Topic Paper Analysis

<https://www.nfhs.org/media/1018340/immigration-reform-paper_final.pdf>

1. Why does the author think this topic is durable (i.e. will still be relevant during next year’s debate season?)
2. Which country has the largest family-sponsored immigrant waiting list?
3. What is the Brain Drain DA? Do you think this is a true argument? Why or why not?
4. According to the author, what is the difference between a refugee and immigrant?
5. Does the author think refugees are topical?
6. The author lists several possible affirmative cases. Which of these do you think would make the best case and why?
7. What is one difference between how Canada conducts immigration policy and how the US does?
8. Which DA do you think is strongest and why?
9. What is one possible CP that could be read next year other than the one listed in the article?
10. According to the author, what is the difference between an immigrant and a permanent resident alien?
11. Overall, do you think this topic will be better or worse than this year’s education topic? Explain your answer.

Part 2

Decide if the following cases are topical based on next year’s resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States. For those you select as not topical, explain why.

13. An aff that increases the number of merit-based visas given to immigrants from China wishing to immigrate to the United States

14. An aff that creates a new visa category for victims of genocide to allow them to move to the United States.

15. An aff that eliminates one of the six requirements for obtaining X type of visa.

16. An aff that makes illegal immigrants in the United States legal citizens of the country.

17. An aff that increases the number of recipients of Z type of visa from 50 to 51.

18. An aff that randomly drug tests immigrants living in the United States and deports those with drugs in their system back to their country of origin.

19. An aff that gives workers in STEM fields priority in the visa application process over all other workers.

20. An aff that lowers all visa application fees from $100 to $20.