

Resources for Immigration Reform: 2008-2009

Overview of the issues:

1. CRS Synthesis of Issue (Wasem) – This is a good overall summary of the issues related to topic of federal immigration legislation reform. This is a relatively short summary and a good place to start.
<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/84920.pdf>
2. CBO Paper on Immigration (2006) – This report is a good place to go for statistics and other numerical data, as well as details on some current policies.
<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/70xx/doc7051/02-28-Immigration.pdf>

The CBO Website has links to more specific reports. These four may be useful supplements to specific issues found below.

<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/87xx/doc8711/12-6-Immigration.pdf>
<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/75xx/doc7511/08-30-Immigration.pdf>
<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/80xx/doc8042/05-03-Immigration.pdf>
<http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/72xx/doc7249/06-06-Immigration.pdf>

3. Immigration Debate Policy Paper (Wharton) – Global and US comparison, and evaluation of legal and illegal on workforce
<http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article.cfm?articleid=1482>
4. Implications of Immigration History on current policy
<http://theodora.com/debate.html>

Stated Political Policies

5. White House Policies – This is the current administration summary on the issue. You may use any link to the transcripts, new releases, speeches, and interview on this page (main section on the right, not the list of links on the left).
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/immigration/>
6. A brief summary of President-Elect Obama's plans on immigration.
<http://www.barackobama.com/issues/immigration/> (outline)
<http://www.barackobama.com/pdf/issues/ImmigrationFactSheet.pdf>
7. 2007 Immigration Legislation attempts:
<http://www.usimmigrationsupport.org/amnesty.html#news>
(You may also use information from the 5 links at the bottom of the page)

Sites for current legislation and regulation (Gov't and Non-Profit)

8. US Citizenship and Immigration Services
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>
(any link from this page)

9. New requirements for travel into US (visa waiver)
<http://www.ilw.com/immigdaily/news/2008,1113-travel.pdf>

Non profit sources:

10. <http://immigrationpolicy.org>
(any link from this page)
11. <http://www.fairus.org/site/PageServer>
(any link from this page)
12. <http://ilw.com/articles/2008,1125-terrazas.shtm>
(this page only)

Statistical Information

13. How big are the borders? - <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/crs/rs21729.pdf>
14. Quick US Population Info
Population Growth - <http://www.census.gov/population/www/popclockus.html>
Poverty - <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/povertyrate.html>
Education spending - <http://nces.ed.gov/ssbr/pages/exp2006.asp?IndID=45>
Births - <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/08newsreleases/pregnancydrop.htm>
15. Labor Statistic comparisons: any link
<http://www.bls.gov/fls/>

Supreme Court Cases on Immigration

16. Alito - http://digital.library.unt.edu/govdocs/crs//data/2006/upl-meta-crs-8137/RL33218_2006Jan03.pdf
17. Mendez-Morales -
http://ne.findacase.com/research/wfrmDocViewer.aspx/xq/fac.%5CC08%5C2004%5C20041006_0001287.C08.htm/qx
18. Lopez-Mendoza - <http://supreme.justia.com/us/468/1032/>

Policies

19. Id Cards - http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RS21137_20030107.pdf
20. The "Points System" - <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/crs/rl34030.pdf>
21. The Dream Act - http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL33863_20070130.pdf
22. Borders - http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL33659_20080513.pdf

Economic and Political Implication Analysis

23. <http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.polisci.8.082103.104854>
24. <http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1162/JEEA.2006.4.6.1085>
25. http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=MIimg&_imagekey=B6VFD-4MFTVJ0-1-1&_cdi=6008&_user=30681&_orig=article&_coverDate=10%2F31%2F2007&_sk=999859994&_view=c&_wchp=dGLbVlb-zSkzS&_md5=413a3400a4b56df1e45e5b22939acaa1&_ie=/sdarticle.pdf

The Issues:

26. "Central American Gangs" and Deportation
http://www.examiner.com/a-1349443~Study_Deportation_major_fault_in_U_S_immigration_policy.html
http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34233_20080130.pdf
27. "Protected Status"
http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RS20844_20080930.pdf
Case study: Haiti and Asylum
http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RS22975_20081027.pdf
<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/47153.pdf>
28. FGM: - http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34587_20081010.pdf
29. Unauthorized employment -
http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL33973_20070420.pdf
30. Civil rights - http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL33386_20081024.pdf
31. Local level examples - <http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/20060629.pdf>
32. "Reverse Brain Drain"
http://news.thomasnet.com/IMT/archives/2007/08/immigration_reverse_brain_drain_kauffman_foundation_report.html

US News & World Report articles:

33. <http://www.usnews.com/articles/news/national/2008/12/03/dhs-chief-says-illegal-immigration-has-dropped-amid-heightened-border-security.html>
34. <http://www.usnews.com/blogs/risky-business/2008/11/18/immigration--a-source-for-entrepreneurial-innovation.html>
35. <http://www.usnews.com/blogs/barone/2008/10/8/immigration-and-the-mortgage-meltdown.html>