Some Questions Reflecting Different Viewpoints (your questions, and some of mine):

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- Why do a significant number of people support Trump immigration policies – at least people in his base?

- What are the bases for anti-immigrant sentiments and policies, and which of those should be seen as legitimate?

- Since corporations benefit from low-wage immigrant labor, why are they not criticizing the Trump approach?

- What would be the main elements of a fair and balanced immigration policy?

- How serious a crime is it to cross the border without authorization? Doesn’t the U.S. as a sovereign nation have the right to guard/control its borders and preserve its sovereignty? Why should we argue for “open borders” – or should we?

- How/why did California move from passing Prop 187 in 1994 (denying all public services to undocumented immigrants, mandating that these immigrants be identified and turned over to authorities for deportation) to being the country’s leading pro-immigrant state in 2018?

- Do immigrants take away jobs from native-born U.S. citizens? Under what circumstances is that the case? Is it legitimate for workers in some sectors to suffer anxiety about losing jobs to immigrants? Do immigrants really help our economy or use its resources?

- Is there any part of Huntington’s argument that should be defended?

- Of the Central Americans and others seeking asylum and refuge in the U.S., to what extent are they really economic migrants – i.e., not fleeing violence, etc., but seeking a higher-wage jobs? Why should they get the benefits of being treated as refugees or asylees?

- What are the legitimate arguments for large-scale deportations from the U.S. (what some call a “strong” deportation policy?)

- If Sanctuary Cities and non-cooperating cities/counties are defying federal immigration laws, do they deserve some form of “punishment?” Are we not a country of laws?