

Final Game - 0.3% Rat Race

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Aim: To depict the complexities, bureaucratic hassles, and stress involved in the process of getting a Green Card in the USA in a gamified manner. As players move forward in the immigration process the board opens to unfurl the US flag and they collect a green card.

Initial version: Game Concept Development:

		Green card process			
		- Grey columns are individual actions & white columns are govt action			
Common starting point for all players		F1 student / initial visa validity period			
Chill & easy mini games to show that this period is their best time in the USA?		Employment			
		Refugee			
		Spousal / Marriage			
		Investment			
		Study another degree			
		Extraordinary talent visas			

Game Statement

0.3%: Rate Race aims to give participants a peek into the Green Card immigration process to the United States of America in two key categories - Employment and Marriage. Using the game as a medium, we hope to convey the stress and complexity of the immigration process and build empathy for immigrants currently seeking citizenship. Under a facilitator, participants are required to replicate the tasks involved in the immigration process (from filling out application forms, seeking approval, processing, waiting, etc) through a set of familiar minigames like word search, scavenger hunt, etc that

replicate the key skills required in the process. The game is a fine balance between prioritizing player experience and the learning opportunities involved in a political and conceptual game.

Built as an RPG competitive game, 0.3%:Rat Race encourages participants to reflect on the broken formal immigration system and understand the experiences of other participants in the process more closely. As a diegetic framework, immigrant applicants are required to complete their applications and collect a green card within the stipulated time. For instance, one is expected to find a spouse and click images within 90 seconds replicating the 90 days required for one to find a spouse and get married in real life as part of the immigration process.

Under a facilitator, the following steps are required to be completed at each step to move the application journey forward.

Marriage spousal route

1. Word cloud to find words related to immigration [common Form 140]
2. Draw cards to reveal the status of the processing
 - Wait/Not Yet/ Approved
3. Find a partner to get married
4. Draw cards to reveal the status of the processing
 - Wait/Not Yet/ Approved
5. Marriage verification process
6. Scavenger hunt with clues to locate green cards in the studio

Employment route

1. Word cloud to find words related to immigration [common Form 140]
2. Draw cards to reveal the status of the processing
 - a. Wait/Not Yet/ Approved
3. Find an employer based on matching skills
4. Draw cards to reveal the status of the processing
 - a. Wait/Not Yet/ Approved
5. Record a 10-second video of your performing your professional skills
6. Scavenger hunt with clues to locate green cards in the studio



Gameplay

1. Players pick a name and nationality of their own. They choose an identity to experience the game as [employee/spousal] and share their profile with other players
2. Once they have their roles, each gets their application to start the process
3. Players complete mini-player games which leverage key skills required in the application and processing steps to proceed further and find their green card.
4. After completing the common mini-player games (applicant's responsibility) to replicate a common form across all immigration categories
5. Players now complete tasks specific to their immigration route
 - a. Find a spouse to marry
 - b. Find a job to get a sponsorship
6. They draw cards to get to know the status of their application. The status may say-
 - a. WAIT - Application not processed yet. Complete the maze as you wait to proceed further

- b. NOT YET - Application requires further tasks to complete processing.
Players pick cards which give the tasks that are based on the errors / challenges involved in the form filling process
 - c. APPROVED - Applicants may proceed further
7. After initial approvals, verification begins where players justify their work skills or their legitimacy of their marriage through tasks within 1-2 minutes
 8. After another round of processing (similar to step 4), applicants are on the cusp of the greencard process. Now they have 2 minutes to find Green cards that have been secretly kept away throughout the studio space

Game Mechanics used

1. Strategy
2. Mini-player games like word search, task based activities
3. Time management based games (employment matching)
4. Choices + information matching
5. Draw cards from a common pile for movement
6. Scavenger hunt
7. Choice

Game Emotions thoughts

1. The player goes through a stressful experience of rejection but the gameplay remains fun and engaging
2. Let players experience the complexity and randomness of the process
3. *Support/ create bonding among players to crack the system in any way they can*
4. Sense of competition as people can see others progress based on their choice
5. Sadness / emotional high as one sees the process for its unfairness and reflect on the experience of someone in the process having to constantly justify their identity, skills, and relationships

