

LWVUS IMMIGRATION STUDY AND TIMELINE

The scope of the Immigration Study includes:

- Underlying values and principles regarding immigration
- Reasons for migration from other countries, including but not limited to:
 - Effects of global interdependence on migration
 - Motivation of refugees and asylees
 - Motivation of other immigrants
- Current federal immigration policy, including but not limited to:
 - Overview
 - Effectiveness in uniting families
 - Effectiveness in meeting needs of businesses
 - Effectiveness of enforcement
- Impact of immigration, including but not limited to:
 - Economic effects of authorized and unauthorized immigration
 - Diversity
 - Inclusion of immigrants in American society

LWVUS Immigration Study materials are available on the LWVUS web site at <http://www.lwv.org/>. Click on “for Members” and on the right hand side of the next screen on “Immigration Study” in the “Quick Links” box. These materials include:

- Scope of the Study
- Immigration 101 – a Resource List
- “How to do the LWVUS Immigration Study at the Local Level” – a detailed guideline
- Eight Background Papers
 1. Economic Aspects of Authorized and Unauthorized Immigration
 2. Effects of Global Interdependence on Migration
 3. Immigration and the Economy
 4. Immigrants: Diversity and Inclusion
 5. Overview: Federal Immigration Policy and Proposed Reforms
 6. What Motivates Immigration to America?
 7. U.S. Immigration Policy: Family Reunification
 8. Federal Immigration Policy: Enforcement Issues

Information about subscribing (open to all members) to the LWVUS Discussion List is also available on the web site.

TWO-YEAR IMMIGRATION STUDY TIMELINE:

September 2006 to January 2008 – Local Leagues help educate members and communities about immigration issues.

September 1, 2007 – The LWVUS distributes a *Leader’s Guide* that includes consensus questions.

September 2007 to January 2008 – Local Leagues take consensus.

February 1, 2008 – Deadline for the LWVUS to receive consensus response forms.

February 1, 2008 to March 20, 2008 – Using consensus responses, the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee formulates the position.

Late March/early April 2008 – The LWVUS Board adopts the position.