

ACADEMIC GUIDE

Deputy electoral cabinet



Welcoming Letter

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Dear delegates,
Receive a warm greeting from your dais, your presidents, Mariana Martínez and Samuel Acosta, along with your academic support, Sara Quiroga. We are very happy to know that you will be participating in the committee at this edition of the GCBMUN Junior. We warmly welcome you to the Deputy Electoral Cabinet from the USA, a committee in which we hope you will develop in the best possible way. As the dais, we will do our best to ensure you have a wonderful and unforgettable experience during the committee days. You will always have our support, and we will accompany you throughout the entire process.

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Additionally, we hope you have a wonderful experience in this project and feel motivated to attend many more. You will get to explore a world different from the one you are used to seeing and living in. This is not just a role-playing game; it is also an experience where you can use and develop your leadership skills, demonstrating what you are capable of and what you can achieve if you set your mind to it. However, the most important thing is that you will prove to yourselves and to others what excellent individuals you are.

During these two days of the committee, we will discuss aspects of a national and global issue that may affect civilian's life conditions, overpopulation and poverty. One of the main ideas is for you to understand the significant impact of the high flow of migration in the US and the impact on the country, also having in mind the reasons why people migrate.

Remember that the dais is always available to help you. Therefore, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments. We are here to support you at all times. Likewise, we hope you carry out your work with the best attitude, eagerness to learn, and enjoyment. Thanks for choosing our committee!

Cordially,

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HISTORY OF THE COMMITTEE

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For example, the state of Florida has 30 Electoral College votes, therefore, if you live in Florida, you voted or trump, and he wins in the entire state, he takes the 30 votes of Florida, not of the total amount of people that actually voted for him. Finally, the votes of all states are summed up, and the one who gains more Electoral College votes wins the presidency.



SPECIFICATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

For the delegates

This committee will be conducted at the junior level. This means that you, as delegates, have the opportunity to develop in the best possible way and, likewise, conduct your own research to contribute solutions to the committee. Through workshops, you will have the chance to delve deeper into the topics that will be debated throughout the days of the model.

For the topic to be debated.

It is important to outstand that the Deputy Electoral Cabinet of the USA is not an organization part from the United States. Even though, we aim for the delegates to understand the importance of the political parties and how the presidential elections can have a great impact on their lives.

The documents.

You will have an opening speech for the topic to be debated. You will have one minute and 30 seconds to read it at the beginning of the debate, which is a mandatory requirement. This speech is a fundamental document, as it will present your delegation's position on the issues related to the topic.

Additionally, you must draft a position paper on the topic, which you will not read aloud. However, you may use it as support to clarify your arguments and stance on the debate topic, as well as a foundation for your proposals.

Important: For this committee delegates will be able to speak in first person, as they are representing a character.

General Mission:

In the committee we aim for the delegates to understand all the impacts of the massive migration in the United States, the different perspectives of each political party and through diplomacy get to a resolution in which helping the country and the people affected is the main goal.

Also, get to know the reasons of this massive migration and what further solutions the delegates can propose, in order to not only focus on the immediate decisions, but also have into consideration long-term policies that are beneficial for everyone.

Migration on the USA

Case of study: Republican and Democratic Party Position



INTRODUCTION

The most recent presidential elections in the US were held on the 5th of November, 2024, this day, the citizens of the United States of America voted for who they wanted to be their president for the following 4 years. The two most popular candidates were:

Donald Trump

From the Republican political party

Kamala Harris

Supports the Democrats party

This fact creates big tensions between them, but a very polemic topic from which they mainly discussed was the migration crisis in the United States.

Over the last years, migration flow has increased rapidly and become very difficult for the government to regulate the people entering the country and the overpopulation of it. Migration can be defined as "the process of people travelling to a new place to live, usually in large numbers" (*Migration*, 2025).

Every year, thousands of people decide to leave their home countries to go to the U.S looking for better life conditions and job opportunities, unfortunately, not everyone achieves it, which leads to negative consequences for migrants' life as they enter in a state of hunger and many other citizens may seem affected due to the overpopulation.

Donald Trump is strongly against illegal migration, he prioritized to enforce immigration policies, in order to reduce the entrance of people to the country.

Kamala Harris, also stated the illegal migration is not the best decision, however, she has a more humanitarian perspective and focuses on safeties routes and protection for migrants.



Taken from: Reuters. (2024, September 13). Trump: No more debates with Kamala Harris. Reuters.
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HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE TOPIC

Since their independence, the United States has had two dominant parties, the Republican and the Democratic Party. Throughout history, the principals of these parties have changed drastically due to different events and different leaders they've had.

As for today, the Republican and Democratic Party differ themselves in different matters.

