Debate Basics



This image shows former Vice President Joe Biden and President Donald Trump making statements before the 2020 presidential election. This image is courtesy of bloomberg.com.

Debate Vocabulary



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The more well-spoken you are, the more respect you will receive by people that you have just met. This image is courtesy of ppst.com.

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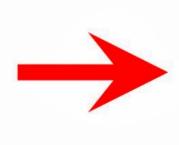
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A proposition should clearly state a claim that both sides will debate.

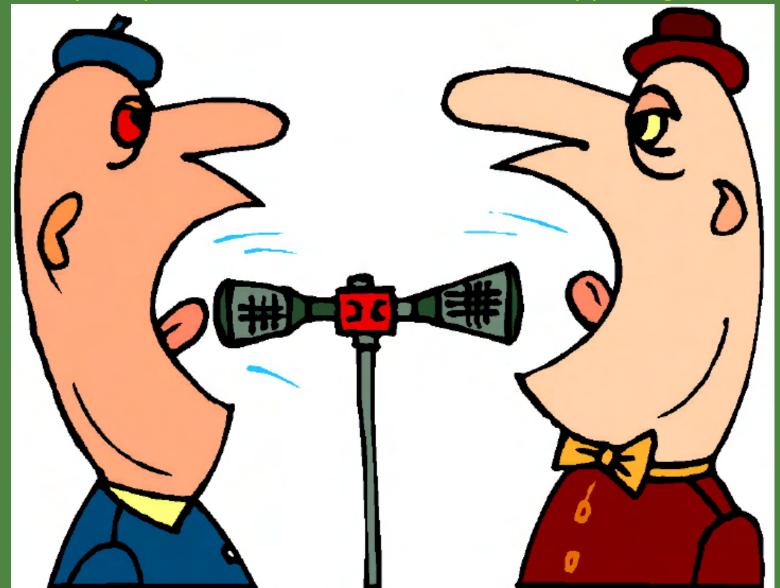






A proposition is an issue that is argued. This image is courtesy of topics4debate.blogspot.com.

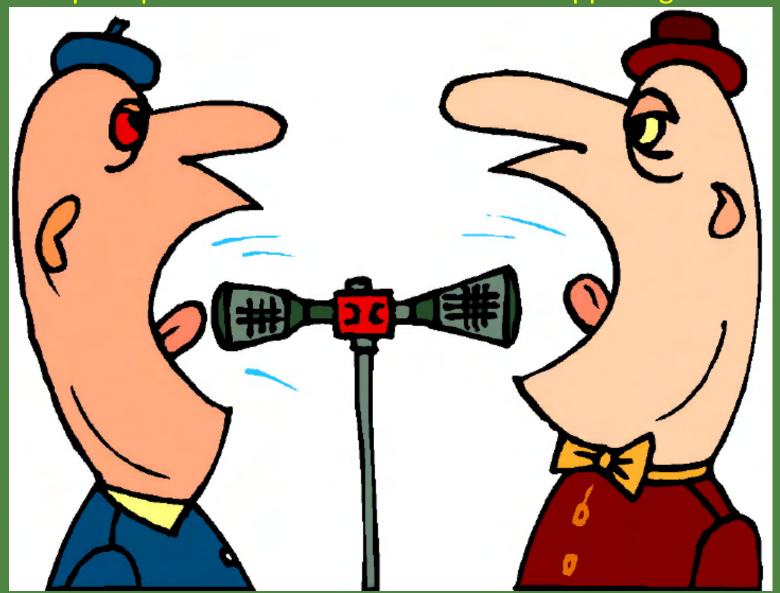
An attempt to prove that statements from the opposing side are false.



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Rebuttal

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When two people debate, one of them makes a proposition, and the other follows with a rebuttal.



One should not be so emotional in a debate that they do not calmly present facts. This image is courtesy of keepcalm-o-matic.co.uk.

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In a debate, someone who is on the **proposition** side is one who puts forward or supports a proposition or a proposal.



