IDEASPACE® — U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY

▲ VISAS

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28. We grant permission to too many people to move to our country for non-economic reasons. We should favor the admission of people who will bring us economic advantages, not just move in with a relative or come in under some other non-economic quota. **Diversity and lottery visas do not serve American interests**. Instead, they open the door to people who use our social services without adding much to our economy.

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29. We should think of visas in national security terms. The most important consideration is that we keep Americans safe. If this means **banning travel or limiting visas from a part of the world that is sponsoring terrorists**, then so be it. If this means we can't offer asylum or Temporary Protected Status (for refugees from war-torn lands) to everyone who seeks to escape, then that is what we have to do.

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30. Chain migration exists on too broad a scale in the U.S. immigration system. It lets one family member who makes it into this country to systematically bring in more family members. Maybe if you're married or have children and want to unify your family, fine, but opening the doors beyond to uncles, cousins and grandparents puts too big a burden on our public resources.

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31. We should protect American jobs and American wages by **limiting the number of temporary workers** allowed into our country. If we need workers in a particular industry, then those needs should be met by immigrants only after American workers have been offered the jobs at fair wages.

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32. Our system for granting visas should be regularly examined by Congress to make sure it is aligned with our national interest, especially in terms of admitting foreign talent where we need it for our economic vigor and competitiveness. Special visa allocations—called **place-based visas**—should be made available to communities that want or need more immigrants to help grow their economies.

BUTTIGIEG | **BLOOMBERG** **PENCE**

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33. Family reunification will always be a legitimate objective of the visa system. Those who have been allowed to reside in the country legally should be able to bring their spouses, children, and parents into the country, too. There is a multimillion case backlog of reunification applications that needs to be cleared.

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34. Diversity is one of America's greatest strengths. If we let in only people with high levels of wealth, education, and skills, then our diversity is put at risk. We should value people for the variety of perspectives and cultures they bring to this country. We have to take this into account when we consider whom to let into the country.

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35. Some in the U.S. fear Islam as a religion and all its followers. We should never let such **fear of an entire religious group** dictate visa policy.

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