Visual Design

The extensive design process can be found [here](#)

GAME DEVELOPMENT [old versions - draft]

Central Pile

Yes - move forward

1. 5000 new visas added! Congratulations, you're in luck. Your visa has now been processed. Please follow xx.org for next steps
2. Hire a lawyer at \$\$
3. New treat between x and y country and prioritization of jobs for people from x country

Wait

1. A change in presidency. All officials have been busy with the elections. We apologize for the inconvenience caused. Please check xx.org for updated status.
2. Lose job and change in visa sponsor
3. Prove your marriage with questions
4. You missed a deadline as you were sick when submitting applications
5. You failed to attend an immigration appointment.
6. massive tech layoffs
7. Prove history of persecution and abuse in home country

Mechanism

- Read the pledge of allegiance repeatedly until the rest finish the next round.
- Walk in circles around the kitchen table
- Write a poem to a dead president
- We're sick missed deadline: Write with your non-dominant hand: "The United States has the best medical care system in the world"
- Pretend you are carrying a box of delivery and ask everyone you see saying "Delivery for Jeff bezos"
- Find a plant and tell it pretty things like "you are a great plant" "you are so green and pretty" over and over.
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Not yet

1. You failed to complete 1 out of thirteen vaccinations required against 16 diseases.
Wait till someone from your home country sends vaccination records
2. Our recent data indicates that you traveled abroad 3 weeks ago. Please resubmit the application process with updated travel information.
3. The grade 12 admission certificate you submitted was not translated. Please provide a translated statement at the earliest to continue the process.

4. Not following photograph guidelines
5. Not providing sufficient evidence with the application
6. Leaving sections empty.
7. It seems like you may need to rely on public benefits in the U.S. Additional proof needed
8. Financial documents need further approvals
9. Default on tax payments

