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UPCOMING EVENTS:

November - Platform Hearing #3

Issue TBA

Time and Location TBA

WHY A DEMOCRATIC MOCK CONVENTION?

To ensure there is lively debate and competition among a number of candidates, Ohio Wesleyan's Mock Convention traditionally represents the party not currently in control of the White House.

12PM OCTOBER 23, 2019 - MERRICK 301

RHETORIC AND REALITY

*A Conversation About Immigration and
the Presidential Election*



Dr. Phokeng M. Dailey - *Assistant Professor of Communication*

Dr. Robert J. Gitter - *Professor of Economics*

Dr. Juan Armando Rojas - *Professor of Modern Foreign
Languages and Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion*

**OWU MOCK CONVENTION 2020
PLATFORM HEARING #2**



Joe Biden

Senator from Delaware (1973-2009)
Vice President (2009-2017)

“It’s no secret that our immigration system is broken, and for years, we have lacked the political will to fix it. We can secure our border and enforce our laws without tossing aside our values, our principles, and our humanity. Putting people in cages and tearing children away from their parents isn’t the answer.”

Biden has a history of voting for immigration reform. As Vice President, Biden worked with President Obama to advance DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans). As President, Biden plans to reinvent the legal system surrounding the border and immigration. Biden supports all DREAMers (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act) receiving citizenship, though it is unclear whether he would achieve this through DACA and DAPA becoming law, or through another policy. Biden has received criticism for his lack of support for sanctuary cities and voting to increase funding for border fencing. Some of Biden’s past statements also send conflicting messages about his policy goals (e.g., when he said immigrants should “get in line” and that the U.S. can “cherry-pick” highly skilled immigrants). Overall, Biden has committed to a path to citizenship for many immigrants, but his proposals and statements on the issue often lack clarity.

Information from:

<https://joebiden.com/joes-vision/>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/biden-says-dreamers-should-be-granted-citizenship-immediately>

https://www.ontheissues.org/2016/Joe_Biden_Immigration.htm

<https://time.com/5648481/joe-biden-poor-kids-white-kids/>

Andrew Yang

Entrepreneur
Philanthropist



“We need to enforce the border. Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike agree that this is a pressing need for the good of both citizens and those who wish to come here. Though there are new technologies that could help, the best approaches are to do what we are currently doing better with more resources”

Andrew Yang is the son of two immigrants from Taiwan and strongly supports bringing the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants into the formal economy by creating a clear pathway to citizenship by allowing legal status to all who work, pay taxes, and do not commit felonies. This new policy would allow citizenship within 18 years, which Yang argues is the length that any person in the United States must wait under the current system to gain full citizenship anyways. Yang supports the passage of the DREAM Act but does not detail how he would implement its policies and support the 1.8 million DREAMers. Yang believes the weakest part of our immigration system is at our border: “Large numbers of people are entering the United States illegally, causing economic hardship in certain areas while also preventing us from knowing who exactly is in our country.” Yang has also voiced support for major funding changes to go towards southern border security but has not detailed how he would achieve funding for this through Congress. Yang believes that the current system is expensive and ineffective but has not provided legislative policies to address what he thinks is the best solution.

Information from:

<https://www.yang2020.com/policies/southern-border-security/>

<https://www.yang2020.com/policies/support-the-dream-act/>

https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Andrew_Yang_Immigration.htm



Cory Booker

Mayor of Newark, New Jersey (2006 - 2013)
Senator from New Jersey (2013 - Present)

"When kids are being stripped away from their parents and held in cages, I will not wait for Congress to solve this crisis. On day one of my presidency, I will take immediate steps to end this administration's moral vandalism. Although there are limits on what we can do to reverse the damage that has already been done to the lives of thousands and to communities across our country, we can put an end to the horror, and turn the page to a new chapter of our history"

