

TEXAS UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEGISLATIVE EVENT 2023

IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP

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INTRODUCTION

- **Fabi (she/her/ella)**
- **Texas Impact**
- **Courts & Ports Manager based in the Valley**
- **My story**

AGENDA

1. Drivers of Migration
2. Migration Journey
3. Immigration History
4. Current Policy
5. Policy Effects
6. Courts & Ports
7. Concluding Thoughts
8. Q&A Session

DRIVERS OF MIGRATION & DISPLACEMENT

Multi-faceted Factors

- **War/Conflict:** Ukraine, Syria
- **Environmental Disasters:** Honduras, Haiti
- **Economic crises:** Venezuela, Colombia
- **Rising levels of govt. repression:** Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua
- **Corruption and gang violence:** Mexico, Northern Triangle (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras)
- **Poverty and Structural Inequality**

MIGRATION JOURNEY

- **Start of Journey:**
 - Decision to leave or no choice but to leave?
- **Not a Linear Journey**
 - Physical Barriers
 - Darien Gap/Jungle
 - Panama mountains
 - Mexico La Bestia
 - Border Patrol
 - Dangers
 - Injured/Death
 - Organized crime groups
 - Kidnapped
 - Sexual Violence
 - Human trafficking
- **End of Journey**
 - At destination?
 - Perpetual fear of deportation/Trauma
 - Navigate immigration court
 - Acclimate to new language/customs
 - Family and friends
 - Financial situation
 - Pay debts
 - Send money home

IMMIGRATION HISTORY

“My ancestors came here
the right way”

“Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

-Emma Lazarus

1892 -1954 Ellis Island

- Short physical exam
- Three minutes with an inspector
- 29 Questions

Current Policy

Transit Ban

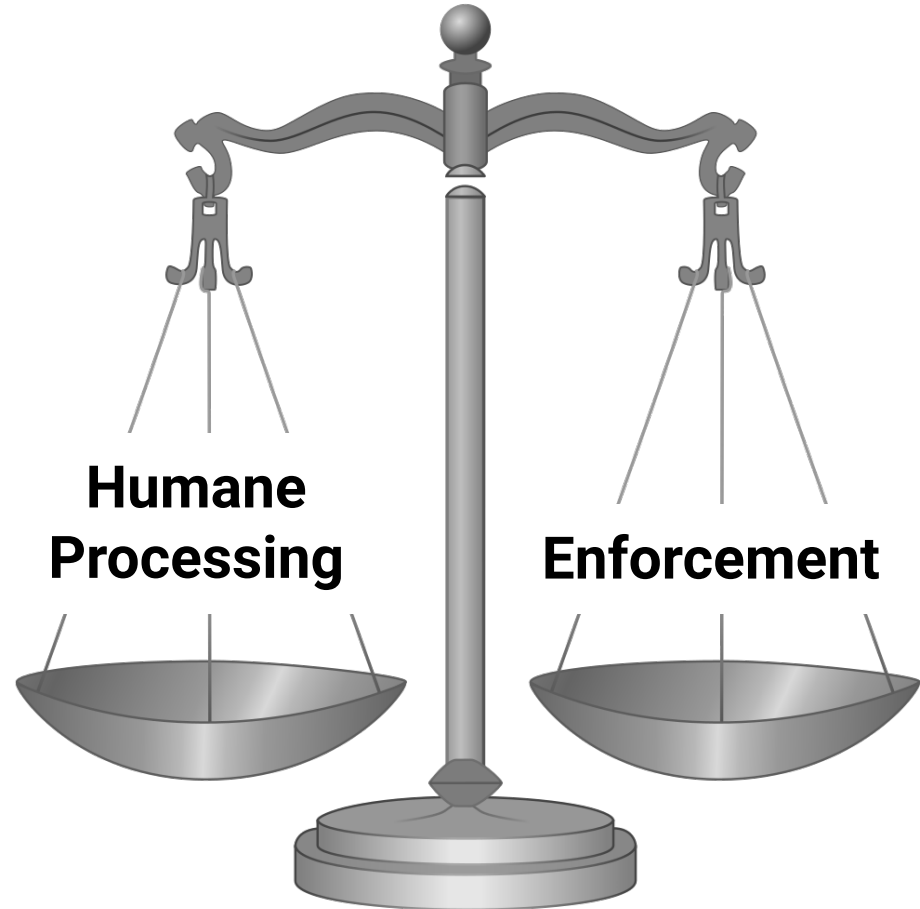
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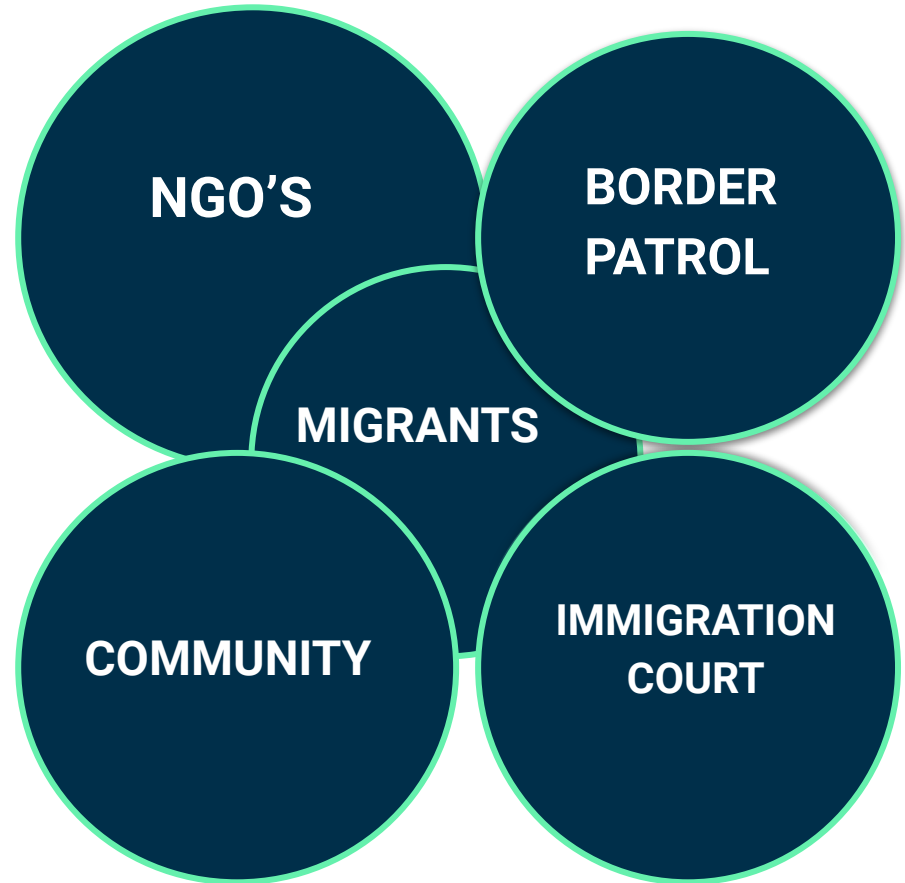
Parole: Haiti, Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua

1. Apply from origin country
2. Flight money
3. Cell phone with CBP One App (issues)
4. Pass background check
5. Sponsor in USA with money

INHERENT DIGNITY ?



EFFECTS OF CURRENT POLICY





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1. **Witness Big Picture**
 - a. Border
 - b. NGO's
 - c. Immigration Court
2. **Discern**
 - a. Reflect
 - b. Plan
3. **Act/Advocate**
 - a. Federal
 - b. State
 - c. Local
 - d. Community

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

- **Faith/Values into Action**
- **Join a Ports & Courts Trip**
 - Gain first- hand knowledge of the issues
- **Power and Privilege** to advocate
 - Platform
 - Church
 - Job position
 - Other Community
 - Resources
 - Money/Time
 - Knowledge
 - Material
 - Connections
 - Influencer

MIGRATION JOURNEY (continued)

Let's imagine this journey
together

[Journey to the U.S. Southern Border](#)

QUESTIONS

THOUGHTS

CONCERNS