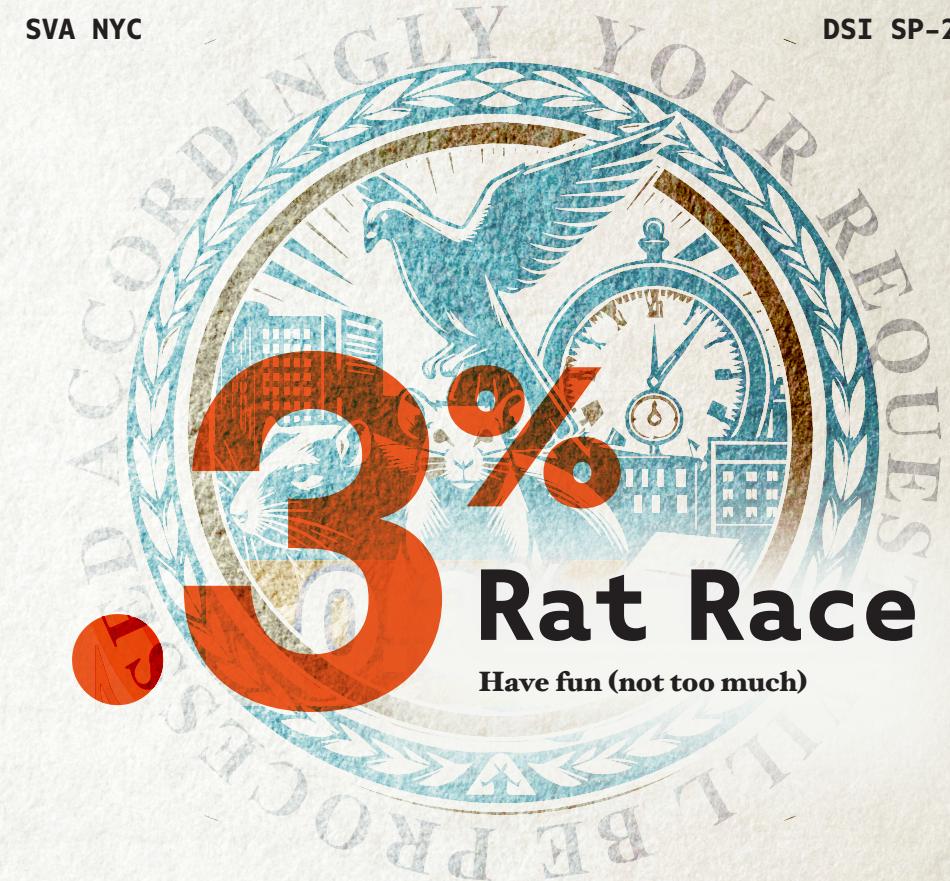
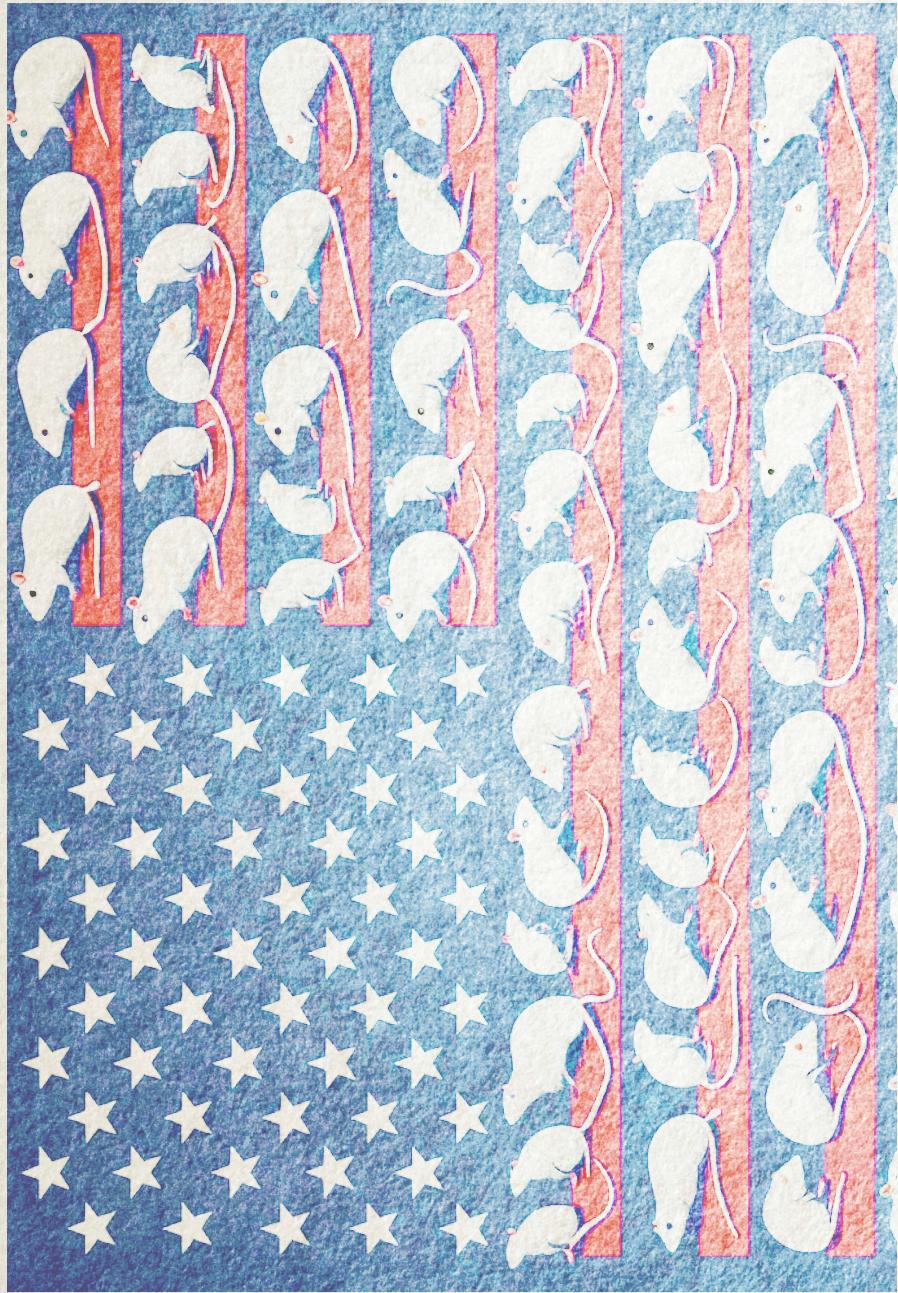
Nope