As President, Booker hopes to inspire a shared vision to work on fixing the broken immigration system and ensuring that America is seen as a beacon of freedom, hope, and opportunity to the world. Booker plans to end family separation and ensure that the U.S. immigration system is humane, fair, and respects immigrants' rights by ending the privatization of detention facilities and treating immigrants seeking help like humans, not like criminals. Booker will create an asylum process that recognizes the dignity of those who have taken extraordinary risks to seek safe haven in the United States. Booker plans on creating legislation that will expand protections for DREAMers and people with TPS and DED status. Booker's overall mission if he were to be elected President would be to fight for a pathway to citizenship for all undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Booker would commit to using foreign aid to address the root causes of migration—corruption, violence, poverty, and climate change. He would appoint a Special Envoy at the State Department to lead Administration efforts in: (1) Leading a comprehensive strategy to invest in democratic institutions and reduce corruption (2) Reducing violence and crime (3) Fighting poverty and supporting economic development (4) Recognizing the role of climate change and identifying strategies to mitigate its effects on migration.

Information from:

https://ballotpedia.org/Cory_Booker

<https://corybooker.com/issues/immigration/policy-page/>

Elizabeth Warren

Professor of Law (1977 - 2013)
Senator from Massachusetts (2013 - Present)



"We must address the humanitarian mess at the border and reverse this president's discriminatory policies. But that won't be nearly enough to fix our immigration system.

We need expanded legal immigration that will grow our economy, reunite families, and meet our labor market demands. We need real reform that provides cost-effective security at our borders, addresses the root causes of migration, and provides a path to status and citizenship so that our neighbors don't have to live in fear."

If elected President, Senator Warren's first goal would be to establish unauthorized entrance of the country as only a civil and not a criminal violation. Additionally she would separate the law enforcement functions of border patrol from its immigration enforcement functions. In regards to the Trump era, she will hold those accountable who have committed abuses of power, end unnecessary detention, and eliminate private detention facilities. To help do this, she will expand parole, invest in alternatives to detention and establish professional and Independent Article I immigration courts; she will also end expedited removal. She will reject any policies based on race, religion, and nationality. She will also raise the refugee cap, affirm asylum protections, expand legal immigration, make the naturalization process easier, and reduce the family reunification backlog. Warren's plan is based on six key goals: (1) Provide a fair and achievable pathway to citizenship (2) Limit the penalties considered for status determinations (3) Create an Office of New Americans (4) Restore and increase aid to border communities (5) Step up efforts to address transnational crime (6) Inform and protect those seeking refuge. Overall, Warren plans to call for the reinstatement of DACA and expand the program to include anyone brought to the United States under the age of 18. She also wants protections for families of DREAMers and some workers. Warren plans to work with Congress to achieve this instead of using executive actions. Warren also pledges to admit 125,000 refugees in her first year as President, and 175,000 per year by the end of her first term.

Information from:

https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Elizabeth_Warren_Immigration.htm

<https://elizabethwarren.com/plans/immigration>

https://ballotpedia.org/Elizabeth_Warren



Pete Buttigieg

*Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve (2009 - 2017)
Mayor of South Bend, Indiana (2012 - Present)*

“We must reclaim our nation’s standing as a human rights leader by implementing common sense immigration reform that will secure our values. The greatest nation in the world should have nothing to fear from children fleeing violence. More importantly, children fleeing violence should have nothing to fear from the greatest nation in the world.”

As President, Buttigieg hopes that Congress will create a pathway for citizenship for young undocumented immigrants who were brought over when they could not make any choice. He also opposes the current administration's aggressive deportation policies and is against the idea of sending troops to the southern border. Buttigieg also has a plan to create border policies that are compassionate and effective for those who are seeking citizenship in the United States. Buttigieg also has a plan to stop the targeting of immigrant communities by law enforcement agencies. Buttigieg plans to end the separation of families and reevaluate U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE), but has also stated he is in favor of abolishing the agency. Buttigieg is a supporter of DACA and feels that Congress should create pathways for citizenship. Buttigieg does support the policy of decriminalizing crossing the border illegally but thinks that some cases should still be treated under criminal statute if they involve fraud. As President, Buttigieg will work to solve some of the underlying problems of immigration and plans to send funds and aid to nations in Central America as well as giving citizens easier pathways for claiming refugee status. Buttigieg’s overall goal is to restore a welcoming attitude to the United States’ immigration policy by modernizing laws to reflect global humanitarian efforts and needs in an effort to become a global leader for humanitarian relief.

