

Migrants as Minority Groups

'It's Not All Take, Take, Take'

You are going to hear a radio report in which three different views on immigration are presented:

- that of Andrew Green from Migration Watch, a non-political organization concerned about the scale of migration to the UK,
- that of Prof. Caroline Whitehead from the London School of Economics,
- and that of Stella Njaka from Brent's Women's Advisory Centre, an institution which works with migrants.

Info

MigrationWatch UK was founded in 2002 and describes itself as an independent, non-political think tank. The organization (or lobby) strives for controlled and monitored immigration. Due to its assertion of the UK being overpopulated by immigrants, MigrationWatch is considered to be controversial. Sir Andrew Green, former British ambassador to Saudi Arabia, is chair of MigrationWatch UK.

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE): The prestigious university was founded in 1895 and takes in students from around the world. Its research and teaching spans from Economics, Politics and Law to Sociology, Anthropology, Accounting and Finance. So far, fourteen Nobel Prize winners have emerged from LSE.

Brent Women's Advisory Centre is a London-based resource centre. The charity organization provides guidance, advocacy and information. It also offers education and training in the areas of maths, English as a foreign language, as well as health and social care. Among its target groups are women, single parents, disabled people, recent migrants, refugees and the homeless.

Before listening, **make sure you know the meaning** of the following words:

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| - an issue fraught with tension | - turnover |
| - place strain on sth. | - application |
| - community cohesion | - NHS |
| - offset sth. | - feeding allowance |
| | - PhD |

Tasks:

1. Looking at both sides

a) **Listen** to the first part of the report. What immigration issues are mentioned?

b) Listen again and **take notes**.

- What problems regarding the scale of migration in the UK are mentioned by Andrew Green?
- Which types of migrants are named by Caroline Whitehead?

2. The immigrants' perspective

- a) Listen to the second part of the report. What do the two immigrant women, Stella Njaka and her client Fatima, say about the problems immigrants face?
- b) At the end of the report, Stella Njaka is asked about a possible solution. Whose job does she think it is to solve the problems of illegal immigration?

3. Comparing the two parts of the interview

Compare the issues mentioned in each part of the report and **explain** the difference in effect between the two parts.

4. Beyond the report – a further discussion: Can people be illegal?

Choose one of the following tasks:

- a) Who or what is legal or illegal? Although there is much talk of 'illegal immigrants', can a person really be considered 'illegal'? **Give your opinion**. Start by looking at the cartoon and explain who the people are and where and when the scene is taking place:



b) Use Sting's song 'Englishman in New York', played at the beginning of the report, it's lyrics and topic to deal with (il-)legal aliens and **state**: What's the singer's problem as a new citizen in a different country? What makes you belong / strange to a certain nation / group according to the song? And what's the song's message in the end?

official music video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d27gTrPPAyk>

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