



# STUDY GUIDE

## A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

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**KEY TERMS:** immigration policy  
illegal alien

assimilate  
entitled

chain migration  
E-Verify

**NOTE-TAKING COLUMN:** Complete this section during the video. Include definitions and key terms.

**CUE COLUMN:** Complete this section after the video.

How many residents of the U.S. are foreign born?

How does current U.S. immigration policy work?

What is the average number of relatives sponsored by the one million people the U.S. grants permanent residence to every year?

What should be done to restore U.S. sovereignty?

How many refugees and asylum-seekers are allowed to legally enter the U.S. each year?

## DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- Towards the beginning of the video, Ms. Malkin notes that, “...Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer lamented, ‘Tears are running down the cheeks of the Statue of Liberty.’ We’ve turned our backs on those huddled masses. Closed our borders. Separated families. Hardened our hearts. Or so you would think if you only read the headlines or watch TV news. Just one problem. It’s not true.” Why do you think that many liberals, such as Senator Schumer, distort the context or even blatantly lie about immigration policy and enforcement? What do you think motivates the media to do the same? Explain.
- Ms. Malkin goes on to explain that, “The United States still maintains the most generous immigration policies in the world. Generous to a fault...because the overwhelming numbers have stymied our ability to assimilate the huddled masses.” Why do you think that the condition of huge groups of immigrants not assimilating into American culture is a problem? Why is mass immigration in general, both legal and illegal, a serious problem for America? Explain.
- Later in the video, Ms. Malkin declares that, “...all solutions [to illegal and mass immigration] will ultimately fail unless we get control of the numbers and enforce our laws consistently. It’s Sovereignty 101: This is our home and we have not only the right, but the responsibility, to determine who comes in, how many come in, and what qualities and qualifications they bring.” Considering that most other countries, including Canada, control immigration in this way, do you agree with Ms. Malkin’s assertion here? Why or why not? What do you think that the U.S. should take into consideration when making decisions about who should be allowed into the country or not? Explain.
- Towards the end of the video, Ms. Malkin points out that, “...it’s simply not possible or desirable to let in everyone. And it’s not hateful to say so. It’s not hateful to protect our borders. It’s not hateful to protect our citizens. It’s not hateful to protect our values.” Why is it not desirable to let anyone and everyone in to the U.S. that wants to come in? What would the consequences be of letting in anyone and everyone who wanted to come into the country? Why do you think that some people consider it ‘hateful’ to oppose open borders?
- Ms. Malkin concludes the video by stating, “Lady Liberty may be shedding tears — not because we’ve stopped welcoming immigrants, but because our ill-conceived immigration policies are threatening the American Dream.” In what ways might poor immigration policy and enforcement be ‘threatening the American Dream?’ Explain.

## EXTEND THE LEARNING:

### CASE STUDY: Uncompensated Health Care

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Illegal Immigration Healthcare Costs Affect YOU,” then answer the questions that follow.

- What did Arizona legislators attribute more than half of their four billion dollar budget deficit to? What is the estimated percentage of uncompensated health care in the U.S. provided to illegal aliens? How much does uncompensated health care cost taxpayers? Why are only estimates available? What are the consequences of treating illegal immigrants for free at hospitals and clinics? What is the administration at University Physicians Health System Kino campus planning on doing to employee health insurance premiums to mitigate the cost of uncompensated health care for illegal aliens? How has Obamacare negatively affected elderly U.S. citizens, in terms of benefits and entitlements?
- Do you think that health care patients should be asked about their citizenship status? Why or why not? Do you think that health care facilities should have mechanisms of some kind for at least tracking how much of their uncompensated health care is provided to illegal aliens? Why or why not? Do you think that free health care incentivizes and at least partially drives illegal immigration? Explain. What would some of your suggestions be for solving the problems associated with illegal aliens driving up the costs of health care for legal residents and taxpayers?
- Which points made in the video are supported by text in the article? Explain and give specific examples.



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  - a. True
  - b. False
  
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  - d. 176
  
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## **Illegal Immigration Healthcare Costs Affect YOU!**

**By Elizabeth Lee Vliet, M.D.**

The national spotlight is on Arizona for doing what the Federal government and previous Governor Napolitano refused to do: rein in an invasion of illegal aliens bankrupting our state (Arizona). At an August 2009 healthcare Town Hall in Phoenix, legislators said that more than half of Arizona's 4 billion dollar budget deficit was the result of paying for three areas of services to illegal immigrants: education, healthcare, and incarceration.

