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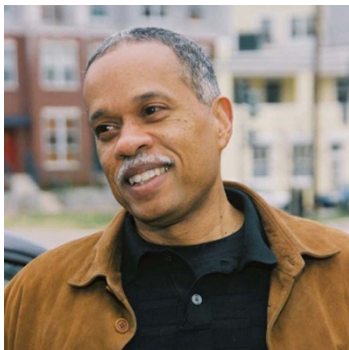
Theme: Election 2020 and the Path Forward on Immigration

What do the results of the 2020 election say about political polarization in the United States and the likelihood of immigration reforms in the years ahead?

What the 2020 Election Means for Immigrants and Immigration

Leading political strategists interpret what this year's historic election means for the future of immigration, and, relatedly, how immigration will shape the future of the Democratic and Republican parties.

- ★ **Juan Williams**, Political Analyst, Fox News
- ★ **Lorella Praeli**, President, Community Change
- ★ **Stuart Stevens**, Author and Political Strategist



State of American Attitudes on Immigration

American attitudes towards immigrants have shifted in surprising ways over the past four years. Researchers will look at the data and break down what these changes mean.

- ★ **Linda Chavez**, Senior Fellow, National Immigration Forum
- ★ **Robert P. Jones**, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI)

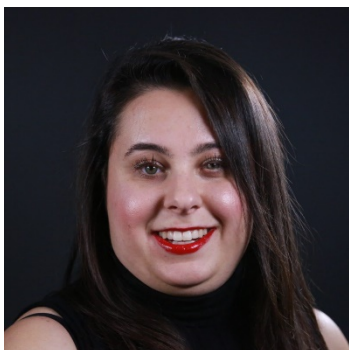
★ **Tim Miller**, Writer-At-Large, The Bulwark



Learning From History: What Historical Movements for Immigration Reform Can Tell Us About the Next 100 Years

As we think about the future of immigration to the US, we look at challenges of the past to help define the challenges ahead, all in the context of a nation that is more globally connected, diverse and polarized.

- ★ **Michelle Hackman**, Immigration Policy Reporter, Wall Street Journal
- ★ **Jia Lynn Yang**, Deputy National Editor, The New York Times
- ★ **Michael A. Clemens**, Senior Fellow and Program Director, Center for Global Development and IZA Institute of Labor Economics



TUESDAY, November 17

Theme: The New American Identity

What is the American identity in 2020 and how do we develop ways to achieve a truly inclusive America that facilitates immigration in response to global pressures?

Sessions:

Global Migration in the Age of COVID-19

COVID-19 has paused the movement of people and decimated economies around the world, with poverty and hunger increasing as a result. Global leaders on refugee resettlement and global migration analyze the situation in the U.S. and abroad.

- ★ **Mindy Belz**, Senior Editor, World Magazine
- ★ **Ambassador Martha Bárcena Coqui**, Ambassador of Mexico to the United States
- ★ **David Miliband**, Chief Executive Officer, International Rescue Committee



A Civil Discourse: Revisited

The extreme polarization in our political parties has become a barrier to compromise and progress on policies that could improve our country and the American people. Our country's biggest challenges have become political battlegrounds, no better example than the current immigration debate. Last year, we got some great insights from a few highly regarded leaders on how we can bridge ideological differences and come together for meaningful change. This year, we're bringing them back to Leading the Way to give guidance on what civility looks like in these next four years.

- ★ **Cherie Harder**, President, The Trinity Forum
- ★ **Dr. Russell Moore**, President, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention
- ★ **Michael Wear**, Chief Strategist, The AND Campaign



Repairing the Fabric: Shared Identity as a Counter to Polarization

Can Americans, no matter their beliefs, background or where they were born, unite around a shared identity? More in Common's Hidden Tribes project and more recent work offer provocative possibilities. Learn about the latest research and how we can build and fortify a shared identity, reduce polarization and grow our capacity to confront challenges together.

- ★ **Catherine Rampell**, Opinion Columnist, The Washington Post
- ★ **Stephen Hawkins**, Director of Research, More in Common
- ★ **Amanda Ripley**, Freelance Journalist



WEDNESDAY, November 18

Theme: The New Economics of Immigration

Immigrants are standing shoulder to shoulder with native-born Americans as we respond and recover to Covid-19. The essential nature of immigrants and immigration is increasingly clear as our economy will continue to depend on the skilled engineers, home health care workers and farm workers for years and decades to come.

Sessions:

From Invisible to Essential: Immigrants in the U.S.

The immigrant workforce has proved itself indispensable to the nation's response and recovery to COVID-19. Corporate leaders discuss the essential foreign-born workforce and what it means for our future.

- ★ **Stef Kight**, Reporter, Axios
- ★ **John R. Tyson**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Tyson Foods, Inc.
- ★ **Jay Timmons**, President & Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Manufacturers



Mayors and Migration

Mayors are on the front lines of the economic and social integration of immigrants and refugees. Mayors from around the world share their experience and their vision for the future.