1. Sorry, your entry has been flagged as "detrimental" to the interest of the United States as defined by the president
2. You're determined to have a communicable disease.
3. Come from a country marked X on a list

WAIT (activities – to keep doing – maze)

NOT YET (absurd tasks)

1. Pretend you are carrying a box of delivery and ask everyone you see saying "Delivery for Jeff bezos"
2. Find a plant and tell it pretty things like "you are a great plant" "you are so green and pretty" over and over.
3. Looks like you're sick and you've missed a deadline. Write with your non-dominant hand: "The United States has the best medical care system in the world"
4. The officers are tired this week and need a break. Find a gif and make 1 person laugh
5. You didn't sign 1 document among the 5486 documents you submitted. Find 5 pens around you to sign the document
6. Your document is waiting for scrutiny as your officers have stepped out for a tea break. Count the number of tea-bags in the studio.
7. The grade 12 admission certificate you submitted was not translated. Please find the translation of "this process sucks" in 3 languages and say it out loud.
- 8.



Your Government Name

Ungodly place you are coming from

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any resemblance with the real world, sucks.

Game 1. Form Prep



1 Find 3 words and circle them.

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w b y x e i a s y i u m e n n n m a
m i d b g c y m i f c e g o o
z v c c u i t u r e i h u n a i i h m
n a t u r a l i z a t i o n t c r
s c u i t u r e j p s o l t a a x o
t p r t g r t p f
u g n n c k c b z s u d i g r r e s
t l b v a t k a e a x o d q g r e s
a a a a b h u q b c p b u x z e i o
t d g s k e o b k s c e a e m p
s h g m k r j k x t i o v h m e
e y k u p n w v n i c w u i d f

naturalization | immigration | deportation | Processing | homeland
| culture | asylum | status | form

2 Yell: "I'm DONE (name of your officer!)"



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Review 3 words

Check attitude

Stamp HARD!

