

Immigration Issues and Questions to Consider in Voting

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When voting this November on federal, state and local levels, consider using the following criteria in evaluating candidates.



1. Does he or she have a reputation for sound judgement and wisdom so they can recognize the difference between the just and humane treatment of human beings and public posturing to gain political power?
2. Has the candidate spoken out or acted in cases of the government deporting families? What public comments has the candidate made about DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)? Have his or her statements reflected a recognition for the good of the persons facing deportation or have they reflected using the deportation issue as a tool for a political agenda?
3. Where does the candidate stand, and does the candidate emphasize the need for just approaches, in dealing with the following issues or questions:
 - Support for comprehensive immigration reform that includes both just and humane border security policies and a process for earned legalization?
 - The need to address the reasons immigrants leave their home countries and the often unjust situations in those countries that cause them to flee?
 - The ways families and children have been treated in detention?
 - The question of building physical barriers or walls?
 - The importance of building good relationships with other countries?
 - The value of immigrants for our country?
 - How the value of hospitality should inform our immigration policies?

These considerations can be the foundation for judging if the candidate will perform in a just manner regarding immigrants.