Information from:

<https://peteforamerica.com/issues/#Immigration>

https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Pete_Buttigieg_Immigration.htm

https://ballotpedia.org/Pete_Buttigieg

Thomas Steyer

*Founder, Farallon Capital
Executive, Hellman & Friedman Equity Firm*



“Obviously, the Trump Administration has desensitized the Border Patrol to a shocking degree and made immigrants in desperation ‘The Enemy’. Using military terms like ‘invasion’ and ‘army’ only makes the cruelty easier for them to swallow.”

Steyer has a history of donating to legal aid groups for immigrants facing deportation as well as vocally opposing the Trump administration's executive actions regarding deportation and the proposed U.S. - Mexico border wall. Steyer has not officially listed any policies or official positions on the topic of immigration.

Information from:

<https://www.tomsteyer.com/>

https://ballotpedia.org/Thomas_Steyer



Julian Castro

Mayor of San Antonio, Texas (2009 - 2014)
Secretary of HUD (2014 - 2017)

"One of my strongest memories of my grandmother is the way she would tell my twin brother, Joaquin, and me about how she came to this country as a child after being separated from her dying mother. Even as a seventy-year-old woman, when she recounted those moments, she would cry like the seven-year-old girl she was when it happened, sobbing that she never got to say goodbye. I see her image in the children at our borders today."

As President, Castro has a plan to establish an inclusive roadmap to citizenship for undocumented individuals and families who do not currently have a pathway for citizenship. With this, he also wants to provide for those who are DREAMers and those who are under TPS and DED. He also plans to eliminate the per country visa limits that are currently in place so that more people have the opportunity to apply for citizenship in the United States. Castro also wants to eliminate the 3 and 10 years bans for people applying for citizenship when they have been without documentation. Castro plans to establish an inclusive roadmap to citizenship for undocumented individuals and families who do not have a current pathway to legal status, but who live, work, and raise families in communities throughout the United States. This includes revamping the visa system and strengthening family reunification through the Reuniting Families Act, reducing the number of people who are waiting to reunite with their families but are stuck in the bureaucratic backlog of 4.4 million people waiting for visas. Castro's other goals include: (1) increasing refugee admissions, (2) allowing all deported veterans to return to the United States, and (3) protecting undocumented victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Information from:

https://ballotpedia.org/Julian_Castro

<https://issues.juliancastro.com/people-first-immigration/>



Bernie Sanders

Member Of Congress from Vermont (1991 - 2007)
Senator from Vermont (2007 - Present)

"Today, we say to the American people that instead of demonizing the undocumented immigrants in this country, we're going to pass comprehensive immigration reform and provide a path toward citizenship. We're going to provide legal status to the 1.8 million young people eligible for the DACA program, and develop a humane border policy for those who seek asylum. No more snatching babies from the arms of their mothers."

As the proud son of a Polish migrant, Sanders is passionate about immigration and has sponsored or co-sponsored over 80 immigration reform bills during his time in Congress. As President, Sanders will immediately work toward passing comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway towards citizenship for all. Sanders is a supporter of DACA and DAPA and believes that all 1.8 million people living in the United States as DREAMers should be given immediate legal status and a pathway towards citizenship. Sanders voted against the establishment of ICE but has voiced support for abolishing the agency, stating that he would completely restructure the agency as President. Sanders also plans to provide labor law protections to undocumented workers in the United States. Sanders also plans to enact independent research and oversight into the Department of Homeland Security that will establish humane standards and policies. Sanders also plans to remove detention centers along the border and dismantle deportation programs. Overall, Sanders plans to restructure the pathway to citizenship and believes in creating a shared vision of humane policies and citizenship pathways that puts the United States in a leadership role of global humanitarian efforts.