- ★ **Lomi Kriel**, Reporter, ProPublica Texas Tribune Investigative Initiative
- ★ **Mayor Marvin Rees**, City of Bristol, United Kingdom
- ★ **Mayor Dee Margo**, City of El Paso, Texas

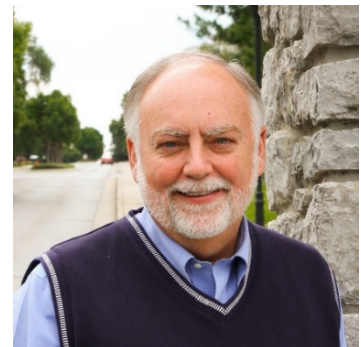
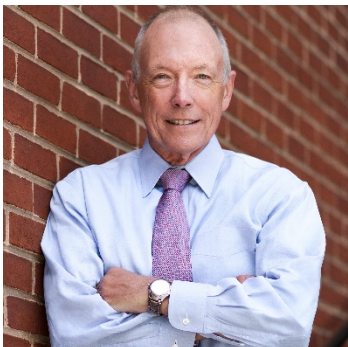


Thank you to our friends at [Mayors Migration Council](#) for making this conversation possible.

The Higher Education Pipeline

Colleges and universities are the fuel for our nation's economic engine, and they recruit and train talent from around the world. University presidents discuss the impact of a broken immigration system on their institutions and what they need to remain successful and help the nation thrive.

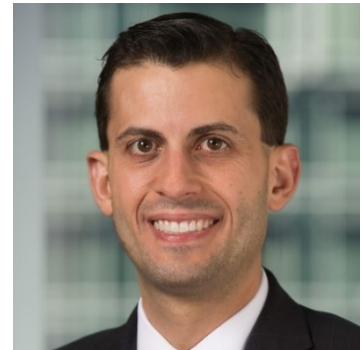
- ★ **Ted Mitchell**, President, American Council on Education
- ★ **Dr. Michael Crow**, President, Arizona State University
- ★ **Dr. Dan L. Boone**, President, Trevecca Nazarene University



The Future of Legal Immigration

Support for the value of immigrants to the nation remains high, and everyone agrees that our immigration system must be reformed. But reformed how? Leading experts discuss the future of our legal immigration system, merit-based proposals, and the future populations needs of the country.

- ★ **Jacinta Ma**, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, National Immigration Forum
- ★ **Doris Meissner**, Senior Fellow and Director of U.S. Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute (MPI)
- ★ **Alex Nowrasteh**, Director of Immigration Studies, Cato Institute



THURSDAY, November 19

Theme: **The Ones to Watch**

The future is full of challenges and opportunities when it comes to immigration. Leaders at the local and national level and from across the political spectrum, share their vision of what lies ahead.

Sessions:

Courage to Lead

Republican and Democratic lawmakers speak to the future of bipartisan efforts to reshape our nation's immigration system.

- ★ **Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren**, 19th District of California
- ★ **Congressman Michael Simpson**, 2nd District of Idaho
- ★ **Ali Noorani**, President & Chief Executive Officer, National Immigration Forum



Perspective From the Ground

More and more state legislatures are taking action on immigration. The bipartisan co-chairs of the National Conference of State Legislatures [Task Force on Immigration and the States](#) speak to their efforts and what is possible in the coming years.

- ★ **Senator John S. McCollister**, State Senator, 20th District of Nebraska
- ★ **Senator Moises Denis**, State Senator, 2nd District of Nevada
- ★ **Heather Sells**, Senior National Affairs Correspondent, The Christian Broadcasting Network



Working for a Better Future: Racial Justice and Immigration

How American culture will shift in the years ahead in response to issues of race and immigration in our nation? This conversation from the perspective of corporate and faith leaders on what lies ahead and what must be done

- ★ **Kimberly Atkins**, Senior Opinion Writer, The Boston Globe

- ★ **Ben Hasan**, Senior Vice President and Chief Culture, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Walmart
- ★ **Rev. Dr. Walter Kim**, President, National Association of Evangelicals



KEEPERS OF THE AMERICAN DREAM: Honoring the Essential

In March 2020 the coronavirus pandemic took hold of our nation, bringing most of our lives to a halt. But, for some people, the pandemic has meant stepping up and working twice as hard to support our neighbors. Many of these people are immigrants who work in health care, food production and other essential fields. Their hard work, since long before the pandemic, keeps our country running. Recognizing these workers' positive impact is long overdue.

Throughout Leading the Way, we'll be recognizing this year's recipients of the Keepers of the American Dream award. The award is dedicated to people we don't see every day in the news but who are part of the essential heartbeat of our nation, now more than ever.

This year's honorees:

- ★ **Chef Christian Irabién**, Muchas Gracias
- ★ **Kumail Nanjiani & Emily V. Gordon**, Executive Producers of Little America
- ★ **Dr. Amit Vashist**, Chief Clinical Officer, Ballad Health
- ★ **Aleja "Lee" Plaza**, Home Caregiver, Filipino Worker Center, affiliate of the National Domestic Workers Alliance
- ★ **Postmates**



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