

Scope of the LWVUS Immigration Study

The recent failed attempt at immigration reform in Congress proved that the immigration issue is very complicated. Given this complexity, in the initial stages of their work, the LWVUS Immigration Committee announced the scope of the task they were taking on:

1. Underlying values and principles regarding immigration
2. Reasons for migration from other countries (family, work, political asylum, etc.)
3. Current federal immigration policy (overview, effectiveness, human rights concerns)
4. Impact of immigration (economic, diversity, inclusion in American society, etc.)

Much information about immigration is on the LWVUS website; everyone is encouraged to look. Start with excellent *National Voter* articles: Navigate to LWV.org, then Projects, Immigration Study, then look for the heading "National Voter". There are five items listed.

Immigration is a very interesting, complex topic. Too often, it is addressed by people shouting at each other, with no one listening to other points of view. The "League Way" of studying and discussing this issue can be very eye-opening. We encourage all local members to participate in the consensus process in the next few months and to try and prepare for this process as much as possible in the meantime. And keep an open mind!