

Warm-up

1. Use the questions to begin a discussion. Try to be sure everyone in your group gives their opinion and explains why they hold that opinion before moving on to the next question.

- a. Where do you think the poorest countries in the world are? Are they concentrated in certain areas or spread around the globe?

- b. Do you believe if people from a poor country move to a new one that this will make their situation better? Does this help solve world poverty?

Vocabulary

2. Using this link, <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/> please check any vocabulary words you don't know. Copy and paste a definition beside the word for future reference.

compassion	disconnected	vulnerable	overwhelm	dent
humanitarian	heartbreaking	elites	tackling	entice

3. Complete the paragraph using vocabulary from the Listening. Some of the forms may need to be changed.

World organizations and governments often provide (a) aid to countries in order to try and (b) the problems of poverty there. Most people are quite (c) from the reality in these countries as they can't see the (d) situation on the streets. Once people in richer countries see how (e)

_____ and helpless these people are, they often become more (f) _____ and are more willing to donate money to help.

Listening

4. You will hear a short presentation from Roy Beck about the effectiveness of using immigration in the United States to help fight world poverty. Before you listen, go online and find out:

- Who is Roy Beck?
- What is NumbersUSA?
- What is Roy Beck's connection to NumbersUSA?

Based on the information you find, how credible and objective do you think his presentation will be?

5. Watch the presentation. Take notes as you listen. When finished, compare your notes in your group and discuss the main ideas. Change your notes if necessary. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPjzfGChGIE>

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Post-Listening

6. Take the notes you made, and organize what you heard. On one side, write all the reasons why the U.S. believes that immigration will be effective, and on the other, write the reasons why it is not according to the presenter.

U.S. immigration plan	Roy Beck's perspective

Critical Evaluation

7. Make notes on the following questions. Use Google to research where necessary.

1. What evidence did he present to support his claims? What are his sources for this information? How could you check the validity of this evidence and his interpretations?

2. What evidence does he provide to support his claim that increasing immigration would “totally overwhelm [the US’s] physical, natural, and social infrastructure”? Should you accept this as true? What are the opposing arguments to this idea?

3. What are the actual, broader reasons for immigration in countries like the US and Canada? Is immigration simply wealthy countries’ generous antidote for world poverty, or are there other reasons for them to support immigration?