

Immigration Bill Writing: Some things to think about:

General Political Stance: Where does your senator stand?

	Forces pushing FOR immigration reform	Forces Pushing AGAINST reform
Republican	Pro-business groups want immigrants Many want tougher border enforcement Republicans can't win presidency without Latino voters.	Tea Party groups see immigrants as a problem Offering amnesty offends people – citizens should be held accountable for laws of the country in which they live.
Democrat	Desire to reward (and keep) Latino voting support Obama's main campaign promise Generally favor diversity and equality	Desire to keep Republicans as “bad guy” for Latino voters Labor unions argue it will keep down wages

How will your bill approach a solution? Here are some angles to consider:

Executive Action:

- ⑩ How did your senator respond to Obama's executive action?
- ⑩ Re-watch speech (docs page), or a brief google search will lay out his plan clearly.
- ⑩ Want a counter argument to Obama's order? See sheriff youtube vid on my DP Docs Page.

Border Enforcement:

- ⑩ If you want to strengthen the border/border patrol, where should the money come from?
- ⑩ Should the federal government use the national guard?
- ⑩ Build a fence? Who pays?
- ⑩ Electrify the fence? Moat with alligators? Herman Cain's plan, anyone?

Deportations:

- ⑩ Should the government deport more or less illegal immigrants?
- ⑩ Immigrants with a criminal record? How serious an infraction? Violence? Speeding tickets?

Guest worker program:

- ⑩ How can the government structure a program that will allow people to work here temporarily, but not be eligible for citizenship?
- ⑩ Would this drive wages down?
- ⑩ See Obama's

Path to citizenship: Should people living here illegally get an shot at citizenship? If so, who?

- ⑩ Amnesty? For who? How long must you have lived in the US? Is this unfair to others?
- ⑩ Parents of 'anchor babies'?
- ⑩ 'Dreamers?' (young people brought here by their parent's choices).
- ⑩ High tech, skilled workers? How will you differentiate?
- ⑩ Does your Senator support the DREAM act? Why/why not?