1st

2nd

Last

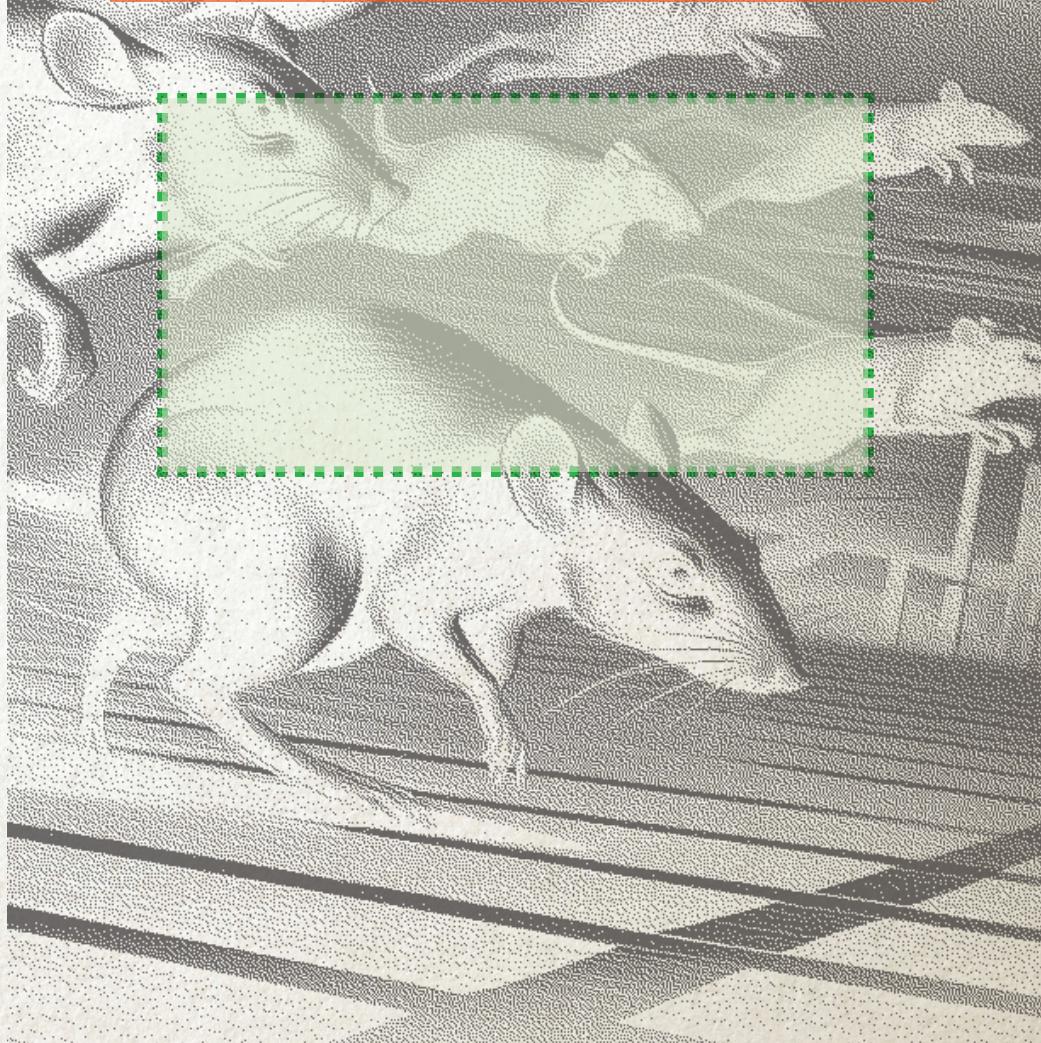


20-30 Hours

If you're considering the total hours required to fill out and prepare all necessary forms and documents for a typical U.S. immigration process (like a Green Card based on marriage), you might spend approximately 20 to 30 hours.

Green Card Scavenger hunt rules.

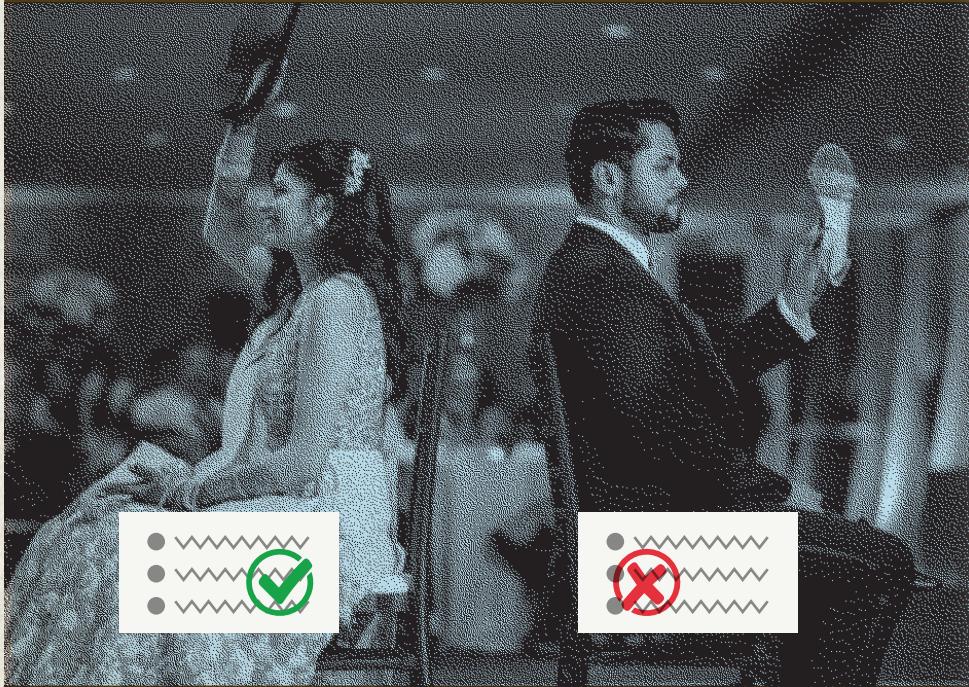
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Game 3. Interview Round



- 1 With the person from the previous fill in the interview cards provided while sitting like the image.



