Immigration Reform

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U.S. Views of Immigration

- High Costs
- Low Benefits
- Little Tax Collection
American Political Impact

- Divisiveness
- Fear
- Paralysis
Not Just a U.S. Problem

Norway/Netherlands

Poland

Hungary

France/Germany
Evidence on Immigration

- Low Costs
- High Benefits
- Tax Collection
Economic Contributions

- Innovation
- Macroeconomy
- Taxes
- Workforce
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