

## Part II – Non-Freshman Applicant’s Essay

*“Strangers are welcome because there is room enough for them all, and therefore the old Inhabitants are not jealous of them; the Laws protect them sufficiently so that they have no need of the Patronage of great Men; and every one will enjoy securely the Profits of his Industry. But if he does not bring a Fortune with him, he must work and be industrious to live.”*  
Benjamin Franklin, February, 1784

*“[W]e must ensure adequate legal authority to establish control over immigration: to enable us, when sudden influxes of foreigners occur, to decide to whom we grant the status of refugee or asylee; to improve our border control; to expedite (consistent with fair procedures and our Constitution) return of those coming here illegally; to strengthen enforcement of our fair labor standards and laws; and to penalize those who would knowingly encourage violation of our laws. The steps we take to further these objectives, however, must also be consistent with our values of individual privacy and freedom.”* Ronald Reagan, July 30, 1981

One of the most hotly debated major dilemmas of our time is the issue of immigration. Just this week as I write this, the University California at Berkley accepted, denied, and then accepted again on a different date, commentator and lawyer Ann Coulter to speak on their campus regarding illegal immigration. As a result of that controversy, an article from Ms. Coulter was included in the reading part of this essay. In Annapolis this year, the General Assembly almost passed a bill to make Maryland a “Sanctuary State”; the bill passed in the House and was barely defeated in the State Senate.

Please write a 700-850 word essay about the debate over naturalization, immigration, and illegal aliens based on the required reading and video materials. How should we approach who can become a citizen, and what to do with those who have entered – and remain – in our country, illegally?

**Please address the following questions in your essay:**

- What are some of the problems with our government system right now with respect to illegal aliens?
- Looking at Ronald Reagan’s approach to illegal aliens in 1986 – did it work?
- What did our founding fathers think about who could become a citizen of the United States, and why?
- According to Founding Father James Madison, which group should benefit from our immigration policy? In order to do this, what are a few elements of the policy that you think would need to be in place? Do you agree with Madison? What do you think should be the prominent point(s) regarding US immigration policy?

- What, if any, benefits should be available to illegal aliens, and which privileges and benefits should be limited to citizens?
- Summarize the current argument against allowing unconstrained immigration. What problems are created when borders are not enforced and aliens here illegally are ignored?
- Is the current charge that basic human decency requires us to accept any who wish to enter the United States a valid one?
- Based on this material and your own thoughts, do you think that the Federal Government should guard our borders and enforce our immigration laws? Why or why not?
- Based on the reading and in your own opinion, what should the government do about illegal aliens who are currently residing in the United States? How do our neighbors, Canada and Mexico handle this issue?

**Required Media:**

*You should be able to read and watch the noted reading material and videos in under 3 hours. All materials are available free of charge and are on the Internet. Links to the internet locations are noted for your use.*

The U.S. Constitution – Article 1, Section 8 – gives to Congress the power “to establish a uniform rule of naturalization.”

“The Hidden Costs the Rest of Us Pay for Illegal Immigration”, Newsweek  
<http://www.newsweek.com/hidden-costs-rest-us-pay-illegal-immigration-578549>

“Immigration and the Values of Our Founding Father”, Michelle Malkin, National Review  
<http://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/michelle-malkin/immigration-and-our-founding-fathers-values>

“The Elephant in the Classroom: Mass Immigration’s Impact on Public Education”, Report, September 2015, Federation for American Immigration Reform,  
<http://www.fairus.org/publications/the-elephant-in-the-classroom-mass-immigrations-impact-on-public-education>

*Please just read the overview, skim through the scope but read Montgomery County, MD section on page 3, skim the rest, but read the conclusion and recommendations at the end.*

“How to Win the Immigration Debate: A Guide to Making a Case for Real Immigration Reform”, The Federation for American Immigration Reform, June 2015, Fair Horizon Press,  
[http://www.fairus.org/DocServer/research-pub/FAIR\\_HowToWin\\_2015.pdf](http://www.fairus.org/DocServer/research-pub/FAIR_HowToWin_2015.pdf)

“Can Humanity Live Without Borders?”, Frank Furedi,  
<http://www.spiked-online.com/newsite/article/can-humanity-live-without-borders/18278#.WNQyvoVhylv>

“Immigration and National Security”, Imprimis, Hillsdale College  
<https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/immigration-and-national-security/>

“Give me your tired arguments”, Ann Coulter  
<https://townhall.com/columnists/anncoulter/2017/02/01/give-me-your-tired-arguments-n2280058>

“The Fiscal Cost of Unlawful Immigrants and Amnesty to the U.S. Taxpayer”, Jason Richwine, PhD & Robert Rector  
<http://www.heritage.org/immigration/report/the-fiscal-cost-unlawful-immigrants-and-amnesty-the-us-taxpayer>  
*Please only read executive summary.*

“Reagan Would Not Repeat Amnesty Mistake”, Edwin Meese  
<http://humanevents.com/2006/12/13/reagan-would-not-repeat-amnesty-mistake/>

“Naturalization and Expatriation”, Richard W. Flournoy, Jr., The Yale Law Journal, Volume 31, No. 7, 1922, pp. 702-19, at 705-6, available online:  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/788360>  
*Please only read pages 702- 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of page 709.*

“The Open Borders Fantasy”, Gene Callahan,  
<http://www.westernjournalism.com/shocking-statistic-mexico-deports-more-illegals-than-the-us-does/>

#### **Videos:**

“Immigration by the Numbers”, YouTube video available online:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muw22wTePqQ>

“Border Report Cochise County, Arizona”, YouTube video available online:  
<https://www.numbersusa.com/content/resources/video/news/gaming-border-report-cochise-county-arizona.html>

Immigration, World Poverty, and Gumballs, YouTube video available online:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPjzfGChGLE>