

Trails of Hope and Terror the Movie

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Conversation Guide

1. How many of the topics discussed in the film were you already aware of?

Manifest Destiny

Mexican American War

Gunboat Diplomacy

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Banana Republics

NAFTA

Operation Streamline

Operation Gatekeeper

The Path to Citizenship

Sanctuary Movement

2. If you had no way of feeding your children, and/or if your life was in danger, would immigrate to another country for safety, regardless of legal or physical obstacles?

3. Does Congress' comprehensive immigration reform or President Obama's executive order solve the problem? If not, what else should we be doing to develop a more humane treatment of the undocumented?

4. What immediate actions can the U.S. government take to develop a more humane treatment of the undocumented, regardless of any personal views on how to deal with this issue?

5. How important is the history of U.S. Western and Southern expansion and its foreign policy throughout the Caribbean Basin in understanding the current immigration crisis, and in light of said history, how should the U.S. proceed?

6. Has the immigration crisis improved or deteriorated under the current Trump administration? How/Why?