- 2 Answer to the officer when prompted at the same time, 2 mismatched facts and you have to start over.

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1st

2nd

Last



Until Jail do us part

Under the INA 8 U.S. Code 1325(c), the penalty for knowingly partaking in a sham marriage is imprisonment for up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both



Request a Status Card

Game 2. Evidence Gathering



- 1 Find a stranger and take 2 photos to resemble as closely as possible to photo set A or B

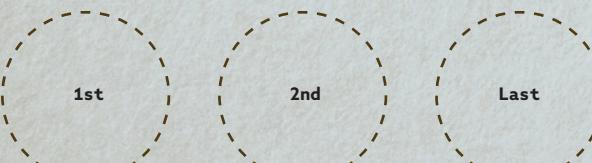


- 2 Show the officer for approval
(you might have to try a couple of times)



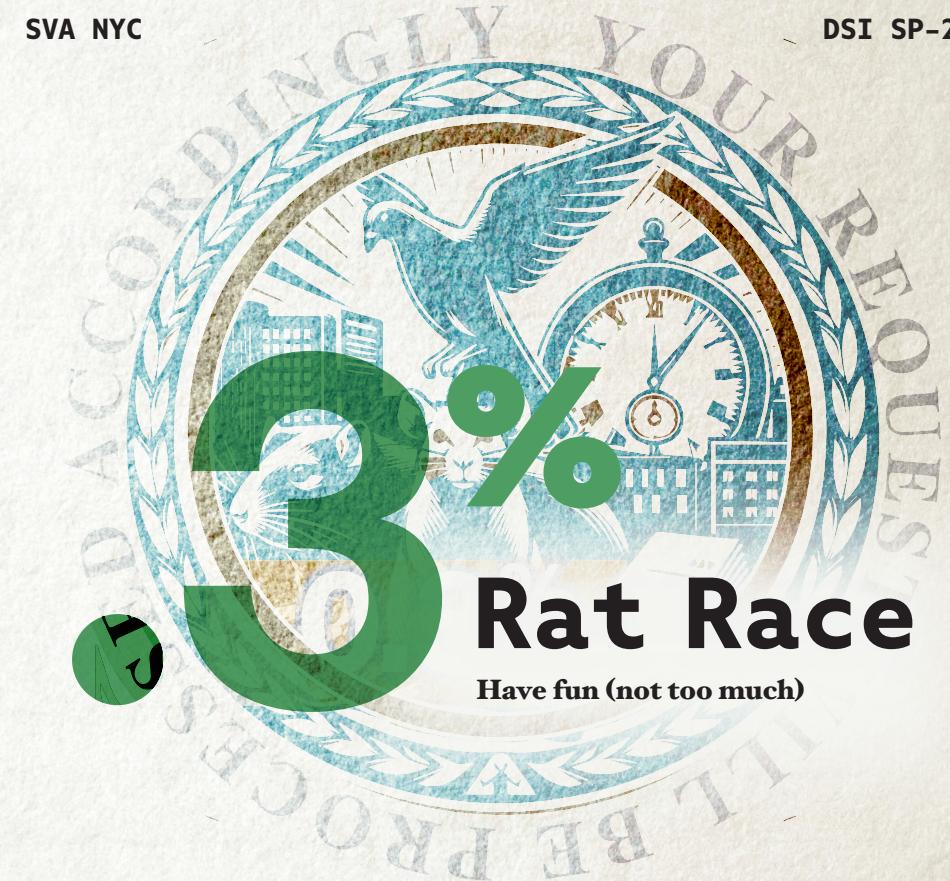