Republican Party: Led by Donald Trump

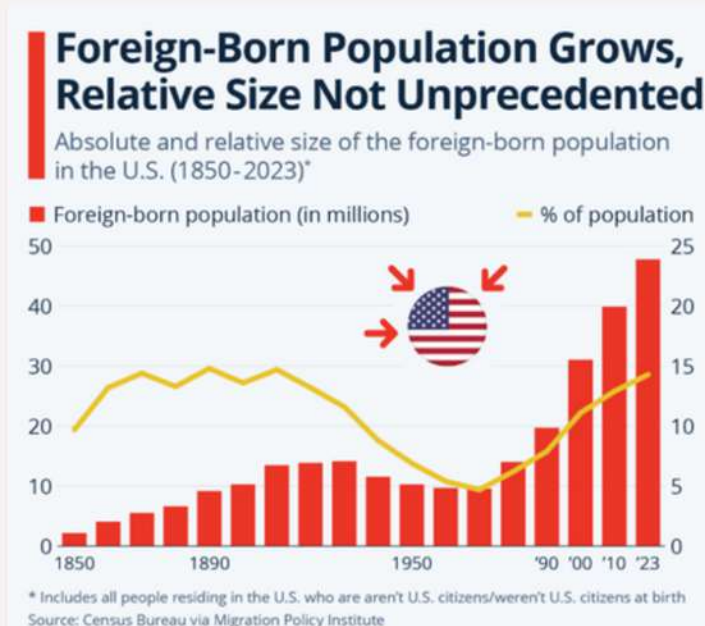
- Conservative principals, mostly based on Christianity
- Economic concerns
- Stronger immigration laws
- Law & order

Democratic Party: Led by Kamala Harris and Joseph Biden

- Liberal principals
- Humanitarian approach
- Progressive social policies

Both Parties have taken different positions towards migration policies, and the actions government should take.

The U.S migration has been rising during recent years. People migrate to the U.S because of different reasons, mainly by looking for better job opportunities, improving life quality, or even trying to leave their home country due to political repercussion or economic difficulties. The dream of having a new beginning is what impulses thousands of people annually to migrate to the United States.



Unfortunately, this has led to a crisis for the country, as it has indirectly contributed to the rise of poverty and many economic challenges. Furthermore, it has led to difficulties in employment and social adjustment due to overpopulation.

As it is evidenced on the graphic, since the 2000's the size of foreign population in the United States has growth.

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CURRENT SITUATION

Both Republicans and Democrats have different approaches to migration, leading to evident policy differences. Immigration has become a critical issue for voters, ranking as the third most important issue after the economy and protecting democracy.

Migration policies continue to evolve under the Biden-Harris administration (2020-2024). These changes came after irregular migration reached historic levels before President Biden issued an executive order in June 2024 that has contributed to three consecutive months of decreases in border crossings.

Having the precise statistics of migrants is difficult, because not all enter the country legally and many do not register through any type of asylum or national entity.

Even though, as an approximation from the Migration Policy Institute (MPI):

- **Number of immigrants:** Nearly 46.2 million immigrants lived in the United States in 2022, comprising 13.9% of the total U.S. population.
- **Growth in immigrant population:** Between 2021 and 2022, the foreign-born population grew by 912,000 people, accounting for 65% of the total U.S. population increase.

Some recent Policies:

The Biden administration is expanding legal pathways, implementing humanitarian parole programs, and undertaking border enforcement efforts. Kamala Harris, has focused on addressing the root causes of migration in Central American countries. Although, the administration has faced difficulties in controlling high migration numbers despite its efforts.

President Biden issued a proclamation suspending entry of noncitizens who cross the Southern border into the United States illegally. This is accompanied by an interim final rule that restricts asylum for those noncitizens. These actions will be in effect when the Southern border is overwhelmed, and they will make it easier for immigration officers to quickly remove individuals who do not have a legal basis to remain in the United States.(The White House, 2025)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has surged agents to the Southern border and is referring a record number of people into expedited removal. DHS is operating more repatriation flights per week than ever before and, over the past year, DHS has removed or returned more than 750,000 people, more than in every fiscal year since 2010.

ANALYSIS & SOCIAL IMPACT

Regarding the migration crisis in the United States, the Republican and the Democratic Party differ in several different aspects on why and how should this crisis be attended by the government.

RePublican Party Position

Throughout the entire presidential campaign of Donald Trump one of his main goals was to strengthen the border security of the United States, avoiding any illegal migrant to enter to U.S territory by any chance, and aiming to deport all the ones who already got into the U.S as soon as he take office. In 2018, during the first presidential term of Trump, 2016 to 2020, his administration declared national emergency due to the increasing illegal migration through the border with Mexico.