Information from:

<https://berniesanders.com/issues/immigration-reform/>

<https://feelthebern.org/bernie-sanders-on-immigration/>



Tulsi Gabbard

Member of Congress from Hawaii (2013 - Present)
Major, United States Army (2003 - Present)

"The Trump Administration's use of children as pawns in the immigration debate is despicable and must end now. While the President signed an Executive Order intended to end the policy of separating children from their parents, this will not solve the serious challenges we face and could create new ones. The fact is we need comprehensive immigration reform now."

Gabbard believes that the current administration's policies must come to an end and as President, plans to end the separation of families along the border and creating policies and legislation that ends the root causes of the problem while changing a culture of "policy of regime change war." Gabbard has not listed any official policy measures and simply classified "keeping families together" as a key point. In the past, Gabbard has voted to protect DACA recipients and has worked with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). However, in 2015 Gabbard voted for the passing of the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act (SAFE) which preferences refugees of Christian faiths over refugees of Muslim faiths in Middle Eastern nations. Additionally, Gabbard is clear in having more strict and closed borders than her peers, stating that "I look at things from a practical, objective-oriented standpoint. I'm a soldier, so I look at what's our objective." Gabbard is the only candidate who has not stated a position on whether crossing the border should be made a civil offense rather than a crime.

Information from:

<https://www.tulsigabbard.org/tulsi-gabbard-on-immigration-reform>

<https://www.tulsigabbard.org/tulsi-gabbard-on-refugees>

<https://www.tulsigabbard.org/tulsi-gabbard-on-keeping-families-together>

https://ballotpedia.org/Tulsi_Gabbard

Kamala Harris

Attorney General of California (2011 - 2017)
Senator from California (2017 - Present)



"As president, while I fight for Congress to pass 21st Century immigration reform, I won't wait. I'll take action to lift barriers DREAMers face to pursuing legal status and put them on a meaningful path to citizenship. These young people are just as American as I am, and they deserve a president who will fight for them from day one."

Senator Harris has historically backed legislation that would reunite displaced families and provide legal aid to detained immigrants. As President, Harris plans to pass comprehensive immigration reform that will give full citizenship to 11 million immigrants currently living in the United States. Harris supports the reinstatement of DACA and plans to push for the passage of DAPA. On day one, Harris plans to repeal the Trump Administration Executive Order 13780, which restricts visas from several nations in the Middle East. Harris plans to enact several other policies that focus on providing a fair and equal pathway to citizenship. Harris's plan for dreamers involves decriminalizing the act of crossing the border as well as removing the penalty for having a lapse in official status. Additionally, Harris believes in investing in border protection against illegal drugs, weapons, and human trafficking. Harris' plan would allow immediate citizenship to two million DREAMers currently in progress for citizen status. Harris has not directly called for abolishing ICE but has declared her support to replace, restructure, and reform the organization. Harris opposes any form of a border wall and believes in leading a movement to welcome immigrants and refugees.

Information from:

<https://kamalaharris.org/issue/immigration/>

https://ballotpedia.org/Kamala_Harris

https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Kamala_Harris_Immigration.htm



Amy Klobuchar

Court Attorney, Hennepin County, MN (1999 - 2007)
Senator from Minnesota (2007 - Present)

"We need to implement real immigration reform once and for all. Previous administrations have enforced the same policies, which is why it is disturbing that people are seeking to exploit this issue for partisan gain depending on who's in the White House. Congress needs to act now. Unlike the President, I won't give up on giving DACA recipients certainty and ensuring we are never separating kids from their parents at the border again."