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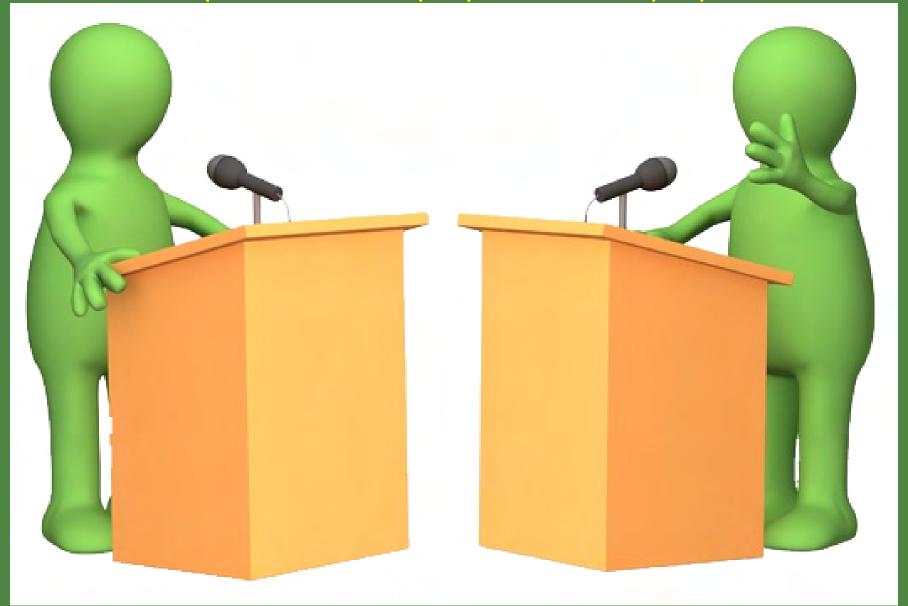
Opposition

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In a debate, someone who is on the **opposition** side is against one who puts forward a proposition or a proposal.



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A moderator is someone who leads a discussion in a group, and tells each person when to speak.



Martha Raddatz from the American Broadcasting Company (ABC) was the moderator for the Vice Presidential debate in 2012 between Congressman Paul Ryan, left, and Vice President Joe Biden, right. This image is courtesy of vosizneias.com.

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A good anecdote helps to keep your audience's attention and helps to get your point across to the audience and judges.



Don't overuse anecdotes. Too much of a good thing is too much. This image is courtesy of vthewaitingpoet.wordpress.com.

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Immigrant

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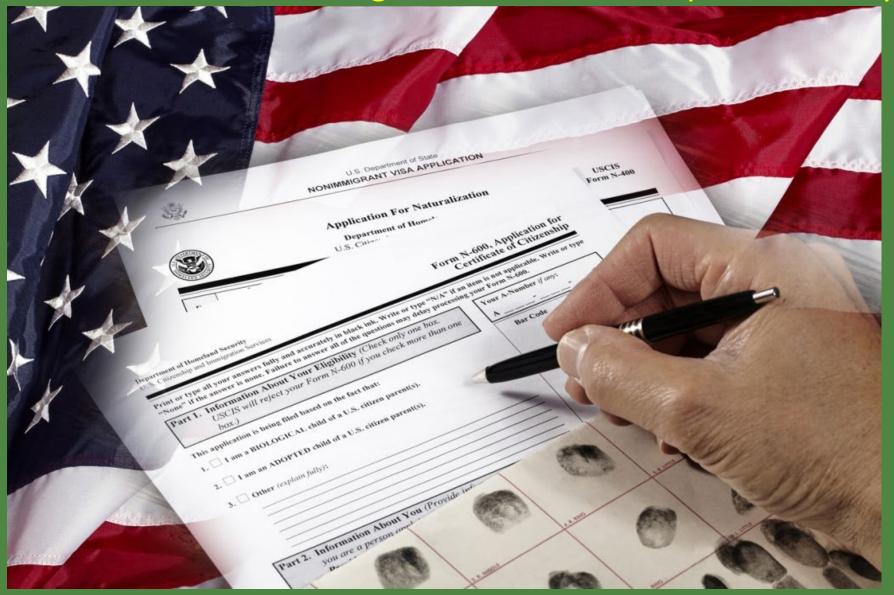
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The United States has more immigrants than any other country in the world.



Approximately 40 million people living in the United States were not born there. Germany is second in immigration with about 12 million people. This image shows Customs and Border Protection (CBP) checking traveler's documents before allowing them entry into the United States. This image is courtesy of wbur.org.

The admittance of a foreigner to the citizenship of a country.



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Naturalization

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There is a ten-step naturalization process to become a United States citizen.



This image shows immigrants at a citizenship ceremony. This image is courtesy of wsj.com.

Conditional permission for a foreigner to enter, or temporarily remain within a country.



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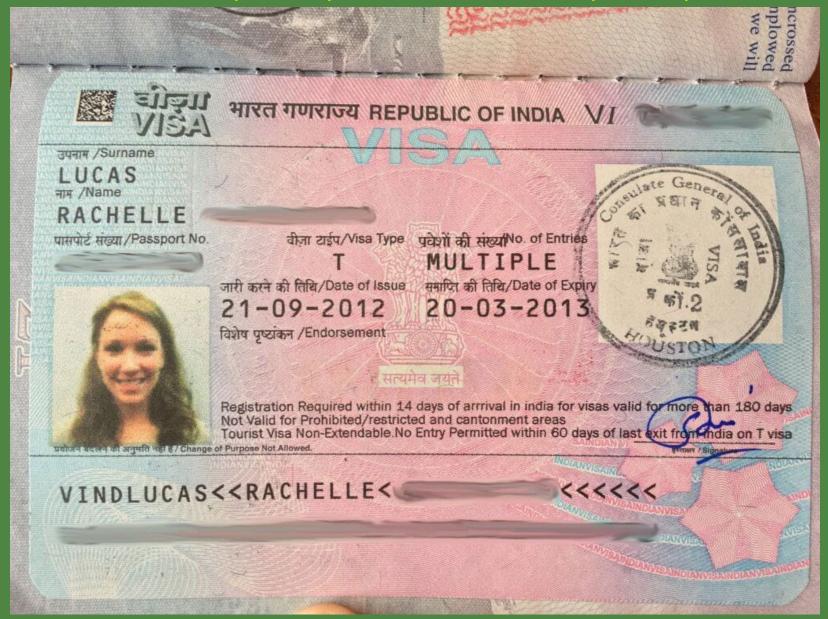
Visa