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During the 35 days that Trump declared emergency, the U.S senate closed to centralize their attention regarding the debate of financing the wall that Trump wanted to build through the entire border with Mexico, which at the end was approved by the U.S senate.

By the end of his term, his administration managed to build most of the wall through the entire Mexican border, even gaining the political and economic support of the Mexican Government. Different to the construction of the wall, the Republicans also proposed to increase the Border Patrol Funding and to stop the "catch and release" policies. This policies, proposed at first by the Democrats during Barack Obama's presidency, were based on the idea that once the Border Patrol catches any illegals migrant on the country, they should take him to the immigration court, and meanwhile the process is done, the immigrant could have the possibility of being received on a local community.

This type of policy was only accepted when the illegal migrant was deemed as a low risk immigrant, such as children and families. The republicans argue that this policies gave the immigrants the possibility of escaping and the slowness of the process caused extra spending from the Government, perhaps, republicans believed that as soon as an illegal migrant is catch, his nationality should be clarified and once this is done, this migrant should be sent to his country of origin.

RePublicans

This position allows a faster process and less regulated process with the illegal migrants that are caught.

Also are in favor of limiting the asylum claims, which tend to occur when a migrant comes from a country that is passing through a significant crisis, or his life has been threatened in his own country, forcing him to immigrate to countries like the U.S.

Usually, this cases are from Cuban or Venezuelan migrants, which are perceived as countries in crisis, however the republicans hope to reduce this asylum policies as much as possible.

Moreover, Republicans also argue that the increasing immigrants coming from all over the world cause a distortion of the labour market, causing an increase on job competition and leaving the American people with less job possibilities. Similar to this, Republicans tend to relate an increase of immigrants to a decrease on safety within the U.S, therefore, an increase of illegal activities like drug-trafficking.



Taken from: Kladzyk, R., & Kladzyk, R. (2022, July 7). *The rules of pursuit: Border Patrol car chase standards under scrutiny as deaths mount.* El Paso Matters. <https://elpasomatters.org/2022/04/18/the-rules-of-pursuit-border-patrol-car-chase-standards-under-scrutiny-as-deaths-mount/>

Democratic Party Position

On the other hand, the Democratic Party prides itself for prioritizing the Humans Rights of all migrants that arrive to the U.S, also incentivizing the possibilities for migrants to apply to the U.S citizenship and not necessarily be send back to their country of origin.

In matter of fact, Democrats believe that the best solution to control migration is through economic aid for the countries of origin which have the most significant amount of people emigrating, supported by diplomatic agreements with these countries.

In other words, democrats' belief that the problem should be solved from its main root, the need of people of migrating of their country for better live conditions, so once this is solved in developing countries like most of Latin-American countries, people will not have the need to emigrate.

Nevertheless, this does not mean that the Democrats do not support border control, as well as the Republicans, they believe this is very important for national security and order, however, they do believe that immigrants should receive a proper treatment by U.S officials. Consequently, Democrats also promote various reforms on the asylum and visa process to make them faster, more efficient, and more comprehensive.

As soon as Joe Biden took office on 2021, it is notable how his policies regarding migration were trying to do the complete opposite of what Trump had left behind.

For example, one of the first things Biden did, was to stop the construction of the wall on the Mexican border, and criticizing this wall as a complete waste of money for the American Government, highlighting that this money could have been a lot more useful on other aspects like fighting poverty.

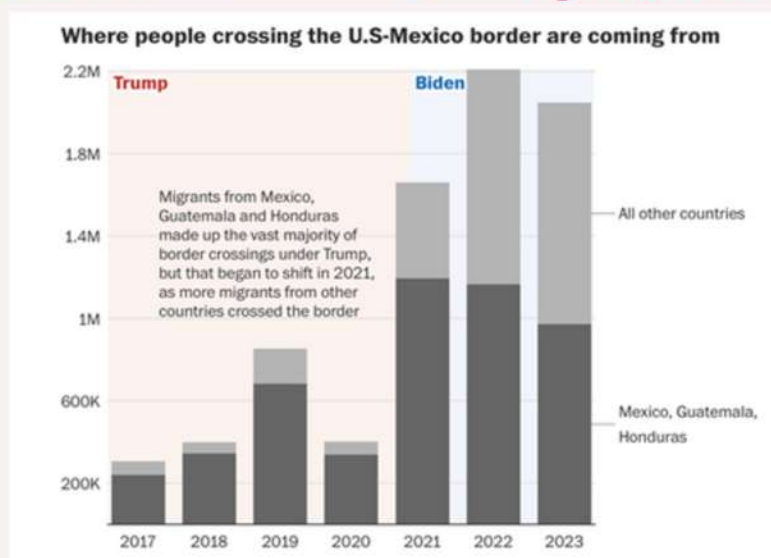


Unfortunately for the democrats, during Biden presidency, immigration increased vastly all over the country, and from most of the countries on the world.

