
Mass Deportation

Link:

<https://stosselintheclassroom.org/both-sides-mass-deportation/>

Guide:

The questions below will help students achieve a better understanding of the arguments made on either side of a contentious topic. Because these questions often touch upon statements made briefly in the videos, we recommend reading the questions before watching each video.

Students are encouraged to take notes during the videos, and it may be helpful for students to break into groups, each taking responsibility for only a few questions, before coming together for discussion.

Analysis Questions:

1. What are the opposing ideas in these two videos?
2. In the CNN video, Tom Homan used the term “collateral arrest.” What is a collateral arrest?
3. Tom Homan used the term “sanctuary city.” What is a sanctuary city? Should we have sanctuary cities? Why/Why not?
4. David Bier said: "Mass deportation is not about people who are in the country illegally." What did he mean by this?
5. Tom Homan said: “We’re going to keep opening that aperture and enforcing immigration law.” What did he mean by “opening that aperture”?
6. David Bier said that some legal permanent residents have had their green cards revoked due to political advocacy. Is this justifiable? Why/Why not?
7. Tom Homan said: “[ICE] is going to enforce immigration laws in this country. If people don’t like it, then they need to change the law, because...we’re enforcing laws enacted by congress and signed by a president.” Should we be focusing more on the laws themselves rather than the way those laws are being enforced? Why/Why not?
8. David Bier said: “The administration doesn’t want to fix the immigration problems, it wants more problems.” What did he mean by this? Is the administration creating more immigration problems? If so, how?
9. Tom Homan talked about the resources needed for the mass deportation effort, including taxpayer money and assistance from other government agencies. Is mass deportation a good use of these resources? Why/Why not?
10. David Bier said that the White House created a daily arrest quota for ICE. If true, how and why does this impact ICE’s choice of targets for arrest?
11. Tom Homan used the term “force multiplier.” What is a force multiplier?

12. David Bier said that 70% of ICE arrests in June 2025 had no criminal convictions, and 95% had no violent convictions. If true, is this consistent with the administration's stated goal of public safety? Why/Why not?
13. Tom Homan argued that federal agents are justified in going into churches and schools in the name of public safety. Do you agree with him? Why/Why not?
14. David Bier claimed that individuals have been inappropriately restrained or assaulted by ICE agents. At what point—if any—might it be appropriate for ICE agents to restrain or assault individuals?
15. Tom Homan said parents shouldn't be concerned about dropping their kids off at school “unless their child is a terrorist or a public safety threat,” but when Kaitlan Collins brought up the possibility of the child’s parent being an undocumented immigrant, Homan said: “They’re not off the table either. If they’re in the country illegally, they’ve got a problem.” Does this call into question Homan’s focus on public safety? Why/Why not?
16. David Bier quoted the following statement from Thomas Jefferson: “The friendless alien has indeed been selected as the safest subject of a first experiment with tyranny, but the citizen will soon follow.... Let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.” What did Jefferson mean by this? Is it relevant to current events? Why/Why not?
17. Did these two videos share any common ground? Were there any points on which they agreed? If so, what were they?
18. Should one of the arguments we heard carry more weight than the other? If so, which one? Why?
19. Did you have an opinion on this topic before watching these videos? If so, what was it? Has your opinion changed? If so, how? What did you learn from these videos that affects your views on this topic?
20. What else would you like to learn about this topic?
21. For more on this topic, see these installments of Both Sides of the Issue:
 - a. [Both Sides: The Immigration Debate](#)
 - b. [Both Sides: The Immigration Debate Revisited](#)
 - c. [Both Sides: Is Immigration a Human Right?](#)