What does illegal immigration have to do with your costs and your access to medical care when you need it?

Estimates are that 20-40% of uncompensated ("free") medical services are provided to people in the US illegally. The actual number may be much higher. Shockingly, hospitals and clinics don't ask about citizenship...a medical version of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

In both Tucson and Dallas where I have practiced medicine, hospitals are struggling under massive costs of uncompensated medical services for uninsured people who, by federal law, cannot be turned away for lack of insurance or ability to pay.

How much does this uncompensated care actually cost taxpayers? The incredible answer: no one knows.

We only have "estimates" of the costs to taxpayers to treat illegal immigrants because hospitals and public health clinics do not ask for proof of citizenship before providing care.

What are consequences to taxpaying citizens?

1. Increased cost and reduced access to trauma care. Tucson has lost all but one Level I Trauma Center to serve all of southern Arizona, in large part due to massive, unsustainable losses from uncompensated care. Auto accidents involving overloaded vans of illegal aliens happen regularly in southern Arizona. Injured are flown by air ambulance to University Medical Center's Trauma Center and treated with state of the art care...all at taxpayer expense.
2. A registered nurse involved with the Pima County health system since the 1970's who must remain anonymous because of her role, said she has never seen any staff member at either El Rio Clinic or Pima County Health Department ask for proof of citizenship before providing free medical services (immunizations, Well Baby checks, food stamps, WIC services, birth control, and even elective abortions). Costs are paid by taxpayers. When funds are depleted, low income American citizens have fewer services and longer waits as a result.
3. This same RN also said: "I personally know Mexican men who married 16 year old girls, got them pregnant, brought them to Tucson for the baby to become a US citizen. They live in Mexico but come here for their health care. Taxpayers pay for this medical care many ways, at the Public Health Department, and with school nurses who provide care."
4. Uncompensated medical services for illegal immigrants mean higher premiums for all of us due to cost shifting among all third party payers. To cover the deficits from "free" medical services they provide, the administration at University Physicians Health System Kino campus is analyzing how much to increase employee health insurance premiums as of July 1.

5. Obamacare cuts benefits to American citizens: \$500 billion in Medicare cuts and slashing the Medicare Advantage program. Medicare Advantage, chosen by one in five seniors, is the most popular plan for low and moderate income seniors, and covers about half of our Hispanic or African-American elderly. My patients on Medicare have worked and paid into the system over their working careers, yet these cuts mean less healthcare available to them now. We certainly cannot afford to cover those here illegally.

6. Hospitals in Tucson and Dallas also provide uncompensated (“free”) maternity services to pregnant women here illegally. Their babies then become US citizens entitled to all of the services available for low income American families – food stamps, WIC, immunizations, office visits, medications, etc. This drives up costs to all of us: higher premiums for private insurance companies, and higher taxes for government insurance like Arizona’s Medicaid (AHCCCS).

7. Professional estimates are that over half of the pregnant women served at Parkland Hospital in Dallas are in this country illegally. With over 16,000 deliveries a year, Parkland is one of the nation’s busiest maternity services with prenatal clinics for low income women to receive free prenatal care, nutrition, medication, birthing classes, child care classes, and free supplies (formula, diapers, bottles, car seats). Taxpayers pay the bills.

How many of these women are legal citizens and how many are not? No one knows. No one asks about citizenship.

It is significant that the 4 states with the highest number of uninsured patients are the southern Border States that also have the highest burden of illegal immigrants: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

The bottom line is that working, taxpaying, legal citizens are bearing the brunt of the failure of our government officials to document citizenship before providing medical services.

How long before your medical care is delayed or denied because our health systems have collapsed from deficits due to uncompensated medical care?

Arizona’s massive deficits, greatly increased by healthcare services for illegals, is the canary in the mine, warning of a potential explosion that may collapse the system for all.

It’s straight out of the Cloward-Piven playbook: destroy the system by overwhelming it. Your state – and your healthcare – may be next.

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See also “Health Reform by Cloward and Piven” by Dr. Richard Amerling:  
<http://www.aapsonline.org/newssoftheday/001027>