Immigration Policy

Introduction

- Immigration surge
- Historical antecedents
- Cultural conflict vs. economic conflict
- Modern preference system
- Illegal immigration
- Immigration and federalism
- Costs/benefits of immigration

Legal Immigration: 1820-2007

Public Opinion on Immigration

- A Public (not so) Divided
- It’s the intensity, stupid
- The roots of immigration opposition
- Mass-elite conflict
- Party polarization
Policy reform options

- Border issues/“the wall”
- Dealing with illegal immigrants already here
- Dream Act
- State vs. Federal Government
- Guestworker programs
- Immigration policy under Obama
- Policy under President Trump?