis of migration trends that touches on theory while remaining readable. (1,600 words)

Danielle Kurtzleben, "[How Trump's Immigration Proposal Compares With Other Plans](#)," NPR, February, 5, 2018.

A detailed chart comparing immigration policy proposals. (2,400 words)

"[The Other Kind of Immigration](#)," *Economist*, December 24, 2016.

An overview of the little-discussed flow of migrants between and among developing countries. (1,800 words)

Camila Ruz, "[The Battle Over the Words Used to Describe Migrants](#)," BBC News, August 28, 2015.

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A survey of opinions on the appropriateness and connotations of the word *migrant* and other related terms. (1,600 words)

Somini Sengupta, "[If a Carrot for Jordan Works, Syrian Refugees Will Stay Put](#)," *New York Times*, July 9, 2016.

A look at a plan for wealthy countries to incentivize Jordan to host and give work authorization to Syrian refugees so they might not migrate to Europe. (1,600 words)

Derek Thompson, "[How Immigration Became So Controversial](#)," *Atlantic*, February 2, 2018.

An overview of the politics of immigration in the United States. (1,800 words)

Multimedia

Michael Barbaro, "[Carlos's Secret](#)," *The Daily*, February 27, 2017.

The story of what happened when federal agents showed up in a small town that had overwhelmingly voted for Donald J. Trump and his campaign rhetoric became a reality. (23 minutes)

Eve Conant, "[The World's Congested Human Migration Routes in 5 Maps](#)," *National Geographic*, September 19, 2015.

A collection of maps of major migration paths. (2 minutes)

Lydia DePillis, Saluja Kulwant, and Denise Lu, "[A Visual Guide to 75 Years of Major Refugee Crises Around the World](#)," *Washington Post*, December 21, 2015.

An outstanding data visualization that shows the relative size and duration of major refugee crises of the last seventy-five years.

Ekene Ijeoma, "[The Refugee Project](#)."

An interactive data visualization of refugee populations across the world and over time.

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“[Reverse Migration](#),” written by Joanne Gottesman and Randi Mandelbaum, visuals by Julie Winokur, Rachel Dennis, and Gareth Smit, *Newest Americans*.

A short documentary about two Guatemalan men who immigrate to New Jersey, and then decide to return home, illustrating the challenges migrants face. (16 minutes)

Wendy Zukerman, “[Immigration](#),” *Science Vs*, Gimlet Media, March 9, 2017.

A fun, easy-to-understand podcast episode that looks at what happened in Alabama after thousands of migrant farm workers left the state, featuring interviews with three economists who help explain the effects. (50 minutes)

Books

David A. Gerber, *American Immigration: A Very Short Introduction* (2011).

Written by a historian, a brief yet thorough introduction that examines who was migrating to the United States throughout history and how immigration laws changed over time. (812 pages)

Tom Gjelten, *A Nation of Nations: A Great American Immigration Story* (2016).

An even-handed look at the last fifty years of immigration in the United States, told through the stories of a handful of families living in one county in Virginia. (405 pages)

Khalid Koser, *International Migration: A Very Short Introduction* (2016).

A brief and scholarly book that uses interviews to look at all kinds of migration, cutting through rhetoric to present a human face. (152 pages)

K. Lee Lerner, Brenda Wilmoth Lerner, and Adrienne Wilmoth Lerner, *Immigration and Multiculturalism: Essential Primary Sources* (2006).

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A sourcebook with 175 full and excerpted documents, designed for use in the classroom. (483 pages)

Major Problems in American Immigration History: Documents and Essays (2011).

Designed for use in the classroom, a book that offers a selection of primary and secondary sources supplemented by introductory essays, source notes, and suggested readings. (640 pages)

Caroline Moorehead, *Human Cargo: A Journey Among Refugees* (2006).

A readable narrative of the author's travels around the world talking to refugees. (434 pages)

Sonia Nazario, *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite With His Mother* (2007).

The story of a young refugee who traveled alone through Mexico to the United States; based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning series in the *Los Angeles Times*. (359 pages)

Ben Rawlence, *City of Thorns: Nine Lives in the World's Largest Refugee Camp* (2017).

The story of Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya, one of the largest in the world, told through the lives of nine residents. (384 pages)

Research

Maruja M. B. Asis, "[The Philippines: Beyond Labor Migration, Toward Development and \(Possibly\) Return](#)," Migration Policy Institute, June 12, 2017.

An in-depth look at migration from the Philippines. (4,600 words)

[Beyond Borders: Our Changing Climate - Its Role in Conflict and Displacement](#), Environmental Justice Foundation (2017).

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A readable look at the intersection of climate change and migration.
(summary: 1,250 words; full report: 47 pages)

[“Global Internal Displacement Database,”](#) Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre.

A comprehensive data set on migration with powerful tools for generating charts and reports.

[“The International Migration Report 2017 \(Highlights\),”](#) United Nations, December 18, 2017.

The United Nations’ annual report on migration; contains the data that underlies most of the graphs in this module. (38 pages)

[“Migration Data Portal,”](#) International Organization for Migration, December 2017.

A website that displays data points related to migration and offers interesting visualization tools.

[“Migration and Remittances Factbook 2016,”](#) 3rd ed., World Bank Group (2016).

A book that presents detailed facts and statistics about global migration and remittances. (299 pages)

Primary Sources

George W. Bush, [“President Bush Addresses the Nation on Immigration Reform,”](#) transcript, White House, May 15, 2006.

Transcript of a televised national address by George W. Bush on his views on immigration policy. (2,500 words)

International Labor Organization, [Philippine Pre-Decision Booklet on Labour Migration for Health Workers](#) (2015).

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A pamphlet published by the International Labor Organization for Filipinos who are considering working abroad. (81 pages)

[“Interviews With Today’s Immigrants,”](#) Teacher Resources, Library of Congress.

A collection of dozens of brief interviews with immigrants currently living in the United States. Organized by place or origin, this collection shows the diversity of the United States’ immigrant population.

Barack Obama, [“Remarks by the President in Address to the Nation on Immigration,”](#) White House, November 20, 2014.

Transcript of a televised address by Barack Obama on his views on immigration. (2,200 words)

[“Oral History Library,”](#) The Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation.

Nearly two thousand interviews with immigrants, sortable by country of origin or topic.

[Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees,](#) July 28, 1951, 21 U.N.T.S. 2198.

The main UN treaty and protocol that define and set out expectations regarding refugees. Although quite dense and technical, this is the foundation of international law relating to refugees.

[Dublin Regulation,](#) June 26, 2013, 2013 O.J. (L 180) 31.

The European Union’s explanation of the Dublin Regulation, including a link to the full text of the nine laws and treaties that make up the regulation.