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Readings:

- **David Bacon, *Migration, Labor, and U.S. Policy***
- **Latinos in the Crimmigration System** (Selected Readings & Discussion)
- **Goodale, *Anthropology and Law: A Critical Introduction*** (Chapters 1 & 2)
- **2018 Janus vs. AFSCME Case Discussion**

Objective

Immigration law doesn't just regulate borders—it shapes **labor markets, communities, and human rights**. This assignment invites you to think beyond analysis and step into the role of a **policy maker**: If you could rewrite an immigration law, what would it look like?

Using insights from **Bacon's critique of migration and labor policies**, **Crimmigration's impact on Latinos**, and **legal anthropology's view on justice**, you will **redesign an immigration policy** that balances labor rights, national security, and human dignity.

Part 1: Policy Brief (250-300 words)

Write a **short policy brief** introducing your **new or redesigned immigration law**.

What to Include:

A Name for Your Policy (e.g., "The Fair Labor & Migration Act")

Purpose: What issue does your policy address? (e.g., worker protections, deportation reform, pathway to citizenship)

Key Provisions: What are the **main rules or changes** your law proposes?

Impact: How would this law **change** conditions for **migrant workers, Latino communities, or the U.S. labor market?**

Example:

"The Fair Labor & Migration Act ensures that undocumented workers in essential industries gain temporary legal status and workplace protections without fear of deportation.

Employers who exploit undocumented labor face increased penalties, while a new visa category allows seasonal workers to transition into long-term residency."

Part 2: Creative Policy Promotion – Choose One (200-250 words)

Once you've designed your policy, choose **one** of the following ways to **persuade the public or lawmakers** to support it.

Option A: Persuasive Speech

Write a **short speech** (as if you were presenting to Congress or a public rally).

What to Include:

- **Why is your policy necessary?**
- **What injustices does it correct?**

- Why should people support it?

Option B: Advocacy Poster or Social Media Post

Design a **poster or a short social media post** that explains your law in a **powerful, visually engaging way** (can be done in Word, Canva, PowerPoint, or handwritten and scanned).

What to Include:

- A **slogan or hashtag**
- A **simple explanation** of your policy
- A **persuasive message** (why people should care)
- Optional: **Imagery or a sample tweet-length post (under 280 characters)**

Example Tweet:

"#FairMigrationNow – Migrants are essential workers, but our laws don't protect them. My policy ensures dignity, fair wages & a pathway to status for laborers who build our economy. Time to reform! 🗳️ #ImmigrationJustice"

Part 3: Final Reflection Question

End your assignment with **one open-ended question** about **immigration, labor, and justice**.

Example: *Can immigration laws ever balance national security and human rights equally, or is one always prioritized over the other?*

Format & Submission

Guidelines:

Step 1: Write a **250-300 word policy brief** proposing a **new or revised immigration law**.

Step 2: Choose **Option A (Persuasive Speech) or Option B (Advocacy Poster/Post)** (200-250 words).

Step 3: End with **one thought-provoking question**.

Grading Criteria

- ✓ **Creativity & Policy Design** – A clear, well-thought-out immigration policy.
- ✓ **Engagement with Readings** – Uses concepts from Bacon, Crimmigration, and legal anthropology.
- ✓ **Persuasive Argument** – Strong reasoning in speech or advocacy format.
- ✓ **Clarity & Impact** – Communicates effectively and concisely.

Final Thought

Laws shape lives. Immigration policies determine who gets to work, live, and belong. If you could change the system, what would justice look like? Let's rethink immigration law together.



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