

Welcoming the Stranger: The Racial Impact of US Immigration Policy and the Call of the Church

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RESOURCES FOR FUTHER STUDY

- I. Main Text:
Elizabeth Cohen. *Illegal: How America's Illegal Immigrant Policy Threatens Us All*
- II. Other recommended books
 - A. Nonfiction
 - i. David Carroll (2020 version): *Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church and the Bible.*
 - ii. Edwidge Danticat (2007). *Brother, I'm Dying*
 - iii. Greg Grandin.(2020).*The End of the Myth: From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America* (2020 Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction)
 - iv. Robert Heimbarger,(2017). *God and the Illegal Alien: United States Immigration Law and A Theology of Politics* (Cambridge Studies in Law and Christianity
 - v. Walter Johnson (2020):*The Broken Heart of America; St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States*
 - vi. Alia Malek: *The Home That Was Our Country; A Memoir of Syria*
 - vii. Nikesh Shukia& Chimene Suleyman.(2020): *The Good Immigrants: 25 Writers Reflect on America.*
 - viii. Matthew Soerens, Jenny Yang & Leith Anderson. (2009, 2018). *Welcome the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate.*
 - ix. Luis Alberto Urrea (2007): *The Devil's Highway*
 - x. Karla Cornejo Villavicencio (2020). *The Undocumented Americans*
 - xi. Jane Guskin and David L. Wilson (2017) ***The Politics of Immigration (2nd Edition)*** (a slim paperback in Q&A format that is easy to follow.)
 - B. Fiction and other(tiny sample)
 - i. Hananda Ngozi Adiche: *Americanah*
 - ii. Teju Cole: *Open City*
 - iii. Zeyn Joukhadar. *The Map of Salt and Stone*
 - iv. Valerie Luiselli: *Lost Children Archive*

- v. Imbolo Mbue: *Behold the Dreamers*
- vi. Ocean Vuong: *On Earth We're Briefly Beautiful*
- vii. Luis Alberto Urrea: *The House of Broken Angels*

III. Films and documentaries

1. *Immigration Nation* (on Netflix) documentary (6 hours) Shocking real footage of how ICE and CBP work, who makes decisions, who is affected and what is the resulting suffering
2. “How the United States Built the World’s Largest Detention System,” *The Guardian* 9/24/2019 and *The Marshall Project* <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/sep/24/detained-us-largest-immigrant-detention-trump>

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2019/09/24/detained>

3. “Immigration 101” A simple overview of the whole complicated issue <https://www.kcet.org/shows/social-connected/immigration-101-racism-in-the-history-of-immigration-policy>
4. “The Out Crowd” -- This American Life,(NPR) The one you really must listen to won a Pulitzer: <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/704/our-pulitzer-winning-episode> Others under “archive” > “border asylum Immigrant”.
5. . Immigrant Prisons Series by Brave New Films—Total: 59 mins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0g2lz7QJvfQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gF12SgkQKKk>

Brave New Films: Immigrants for Sale

<https://www.facebook.com/bravenewfilms/videos/10154745434537016/>

These include:

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| a. <i>Immigrant Prisons</i> | 14:26 |
| b. <i>Immigrants for Sale</i> | 33:10 |
| c. <i>No More Detention: Free Pastor Noe</i> | 4:20 |
| d. <i>Trauma at the Border</i> | 4:36 |
| e. <i>Families Torn Apart: America's Deadly Immigration Policy</i> | 2:32 |

6. . Other videos: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/lost-in-detention/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance : “Locked in a Box”

<https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-immigration-detention/>

IV. Articles and Websites: (by topics)

Immigrant Detention

**Detention Watch Network size of system*

US maintains the largest immigration detention system in the world

<https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/issues/detention-101>

**A Better Way-National Immigration Justice Center*

ICE has failed to invest in far more humane, effective, and cost-efficient community-based alternatives to detention that [could reduce the government's immigration detention spending by 80 percent](#).

