

# LWVUS Immigration Study Consensus Kit

Below are the questions for the Immigration Study Consensus process. These questions are for discussion only and will NOT be accepted as a response to the consensus process.

## QUESTION 1

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**Instructions:** Rate each of the following “*High Priority*,” “*Lower Priority*,” “*Disagree*,” or “*No Consensus*.” Check **ONLY** one box per item.

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 1:**

*Two-hour discussion – 45 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion – 65 minutes*

**Question 1: Federal immigration laws should take into consideration criteria such as the following (not listed in any particular order or hierarchy):**

**Part a:**

**a. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Economic, Business and Service Employment Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Environmental Impact/Sustainability**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. Family Reunification of Authorized Immigrants and Citizens with Spouses and Minor Children**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**e. History of Criminal Activity**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**f. Humanitarian Crises/ Political Persecution in Home Countries**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**g. Immigrant Characteristics (health and age)**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**h. Rights of All Workers to Safe Working Conditions and Liveable Wage**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**i. Rights of Families to Remain Together**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**j. Rights of all Individuals in U.S. to Fair Treatment Under the Law (Fair Hearing, Right to Counsel, Right of Appeal, and Humane Treatment)**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**k. Education and Training**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Instructions: In Question 1, Part a, you marked items as "High Priority." Of these items, please take a moment and select the three most important criteria and list them, in order (1, 2 and 3, with 1 being the most important) below.**

**Question 1, Part b:**

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2.
3.

## QUESTION 2

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**Instructions: Rate each of the following "High Priority," Lower Priority", "Disagree," or "No Consensus." Check ONLY one box per item.**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 2:**

*Two-hour discussion – 25 minutes/*

*Three-hour discussion – 35 minutes*

**Question 2: Unauthorized immigrants currently in the U.S. should be treated as follows: (rate each one)**

**a. Deport Unauthorized Immigrants**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Some Deported/Some Allowed To Earn Legal Adjustment of Status Based on Length of Residence in U.S.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Some Deported/Some Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status Based on Needs of US Employers**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. All Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status by Doing Things Such as Paying Taxes, Learning English, Studying Civics, Etc.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**e. If Deported, Assess Fines Before Possible Re-Entry**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**f. Assess Fines Before Allowed To Earn Legal Adjustment Of Status**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

## QUESTION 3

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**Instructions: Rate each of the following “High Priority,” “Lower Priority,” “Disagree,” or “No Consensus.” Check ONLY one box per item.**

### **Suggested Discussion Times for Question 3:**

*Two-hour discussion – 5 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion – 10 minutes*

**Question 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: (rate each one)**

**a. Immediate Family Members Joining Family Member Already Admitted for Legal Permanent Residence in the U.S**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Entering the U.S. to Meet Labor Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Entering the U.S. as Students**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. Entering the U.S. because of Persecution in Home Country**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

## QUESTION 4

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**Instructions: Rate each of the following “High Priority,” “Lower Priority,” “Disagree,” or “No Consensus.” Check ONLY one box per item.**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 4a / 4b:**

*Two-hour discussion – 5 minutes (4a) / 25 minutes (4b)*

*Three-hour discussion – 10 minutes (4a) / 35 minutes (4b)*

**Question 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.**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**Question 4b: Federal immigration law dealing with unauthorized immigrants should be enforced by including: (rate each one)**

**i. Physical Barriers (such as Fences) and Surveillance at Borders**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**ii. Increased Personnel at Land, Air, and Sea Entry Points**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**iii. More Effective Tracking of Persons with Non-Immigrant Visas Until They Leave the Country**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**iv. Verification Documents, such as Green Cards and Work Permits with Secure Identifiers.**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**v. Improved Technology to Facilitate Employer Verification of Employee Visa Status**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**vi. Improved Technology for Sharing Information Among Federal Agencies**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**vii. A Program to Allow Immigrant Workers to Go in and Out of the U.S. to Meet Seasonal and Sporadic Labor Needs**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**viii. Significant Fines Proportionate to Revenue for Employers Who Fail to Take Adequate Steps to Verify Work Authorization of Employees**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

## QUESTION 5

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**Instructions: Please mark each question as "Consensus" or "No Consensus"**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 5:**

*Two-hour discussion – 5 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion –10 minutes*

**Question 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.**

Consensus:       No Consensus

## QUESTION 6

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**Instructions: Please mark each question as "Consensus" or "No Consensus"**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 6:**

*Two-hour discussion – 10 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion –15 minutes*

**Question 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.**

Consensus:       No Consensus

## QUESTION 7

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**Instructions: If desired, please add your brief comments. (Limited to 150 words.)**

**Question 7: Comments**