

BROOKINGS

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Immigration Reform

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U.S. Views of Immigration



American Political Impact



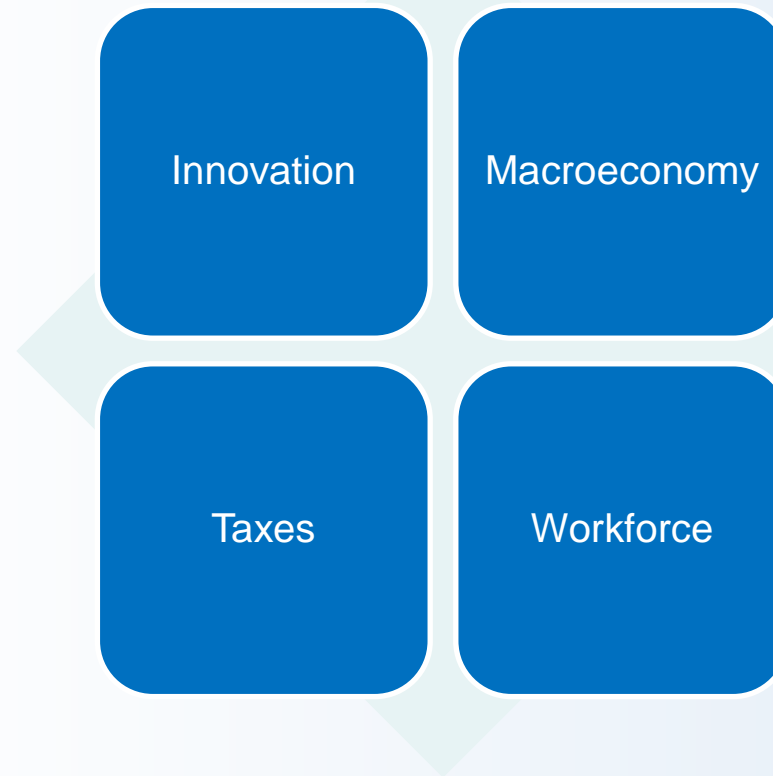
Not Just a U.S. Problem



Evidence on Immigration



Economic Contributions



Health Care

- Shortages of doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, and pharmacists
- Community hospitals need 116,000 more RNs (AHA survey)
- US Census estimates shortage of 260,000 RNs by 2025

Agriculture

- Problems finding people to harvest fruits and vegetables
- Only 27% of farm workers are U.S. citizens
- Work largely done by non-Americans

Restaurants

- Shortage of waiters and dishwashers
- Cohort of 16-24 year olds expected to grow 4% over the next decade
- Need for food service workers expected to grow 11% in next decade
- Openings for 1.3 million new workers over next 10 years

Policy Reforms

- Automatic **green cards** for foreign graduates of U.S. science & tech grad programs
- Raise **H1-b visa** cap from 65,000 to 195,000
- Immigration **integration** (language classes)
- **Modernize visa** processing thru digital technology
- Earned pathway to citizenship