

IMMIGRATION AND RACISM

1 Immigration is a political issue in some parts of the world. Discuss these questions in groups and then tell the class.

- Why do people go to live in another country?
- What benefits can immigration bring to a country?
- What problems can large-scale immigration cause?
- Should immigrants conform to the local culture?
- What should governments do about immigration?
- What is the public attitude to immigrants in your country?



2 Complete these sentences with the words in the box.

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- 1 Both Democrats and Republicans are _____ strict immigration controls.
- 2 The immigrants _____ with the local people for jobs and houses.
- 3 The biggest problem is _____ immigration.
- 4 African Americans are currently the largest _____ in the USA.
- 5 The new immigrants don't _____ as earlier immigrants did.
- 6 The USA is a country of _____, but today's newcomers are different.
- 7 If present levels of _____ continue, by the year 2050 America's population will increase by 50 per cent to 383 million.

3 Discuss these questions in small groups.

- 1 Are there any ethnic groups in your town/region?
- 2 If yes, where have they come from and why?
- 3 Does your country offer help to refugees?
- 4 How easy is it for a member of an ethnic minority group to do the following in your country?
 - get citizenship?
 - get a home?
 - get a good job?
 - make friends and be accepted by the majority?
- 5 How do you think the villagers in a small village/in the city in your country would react if 150 refugees were sent to live nearby? How would you personally react?
- 6 What is the public attitude to refugees in your country?

4 Match the words on the left with the words on the right:

1. asylum	a. migrants
2. border	b. immigrants
3. economic	c. controls
4. illegal	d. officials
5. immigration	e. seekers

1 ____ 2 ____ 3 ____ 4 ____ 5 ____

5 Complete this text with expressions from the exercise above:

Following the discovery of fifty (1) _____ in the back of a lorry at Calais yesterday, the government has ordered stricter security (2) _____ and has warned (3) _____ to be vigilant. "We are very willing to help genuine (4) _____," said a government minister, "but these people are just (5) _____. We cannot allow just anyone into the country."