<https://immigrantjustice.org/research-items/report-better-way-community-based-programming-alternative-immigrant-incarceration>

**Detention Statistics from Freedom For Immigrants*

<https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/detention-statistics>

**Conditions inside Detention Centers Time Magazine 7/10/19*

<https://time.com/5623148/migrant-detention-centers-conditions/>

US deports migrants who accuse detention center gynecologist of abuse

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/nov/11/us-deportations-women-allege-detention-center-gynecologist-abuse>

Living Conditions in U.S. Immigration Detention Centers

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/living-conditions-immigration-detention-centers.html>

**Deaths at Adult Detention Centers*

[AILA - Deaths at Adult Detention Centers](#)

**Medical Abuse at detention Centers Washington Post*

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/09/18/migrant-detention-centers-have-long-history-medical-neglect-abuse/>

Marsha Gessen: "Trump's Immigration Rule Is Cruel and Racist—But It's Nothing New." The New Yorker, January 29, 2020

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/trumps-immigration-rule-is-cruel-and-racist-but-its-nothing-new>

Refugees and Borders: Remapping the World We Think We Know hosted 2-4 pm (PST) Saturday 05 December 2020.. Follow-up resources:

- [Now What? Actions to continue remapping...](#) gives you actions, ideas, links and more to help you continue remapping the way we act and think.
- The Refugees and Borders recorded webinar is available [here](#).

HIAS Update

Overall Immigration Policy-Trump and Before and Immigration Law

(Note with *: These sources and comments come from materials collected by [Prof, Vanessa Merton](#) at the [Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace School](#) for her classes on [Immigration Law](#). She is a colleague of [Linda Fentiman](#). Most are very technical, but **COPIES OF THESE ARTICLES ARE APPENDED TO THE END OF THIS Resources List.**)

1. **American Immigration Council – Immigration 101:** <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/topics/immigration-101> .
2. **Blogs of Jeffrey Chase:** <https://www.jeffreyschase.com/> A really brilliant commentator with great perspective as a long-time Immigration Court Judge and leading advisor to the Board of Immigration Appeals. He is now in private practice. and his pithy, accessible pieces explaining the law on specific issues are among the best in the toolkit.
3. **Richard Abel’s Practicing Law in Filene’s Basement** at <https://scholarship.law.unc.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4219&context=nclr> This provides a somewhat whimsical accounting of the rampant fraud on and abuse of immigrants seeking legal help, which is such a barrier to their obtaining lawful status that is available to them under our law, which they uniformly desperately try to obtain, despite all the obstruction put in their way.
4. The [Immigration Policy Tracking Project \(IPTP\) website](#) is available [here](#). We invite you to use it by [registering here](#) with your email and a personal password. The tracking project is designed to support reform and advocacy by cataloguing every known Trump policy, including the many lesser-known but significant changes not generally reported. The redesigned website includes rules, directives, form changes, memos, AG certifications, executive orders, presidential proclamations, pending rule changes, and other actions. IPTP contains more than 1000 entries and is regularly updated to reflect new policies. Each IPTP entry includes the underlying policy documents and any relevant predecessor policies or documents. The entries are searchable and can be sorted chronologically, by subject matter, or by agency, type of action, status of policy change, etc.
5. **Wiebe’s *The Immigration Hotel***. Under “X. Immigrant Law Cass Resources” Outline at <https://prezi.com/c70ct8vpngbp/immigration-hotel-spring-2015/>

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V. Chronological Overview of US Immigration policies (1719-2005)

A. “History of Immigration and Racism Timeline”

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/racismimmigration-timeline.pdf>

B. Some recent highlights of toxic policy- Clinton to Trump Pre 9-11:

Clinton’s (1) Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, the welfare-reform law –saved money by denying assistance to immigrants, and most went into the shadow, even if were allowed.

(2) Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (I.I.R.I.R.A.), which created the framework for the mass deportations of immigrants who broke the law in the United States and set up two legal standards—for citizens vs noncitizens.

(3) Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, which created expedited procedures for deporting “alien terrorists.

9/11: American Patriot Act—never vetted, largest agencies ever existed in DHS, USCIS,CBP,ICE—all convoluted, reshuffled.

