

## Worksheet for Immigration Study Consensus Questions

Please use this worksheet, adapted from one used by the Greeley-Weld LWV, to help you organize your thoughts prior to attending the consensus sessions on the immigration study. Your initial thinking/prioritization of each issue will help us jump-start the discussion. Please note any questions you want to bring up.

H = High priority; L = Low priority; D = Disagree

Question	Notes/Questions/Comments	H	L	D
<b>1. Federal immigration laws should take into consideration criteria such as:</b>				
a. Ethnic and cultural diversity				
b. Economic, business and service employment needs in the U.S.				
c. Environmental impact/sustainability				
d. Family reunification				
e. History of criminal activity				
f. Humanitarian crises/political persecution in home countries				
g. Immigrant characteristics (health and age)				
h. Rights of all workers to safe working conditions and livable wage				
i. Rights of families to remain together				
j. Rights of all individuals in U.S. to fair treatment under the law				
k. Education and training				
<b>2. Unauthorized immigrants currently in the U.S. should be treated as follows:</b>				
a. Deport unauthorized immigrants				
b. Some deported/some allowed to earn legal adjustment of status based on length of residence in U.S.				
c. Some deported/some allowed to earn legal adjustment of status based on needs of U.S. employers				
d. All allowed to earn legal adjustment of status by doing things such as paying taxes, learning English, studying civics, etc.				
e. If deported, assess fines before possible re-entry				
f. Assess fines before allowed to earn legal adjustment of status				

<b>3. Federal immigration law should provide an efficient, expeditious system (with minimal or no backlogs) for legal entry into the U.S. for immigrants who are</b>				
a. Immediate family members, joining family members already admitted for legal permanent residence in the U.S.				
b. Entering the U.S. to meet labor needs				
c. Entering the U.S. as students				
d. Entering U.S. because of persecution in home country				
<b>4a. In order to deal more effectively with unauthorized immigrants, Federal immigration law should include Social Security Card or other national identification card with secure identifiers for all persons residing in the U.S.</b>				
<b>4b. Federal immigration law dealing with unauthorized immigrants should be enforced by:</b>				
i. physical barriers and surveillance borders				
ii. Increased personnel at land, air, sea entry points				
iii. More effective tracking of persons with non-immigrant visas				
iv. Verification documents, such as green cards and work permits with secure identifiers				
v. Improved technology to facilitate employer verification of employee visa status				
vi. Improved technology for sharing information among federal agencies				
vii. A program to allow immigrant workers to go in and out of the U.S. to meet seasonal and sporadic labor needs				
viii. Significant fines proportionate to revenue for employers who fail to take adequate steps to verify work authorization to verify work authorization				
<b>5. Federal immigration law should address and balance the long-term federal financial benefit from immigrants with the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations (Agree/Disagree)</b>				
<b>6. Federal immigration law should be coordinated with U.S. foreign policy to pro-actively help improve economies, education and job opportunities, and living conditions of nations with large emigrating populations (Agree/Disagree)</b>				