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Visas usually limit how long a foreigner may stay, where they can enter a country, where they can stay can stay.



A visa for people who want to enter the United States for employment lasting a fixed period of time. These visas are not considered permanent or indefinite.



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Temporary Worker Visa

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In our area, the most common type of temporary worker visas are for seasonal agricultural work.



Employers have had to previously apply to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for a worker visa to be granted. This image is courtesy of travelbite.com.

Identification card that shows that a non-citizen is a permanent resident and has been granted benefits and permission to live and work in the United States.



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Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)

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Green card holders must meet certain conditions, and must file timely green card renewals in order to continue his or her permanent residency status.



Otherwise, the green card holder can be removed from the United States. This image is courtesy of aspanlawoffices.com.

The protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country to escape an oppressive government.



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Asylum

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Asylum seekers from Central America claim that rising crime in their countries is causing them to flee to the United States.



Some United States residents claim it is not rising crime that is driving them here. It is bad economic conditions. This image is courtesy of vthewaitingpoet.wordpress.com.

An official pardon or forgiveness of crimes to individuals that have been prosecuted and convicted of crimes.



Amnesty

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Some people say that granting **amnesty** to illegal immigrants is unfair to those attempting to enter the country legally.



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DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is a program that temporarily shields **dreamers** from deportation.



DACA allows dreamers to work and go to school in our country legally. This image is courtesy of zerohedge.com.

A program through which green card holders or legal residents can petition the Immigration Service to bring over their spouses, parents, and their minor children.



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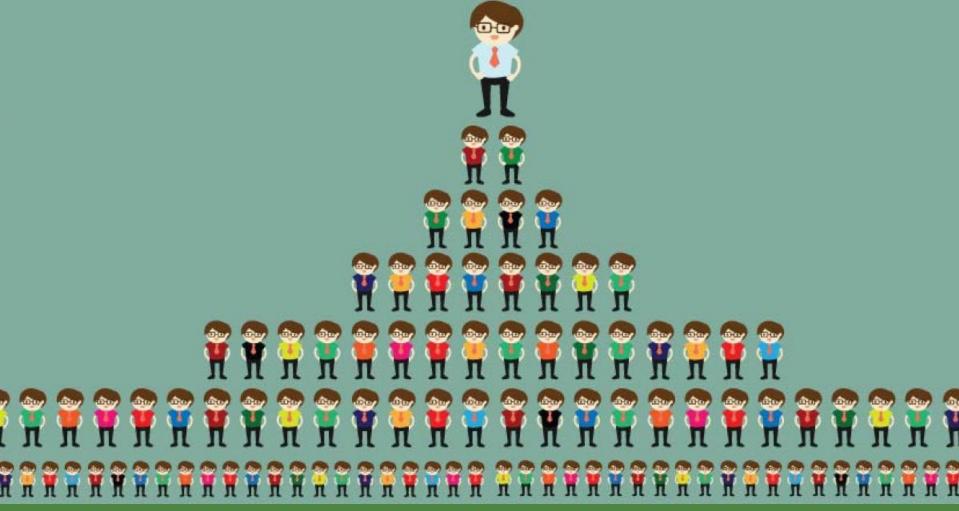
Chain Migration

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When a petitioner is a citizen of the United States, they can apply to bring over parents, married children and adult siblings.



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A program allowing people from countries affected by armed conflict or natural disasters to live and work in the United States for a limited time.



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Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

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Currently residents of ten countries (approximately 320,000 people) have temporary protected status in the United States.



The countries are Haiti, El Salvador, Syria, Nepal, Honduras, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Nicaragua, and South Sudan. The majority (195,000) come from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti. This image is courtesy of federationamericanimmigrationreform.com.

Nickname for a child born to a non-citizen mother in a country that has birthright citizenship, and will help the mother and other family members gain legal residency.



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A child born in the United States automatically qualifies as an American citizen under the rights guaranteed in the Constitution. Their parents and other family members frequently stay in the U.S. to help the child as it grows up.



These children have been nicknamed "anchor babies" because they hold the family in the United States. This image is courtesy of personalliberty.com.