Senator Klobuchar plans to start the conversation on immigration reform within her first 100 days of office, reinstating the DREAM Act as an administration priority and focusing on policies that update current border security measures. Klobuchar will repeal all Trump orders attempting to deport DACA recipients. Additionally, Klobuchar will ensure that all immigrants under temporary protected status are given a pathway to citizenship. Klobuchar sees comprehensive immigration reform as crucial to the growth of the economy, especially in rural communities that rely on agriculture as apart of their local economy. Previously, Klobuchar has voted against the funding of a U.S.-Mexico border wall but has voted for funding that increases border security as well as detainment centers along the border. Klobuchar has voiced that she would not abolish ICE but would work to reform it.

Information from:

<https://amyklobuchar.com/issue/shared-prosperity-and-economic-justice/>

https://ballotpedia.org/Amy_Klobuchar

https://www.ontheissues.org/2020/Amy_Klobuchar_Immigration.htm

Beto O'Rourke

Councilmen, City of El Paso, Texas (2005 - 2011)
Member Of Congress from Texas (2013 - 2019)



"Above all else, immigration is about people – not just those who have recently arrived or those yet to come, but the kind of people we choose to be. Since the Founding, the compact we made as a nation was to welcome the oppressed, the persecuted, and the hopeful from all over the world because we recognize that immigrants enrich every aspect of our society with their determination and genius. Each successive generation of Americans has included immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, strengthening this nation that we share."

As President, O'Rourke plans to immediately stop the inhumane treatment of children and reunite families who have been separated by the Trump administration's executive actions. On day one of his administration, O'Rourke plans to use executive actions to reform the asylum system and removes fear of deportation for DREAMers and beneficiaries of programs such as Temporary Protected Status (TPS). O'Rourke will immediately engage with Congress to enact legislation that inspires a national vision of immigration in the community and economy of America. One of these policies includes issuing an executive order that ends private, for-profit prisons and ends detentions of all immigrants with the exception of those who have committed dangerous crimes. O'Rourke wants to increase the number of court staff and interpreters located in border communities and expand the Legal Orientation Program to ensure that everyone knows how to navigate the immigration system. In addition, O'Rourke plans to (1) Rescind the discriminatory travel bans, which defy our nation's Constitution and values. (2) Immediately remove the fear of deportation for DREAMers and their parents and TPS and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) beneficiaries, and begin work towards a permanent legislative solution. (3) Refocus on smart security. He believes the current administration is distracting Customs & Border Patrol and other law enforcement personnel from focusing on actual threats and undermining their efficacy by pulling resources away from them – "all in pursuit of a wall that we do not need, does not work, and will not make us safer. "

Information from:

<https://betoorourke.com/immigration/>

https://www.ontheissues.org/International/Beto_O%60Rourke_Immigration.htm

Getting in Line



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UNDERSTANDING THE U.S. IMMIGRATION PROCESS

START

Do you have immediate family who lives in the USA and is a permanent resident/U.S. Citizen?

No

Yes

Are you college educated, have a special skill, or have large sums of money to invest?

No

Yes

Not eligible

Under current law, there is no process for unskilled immigrants without relatives to apply for permanent legal residence.

NOT ELIGIBLE TO LAWFULLY IMMIGRATE TO THE U.S.A.

It is estimated that the vast majority of the 11 million undocumented people in the country fall in this category.

Special Skill/Investor

Can you prove that you are a star athlete, a genius, or can invest \$500,000 dollars?

No

Yes

College Educated

Are you a college graduate with a degree in a specialty occupation?

No

Yes

Do you have a job offer from a company willing to wait several years for you to start working and pay up to \$10,000 dollars in application fees?

No

Yes

WAIT TIME FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE (GREEN CARD):

12 to 18 months

CURRENT GREEN CARD APPLICATION BACKLOG:

No backlog

TOTAL CURRENT APPLICATION BACKLOG: 5.5 million (Estimate)

PERMANENT RESIDENCE GRANTED

WAIT TIME FOR CITIZENSHIP: 3 to 6 years.

SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW, BACKGROUND CHECK, AND PASSING GRADE ON A LANGUAGE AND CIVICS TEST

U.S. CITIZENSHIP GRANTED

TOTAL TIME TO IMMIGRATE & BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN:

6 to 7.5 years

11 to 20 years

6 to 28 years

4 years

Does your relative have permanent residence granted (Green Card)?

No

Yes

Permanent Resident Relative

Are you the spouse or child of the Permanent Resident?

No

Yes

If a child of a PR Relative, are you underage?

No

Yes

Are you Single?

No

Yes

Spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents are able to apply.

No

Yes

U.S. Citizen Relative

Are you the parent, spouse or under age child of the U.S. Citizen?

No

Yes

Are you an adult child or sibling of a U.S. Citizen?

No

Yes

Siblings of U.S. Citizens

Married Adult Child

Single Adult Child

THESE GREEN CARDS ARE CAPPED AT 226,000 PER YEAR

WAIT TIME FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE (GREEN CARD):

11 to 22 years

WAIT TIME FOR GREEN CARD DEPENDS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. CITIZEN RELATIVE:

7 to 15 years

6 to 14 years

1 year

No backlog

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TEN THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IMMIGRANTS



1 in 4 people living in the United States today is an immigrant or has a parent who is an immigrant.

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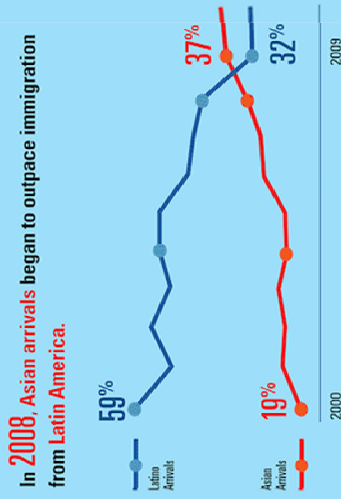
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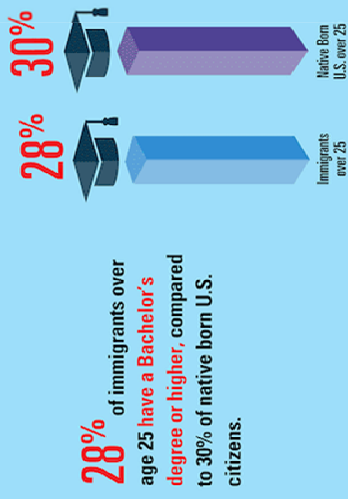
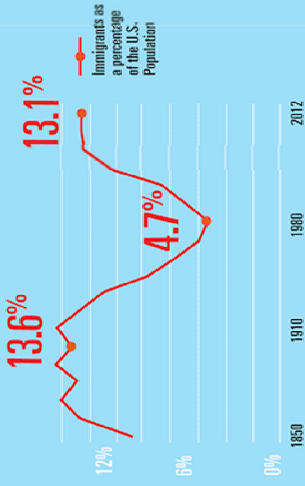
Immigrants have lower crime, arrest, and incarceration rates than the U.S. native-born population.



A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine



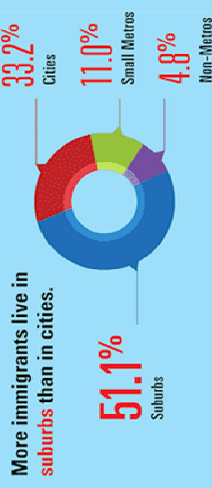
Immigrants are generally healthier – less likely to die from heart disease and cancer and lower rates of obesity, depression, and alcohol abuse – than the U.S. native-born population.



9% of students in the K-12 school system are in **English language learner** programs designed to help improve their English proficiency.



Today's immigrants are learning English at the same rate or faster than earlier waves of immigrants.



<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/21746/the-integration-of-immigrants-into-american-society>

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