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Citizenship: There are many variables at play here. People are coming from many different walks of life, which all have a different outlook on life and what it means to be a real American. To be a real American you must be able to embrace the American culture and understand that those who come here must assimilate to their new culture, not the other way around. It is important for immigrants to speak, read, write, and understand English and to adhere to the legal process in regards to acquiring employment. In addition to that, they must follow the law as any American would, and have to understand that America is a country based on freedom and equality. I am a republican, and I believe that having an open door policy is essential to the process of immigration. We are a nation based on freedom and that means that we should not have closed doors. If there are no jobs and they want to work in the United States they should be able to come. We have no such thing as a birthright to this country, and those who come here and work for the benefit of this country should not have their citizenship taken away simply because they were not born here. The debate about illegal immigration goes far beyond simple border control. I am firmly in favor of a strict law. We should not have people come in here and be in the U.S. illegally and then be rewarded with citizenship. That is not fair. People who have come into the U.S. legally should not be penalized with deportation simply because they did not do so on time. We can't throw a person out of the country because they did not file their papers correctly. That goes against everything we stand for in this country. We should be able to grant a path to citizenship, but they should have to follow the process set in place to get it. The down side to the open door policy is that those who have been here a very long time are now losing their citizen's rights. We are denying people the right to vote, which is a right granted by the Constitution. We are denying them a voice in government that is supposed to represent them. We should not be taking away our rights. You can't have it both ways. You can't say that we should have an open door to the United States and then stand against the right of people to vote. That does not make sense. It is not fair. It is not right. With the rise in crime in this country, you have to ask yourself 2d92ce491b