

Different lenses = different points of view



#1 – A refugee: From _____. I was forced to leave my home because of the war in my homeland. My family and I escaped by first walking across the border of our homeland. We have been living in a refugee camp there for five years. We made the decision to leave in under one week. We did not bring any belongings with us. We would not be able to stay there longer. If we stayed, we knew that we would be killed. I do not want to live my whole life in this refugee camp. My dream is to go to Canada or Australia.

#2 – An owner of a slaughterhouse in XXX. I cannot find people to do this difficult work for the price I can afford to pay. When I hire people who are born here, they come in late, call in sick, or quit after a short time. I depend on immigrants to do the difficult jobs. I almost never have problems with these workers. I don't really care if they are here legally or illegally.

#3 – A student – I feel like there is no future in my country and I'm willing to risk everything to leave. I don't want to die, of course, but I don't feel like I have a choice. I want to be educated and attend a university. I have faith!

#4 – The politician – My country is being overrun by people who come here without legal documents. We have to provide them with health care, education for their children, and other social services. Their culture is very different from ours and I don't believe they will ever fit in.

#5 – a factory worker – I don't want anyone to suffer, but I need to feed my family. I have always worked very hard at my job. Recently, I was laid off because the boss said business was slow, but I believe it is because the boss wants to hire foreigners who work for less money and never complain, even when things are unfair. They don't care if the boss says to work overtime every day or if the working conditions are no good.