



WHAT WE HAVE IN COMMON: How to Talk About Immigrants CHAT LOG

Denzil Mohammed Welcome everyone to the webinar!

Denzil Mohammed We will begin at 1 pm EST.

Andy Rosen Andy Rosen here with The Boston Globe in downtown Boston.

Westy Egmont Glad to be participating.

Meghan Rosenberg Hello everyone! My name is Meghan Rosenberg from The ILC Public Education Institute.

Lizzy Portaluppi Hello everyone! My name is Lizzy Portaluppi, assistant director of The ILC Public Education Institute.

Westy Egmont Westy here at BC. Hi. Glad to be with you.

Meghan Rosenberg Access our comprehensive library of immigration research at www.immigrationresearch-info.org

Meghan Rosenberg Request a custom iDod fact sheet at <https://iir.gmu.edu/>

Andy Rosen <https://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/2018/10/22/yes-you-can-argue-online-without-going-crazy-here-how/X9HRx4cRJFdknzS7rXW18M/story.html>

Meghan Rosenberg Has anyone had any successes or challenges in tackling these topics online?

Daniel N. How do you determine who's a troll and who's just a disagreeer?

Andy Rosen andrew.rosen@globe.com

Andy Rosen Get in touch any time!

Gerardo M. Thank you Andy!

Andrew D. This is a great video, I would like to share it

Ruby A. What's the name of this video?

Meghan Rosenberg All the presentations and resources will be uploaded here after the webinar: <http://www.ilctr.org/promoting-immigrants/ilc-workshops/immigrant-integration/>

Andrew D. It is a misconception and myth that our tax dollars pay for immigrants and that our taxes will go up personally if more immigrants come, this sets up we vs. them and division, this belief is promulgated by our President

Adriana B-H. <https://youtu.be/1HdPamZ2HF0>

Meghan Rosenberg Any questions for Marisa? Post them here now!

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Susan L. I am hoping that Marisa may share some ideas for activities one can lead in children's or multigenerational groups, particularly in mainstream/white groups, to activate an experience of these values with regard to immigration.

Daniel N. How do we get at shared prosperity without commodifying immigrants?

Andrew D. The Department of Homeland Security cabinet member may be removed soon, will policy get worse or better with a new cabinet person of Homeland Security?

Andrew D. many workers are commodified, immigrants surely, but others as well

Meghan Rosenberg We have a Q&A coming up with Marisa joined by other experts. Keep questions coming!

Rachel Peric One of the ways to avoid commodifying people is to talk about how prosperity comes from the inclusion and participation of people in a community (vs. just having more workers, for example)

Andrew D. right on Rachel, exactly spot on

Marisa Gerstein Pineau Thanks Rachel that's a great point

Daniel N. Yes, many thanks

Andrew D. Lexington and Madison Nebraska, meat packing industry

Rachel Peric To Maria's question - many Americans have been hurt and left behind economically, but at the heart of this issue are feelings about culture and identity

Carmen M. The term "America" should only be used to talk about our continent, not the United States, "our country".

Andrew D. North America and South America

Anne S. Carmen thanks for making that point of clarity. it's important.

Sara McElmurry Link to Center for American progress event, paper launch for tomorrow:
<https://www.americanprogress.org/events/2018/10/30/460293/proactive-and-patient/>

Jill S. I agree Carmen. It is so widely used this other way, even in Europe.

Daniel N. I always advise faith leaders to avoid saying “the stranger” (a stranger is someone you tell your kids to not talk to). Thoughts?

Marisa Gerstein Pineau Check out our website: www.frameworksinstitute.org for details on our immigration research. It was much deeper than polling, but included both quant and qual research with 1000s of Americans

Kristie C. I haven't found Mr. Egmont's argument effective.

