

IMMIGRATION PRIORITIES EXERCISE

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You have just been appointed Immigration Czar, giving you absolute power over immigration status questions in the United States. For purposes of this exercise, U.S. immigration law is exactly what YOU want it to be – do not concern yourself with the actual state of current immigration law or politics.

First, rank the following applicants for admission to legal immigration status from 1 to 20, with 1 as the highest priority.

Second, decide how many of the applicants you will admit. In other words, from your ranked list will you allow admission to none, to all or to some number in between?

Be prepared to discuss and explain your decisions.

_____ A is the spouse of a U.S. citizen and has two children. A has never worked.

_____ B is A's minor child by a previous marriage.

_____ C is A's adult child by a previous marriage.

_____ D is a highly skilled scientist with no relatives in the United States.

_____ E owns a large and successful business that she wishes to expand into the United States.

_____ F is an agricultural laborer who never finished high school.

_____ G is an outstanding basketball player who has been drafted by an NBA team.

_____ H is an experienced nurse with no relatives in the United States.

_____ I, now age 18, was brought to the United States on a tourist visa by a parent at age three from a country with an Islamic fundamentalist government and never left. She speaks the language of her home country, but has not returned there since her arrival in the United States. She just graduated from high school with honors.

_____ J is the adopted teenage child of a U.S. citizen. She has a juvenile delinquency adjudication for possession of marijuana.

_____K is a victim of domestic violence who has assisted the police in the prosecution of her abuser.

_____L is a 15-year-old girl who was smuggled into the United States and forced to work at a brothel for several months before being freed during a police raid.

_____M is a 15-year-old boy who was smuggled into the United States and forced to work long hours on an isolated farm where his documents and wages were withheld.

_____N is the aging parent of a legal permanent resident.

_____O entered the country illegally and gave birth to a child, a U.S. citizen, who was born with severe physical disabilities.

_____P is the adult sibling of a U.S. citizen and has a spouse and five minor children.

_____Q participated in a failed military coup to overthrow a brutal dictator in her home country and claims that she will be tortured if returned to her native country.

_____R is a 6-year-old girl who will be subjected to a high risk of female genital mutilation if returned to her native country.

_____S is R's mother.

_____T came to the United States two years ago with her young son and husband, who has several years left in his Ph.D. program. T, who has been the primary caretaker for her son, and husband were recently divorced.

Of these, how many will you admit? _____