Trump era— 400 actions, including: children separated; stay in Mexico, no asylum, ICE raids, deportations, Moslem ban, refusal to accept Supreme Court on DACA, end of Special Status for Haiti, Stuffing Immigration courts with pro-Trump judges, Raised price for applications for citizenship, green card, appeals,;

VI. Organizations Working for Immigrants

A. Focus on Detention and Abolition:

Detention Watch <https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/>

Freedom for Immigrants <https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/>

First Friends NJ/NY <https://firstfriendsnjny.org/>

Queer Detention Empowerment Project <https://www.qdep.org>

Riverside Sojourners Detention Visitation
<https://www.trcnyc.org/ministries/sojourners/>

B. Focus on all immigrant and refugee issue:

American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program
<https://www.afsc.org/program/immigrNT-RIGHTS-PRIGRAM-NEWaark-nj>

Amnesty International <https://amnestyusa.org/campaigns/refugee-and-migrant-rights/>

ACLU <https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigration-right?redirect=immigrants-rights>

Catholic Charities Immigration Program
<https://catholiccharitiesus.org/efforts/immigration-refugees-services>

Friends Committee on National Legislation <https://www.fcnl.org/>

Human Rights First <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org>

Ignatian Solidarity Network <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/>

Legal Aid of NJ-Immigrant Representation Project
https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/organization.393113-Legal_Services_of_New_Jersey_Immigration_Representation_Project

Migrant Center at St. Francis of Assisi (NYC)
<https://www.stfrancisnyc.org/migrntcenter>

National Immigration Project <https://www.nationalimmigrationprojext.org/>

National Immigrant Justice Center/ Heartland Alliance
<https://immigrantjustice.org/>

New Sanctuary Coalition <https://www.newsanctuarynyc.org/programs>

HIAS <https://www.hias.org/>

TRAC <https://trac.syr.edu/immigration/> This resource out of Syracuse University provides “comprehensive, independent and nonpartisan information about U.S. federal immigration enforcement”

United Church of Christ
https://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration_worship_faith-and-immigration

- VII. Scripture and Devotionals on immigrants
- A. M.Daniel Carroll R (Author), *Sojourners Magazine* (Editor) (2013, October) *Strangers in the Land; A Six Week Devotional Guide on Immigration, the Church and the Bible*
 - B. Prayers for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers
https://ignatiansolidarity.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Unaccompanied_Toolkit_Prayers.pdf

VIII. National and State Legislation to Push/Watch (specifics to follow- most of the above will be reintroduced in the next Congress)

Recommendations from the ACLU for the Biden Team:

Complete list at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ny-AZLFihvI6RTbUXTPotV5X_Y_MJFH9/view?usp=sharing

Online at:

<https://www.aclu.org/aclu-immigration-policy-recommendations-biden-harris-administration>

Congress

- A. S.2221 DONE Act (Detention Organization, Not Extension Act (Kamala Harris
- B. S.4741 End Transfer of Immigrant Detainees
- C. HR2415 Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act of 2019 (to be reintroduced) (Jayapal Pramila)
- D. HR5383: A New Way Forward Act (criminal justice and immigration protection initiatives)

NY/NJ

- a. Universal Representation Program (NJ--\$ for legal reps for detainees)
<https://www.afsc.org/sites/default/files/documents/ACCESS%20TO%20JUSTICE%20FOR%20DETAINED%20IMMIGRANTS%20IN%20NJ.pdf>
- b. Immigrant Trust Directive (NJ.NY—make state law so law enforcement officers can not cooperate with ICE)

IX. Some Other Immediate and Long-term Actions

Stop Overspending on Immigrant Detention and Border Militarization

<https://fcn1.quorum.us/campaign/25526/>

Learn about and work with Defund Hate—AFSC webair (2019) (Facts on ICE funding)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIG0jS2lYIg&feature=emb_logo

Study How to talk about defunding ICE and CBP (handout)
<https://www.afsc.org/sites/default/files/documents/2020%20Defund%20Hate%20messaging%20research%20.pdf>

Join the Campaign to “Shut Down Berk.”

Berk’s County Family Detention Center is located in Leesport, Pennsylvania and is one of three detention centers for women and children (men are always separated). The other two are in Texas— South Texas **Family Residential Center** in Dilley, Texas and Karnes County Residential **Center** (KCRC) in Karnes City, Texas and are run by CoreCivic and Geo respectively, for-profit prison corporation. Berk is publicly owned and takes babies as young as 2 weeks.

<https://paimmigrant.org/campaign-to-shut-down-berks/>

- X. Thirty Articles and Outlines from Immigration Law (from Pace Law School Class of Vanessa Merton)
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DaDDfnru9fLpr1jTFCfUH1bCGVK2awtl?usp=sharing>