Charissa R. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.' Matthew 2:13

Andrew D. I have found it helpful, but, with people who have faith, admittedly

Colleen S. How would you respond to people who profess themselves to be pro-immigrant, but anti "illegal immigrant". People who say, "they should wait in line and come here legally"

Jerry K. Many at least say they distinguish between legal, skilled, "good" immigrants and "illegal", unskilled, "bad" immigrants. This often comes in my area from immigrants who have become citizens themselves. How best to address that point of view?

Anna W. I find a lot of people using homeless veterans as a reason for not allowing refugees/asylum seekers/immigrants/etc. in or "why do we build camps for illegals but there are homeless veterans on the streets. No funding for them until homeless vets have what they need."

Marisa Gerstein Pineau You need to explain the immigration system to people. They don't know how it works so they create stories about it works. They need information.

Marisa Gerstein Pineau Information that explains

Claire S. In response to questions from people on funding for homeless, vets, etc instead of immigrants/refugees, I let them know that the buckets of money at the federal level are totally separate. it's not zero sum. If we spend less on immigration in no way does it mean the govt will spend more on vets, homeless issues, etc.

Meghan Rosenberg This is a communications resource from Welcoming America with practical messaging tools and strategies to address anti-immigrant sentiment:
<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/america-needs-all-us>

Anne S. I often appeal to the heart also...asking Can you imagine what it takes to make a person feel they are so unsafe, or their children are so unsafe, that they would consider leaving their home and trying to find safety somewhere else that seems like it might be an option for safety even though fraught with illegal actions, and danger in the journey, Sometimes it at least gets people to stop and think a bit...

Andrew D. Midwesterners Rock

Colleen S. Thank you, Anne. I feel that is an important perspective.

Rachel Peric Claire, when it comes to security concerns, starting with the idea of how we all want to feel safe and having the messenger be someone from law enforcement or someone who is a trusted messenger on security issues. And your point re: not zero sum is a very good one. This should be about lifting everyone up.

Susan K-B. The mayor of Madison, NE has been a leader in welcoming newcomers to Madison.

Claire S. Thanks @Rachel!

Andrew D. Welcoming the Newcomer or strangers is a diminishing virtue in our world today, both secular and religious

Anne S. I have heard people discuss that a large majority of people believe in helping their brothers and sisters in need, BUT the change has been in how people want to define WHO their brothers and sisters are...our definition of who is worthy of our help...

Andrew D. Who is my neighbor?

Anne S. Exactly!

Andrew D. There is no such thing as illegal people, all people are legal, all of us lack some kinds of documentation

Charissa R. If it's helpful in the economic discussion, as an employment specialist, I have employers contact me at least weekly asking if I have any more job seekers I can send them because they can't find enough American workers to fill the jobs. If I don't have the people available, I share those jobs on local job boards and in my network to help connect the larger community as well as the employers. It's a community effort that requires newcomers to thrive.

Meghan Rosenberg Thanks for the great conversation everyone. Use #ILCwebinar to tweet about today's discussion!

Jill S. Thank you panelists! All tied together nicely. Good job.

Anne S. The Business Insider article has this great graphic about the immigration process and its complexity-I find it helpful

<https://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-green-card-visa-legal-immigration-us-news-trump-2017-4>

Andrew D. <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/trafficked-in-america/>

Jill S. Thanks Andrew.

Charissa R. Thanks, Andrew, I'll take a look.

Rachel Peric Please visit our page www.welcomingamerica.org for ideas on how communicate and to build bridges and please stay in touch

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Carrie O. Powerful conversation & discussion. Thank you!

Andrew D. Who knew how complex immigration and healthcare could be? ugh

Naomi T. Thank you so much for all of the information!!

Andrew D. Invite an immigrant to Thanksgiving dinner, seat that person next to Uncle Harry, just an idea

Andrew D. I will be distributing this webinar at an in person meeting tonight

Jill S. Excellent!!

Anne S. Thank you, All.

Anne S. Passport to my living room is a grass roots effort in some cities in Germany...inviting people to your living room to share cultures and stories...love that idea