







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Please write down a debate topic that you find interesting. It would be interesting if you picked a controversial topic that is currently in the news in world events (such as the French protest against the increase of the retirement age) or a topic in New York or the US (such as allowing gay and lesbians openly serve in the military).

We will make a list and will form a few groups for debates.
Each debate group will be two to three people. You will choose a topic and prepare your side of the debate

There will be three debates:

- 1)Reality TV. Is it having a positive or negative effect on the public observing and acting in it.
- 2)Illegal immigration in the US. Is it a problem or not?
- 3)Should Marijuana be legalized?

Here is more **information about illegal immigration** which might change your views (or not)

The illegal immigration debate is polarizing many Americans and it is currently a hot topic in the news. The State of Arizona wants to crack down on illegal immigrants and the state has taken it into its own hands to pass laws that would make illegal immigrants be felons. The Federal Government has stepped in and has prohibited the State of Arizona from enforcing some of its anti immigrant laws, which many believe could lead to racial profiling.

Let's **look at the two sides of the coin** and discuss what **your opinion is about illegal immigration**.

Here are some facts.
[Facts about illegal immigration](#)

Here is the one minute overview of this very complicated issue
[Pro/con one minute overview](#)

Here is a CNN video about what President Obama is asking illegal immigrants. Listen to the news report. Can you tell what some of the controversial issues are for Americans
[Obama's request to illegal immigrants](#)

Here is CNN video about a Mexican American man Jesse Hernandez, who is a first generation Mexican American but who is now against illegal immigrants. Why does he say that illegal immigrants are bad for the US economy? What is ironic about Mr. Hernandez's story. How did his parents come to the US?
[Added On July 30, 2010 CNN's Dan Simon gives us one Mexican-American man's view of why Arizonans are fed up with illegal,](#)
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Interested in viewing more videos about this topic? Go to
[CNN videos about illegal immigration](#)

Here is **website that points out why illegal immigrants are BAD for the US**
If you scroll down the page, you will see this author's point of view. I will state his main points, but if you are interested in learning more about his point of view go to this website.
[The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration](#)

Basically here are his points
Here are just some of the negative side affects of illegal immigration:

- easy conduit for terrorists entering the USA
- massive escalation in crime
- surge in foreign national prisoners to support for years
- increases Balkanization of US

- increases multiculturalism/segregation/divisiveness instead of the American melting pot
- increases desire for Aztlan (reclaiming SW states for Mexico)
- increasing number of traffic accidents
- main contributor to surging US population
- dramatic impact on society and infrastructure, including education
- destruction of fragile ecosystems in American SW
- main cause of emergency rooms and hospitals closing as well as service cut backs
- introduction of third world diseases
- increased welfare costs
- massive costs to society – over and above contributions

What is your opinion? Write in your wiki page your feeling about illegal immigration in the US or in your country. What are the issues? How big of a problem do you think illegal immigration is in your country or in the US?

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