

## Hot Button Issues: Immigration

Have you ever wondered how approximately half the people in America, a “nation of immigrants” can be so strongly against new immigration? Or how it is possible for a person can live for 30 years in America without a residence card? Or maybe you want to know the difference between an “illegal alien” and an “undocumented individual”? Or why so many people are for (and against) Trump’s wall?

In this class we will address these questions in an open and lively manner. It’s a deep dive into the immigration debate in the US.

Topics covered include:

- Anti-immigration feelings in the US
- The history of immigration
- Legal vs. illegal immigration
- Democratic vs. Republican feelings about immigration
- “Immigrants are taking our jobs” vs. “Immigrants do the jobs Americans don’t want to”
- Comparisons between immigration in the US and Taiwan

And more.

Skills practiced are speaking, reading, and listening. Each class will focus on one or two specific topics and include a relevant and current pre-reading or video assignment along with discussion questions. Relevant vocabulary will be taught and elicited in open and small-group discussion.

Class goal: To increase English fluency and raise awareness about immigration in the US.