CFR Resources


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


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


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


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


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


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


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)


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


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


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


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

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


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)


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

**Multimedia**


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)


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


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.
“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)


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

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)


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)


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


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)


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


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)


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**


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

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


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


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

Primary Sources

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

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)


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


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.


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.