Nonetheless, it is not reasonable to say that the increase of emigration to the United States is complete fall of Biden administration, as other events such as the war in Ukraine or Gaza, or economic struggles in Latin-American countries. Anyway, this increase on the illegal immigrants on the U.S caused that the democrats during the presidential campaign of had to change a bit his posture regarding migration.



At the beginning of the campaign, the candidate for the Democratic Party was Joe Biden, but by the end of July and the beginning of August of 2024, Kamala Harris was elected the new presidential candidate for the party. Harris, who was Vice-President of Biden, showed a tougher stance on immigration than his predecessor, but still not as rigid as the Republicans



Points of controversy:

Between the Republicans and the Democrats there is a clear confrontation on what should be the priority of the United States, either strengthening border security to its top, or to give higher importance to the asylum rights of emigrants. However, the presidential debates of 2024 were not successful on debating how to solve the migration crisis, and the debates tended to focus a lot more on reproaching each other's weaknesses on different aspects.



The Democrats attacked Trump saying his policy with migrants was inhumane and that he was a convicted felon, while he highlighted the weaknesses of Biden administration, arguing that during Biden presidency, the United States lost a lot of credibility and power, allowing countries like China to gain more power, and his inability to solve the war in Ukraine and in Gaza.

Even if all of this aspects are not the central topic which is aimed to debate on the committee, it is important to consider this factors to understand better the current U.S politics.

- For example, during the presidential campaign, Trump prided himself for being the only U.S president of the 21 first century to don't involve the United States in any war worldwide.
- Therefore, trying to create a personal image of himself and of the Republican Party of a strong government which goal is to avoid any war from happening and to focus completely on expanding U.S economy, considering that migration is a factor that for Trump, affects directly the U.S economy.
- Biden on the other side, a year later after taking office had to confront the war in Ukraine and months later the war in Gaza. Biden also differentiated his presidency for supporting different projects and countries worldwide, seeking to fight against climate change and world hunger, showing a broader interest on solving world issues rather than focusing completely on U.S issues.
- The isolation type of policy of Trump and the open view of Biden is a reflex of their stances regarding migration.

Conclusion:

The migration crisis remains one of the most significant issues in U.S. politics, with the Republican and Democratic parties offering different approaches to it. While Republicans prioritize strict border control, deportations, and limiting asylum claims to safeguard national security and economic stability, Democrats emphasize humanitarian policies, pathways to citizenship, and addressing the root causes of migration through international aid and diplomacy.

These differences also reflect broader ideological divides between the parties, with Republicans promoting a isolationist policies, security-focused stance, while Democrats push for a global, human-rights-centered approach. Although both parties differ in many things, they both acknowledge the need for border security and a more efficient immigration system.

As migration continues to increase due to global conflicts and economic struggles, it is expected that in the committee delegates can debate and get to a proper agreement between both perspectives to change immigration policies and for them to further analyze the importance of having a balance between the economic and social impacts on the country, but never forgetting the humanitarian side and the importance of the empathy. With this, every party will support it's determined candidate and at the end the votation of who will be the new U.S president will conclude the committee.



PREPARATION QUESTIONS

1. What are the perspectives from your character and your political party towards migration?
2. What are the main proposals of your character for addressing the migration crisis?
3. How should the U.S. handle asylum seekers and refugees at the southern border?
4. How does your character propose balancing border security with humanitarian concerns?
5. What are the social, cultural and economic impacts of migration on American communities?
6. How should the U.S. work with Latin American countries to address the root causes of migration?

GLOSSARY

1. **Electoral College:** A system used in the United States to elect the president, where each state has a set number of votes based on its congressional representation, rather than a direct popular vote.
2. **Migration:** The movement of people from one place to another, often for economic, political, or safety reasons, such as individuals moving to the U.S. in search of better opportunities.
3. **Republican Party:** One of the two major political parties in the U.S., traditionally associated with conservative policies, strong border control, and limited government intervention in economic matters.
4. **Democratic Party:** The other major political party in the U.S., known for advocating progressive policies, social welfare programs, and a more humanitarian approach to immigration.
5. **Border Security:** The enforcement and protection of a nation's borders to regulate immigration, prevent illegal crossings, and ensure national security.
6. **Asylum:** Protection granted by a country to foreign nationals fleeing persecution, war, or violence, allowing them to stay legally as refugees.
7. **Diplomacy:** The practice of negotiating and managing international relations, often used to resolve conflicts, build agreements, or improve cooperation between nations or political entities.

GENERALITIES



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