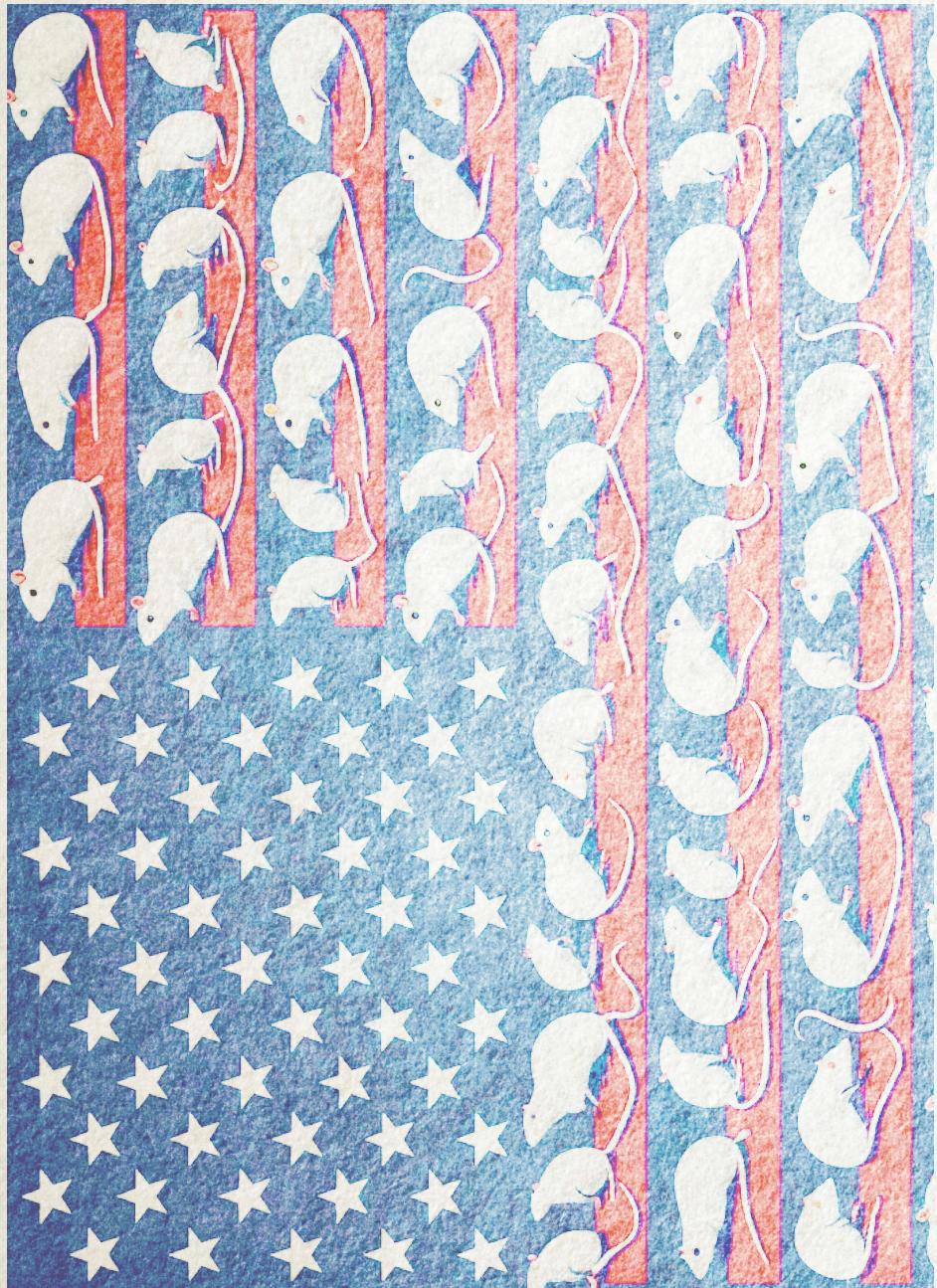
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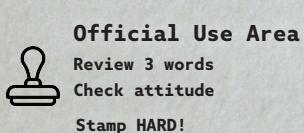
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z v c c u l i t u r a l i z a t i o n t i c r
n a t u r a l i t u r e r a l i p s o l t a a x o
s c u l i t u r e r e j p s o l t a a x o
u g n u n c k c q s u b i g r e s
t l b v a t k a e a x o d a g r e s
a a a b q u b a c p b q u c p b q u d
e t b a g s k e o b k s c e a e m p d
s h g m k r j k x t i o v h m e b k
e y k u k n d u p n w v n n i c w u i d
f e t

Yell: "I'm DONE (name of your officer!)"



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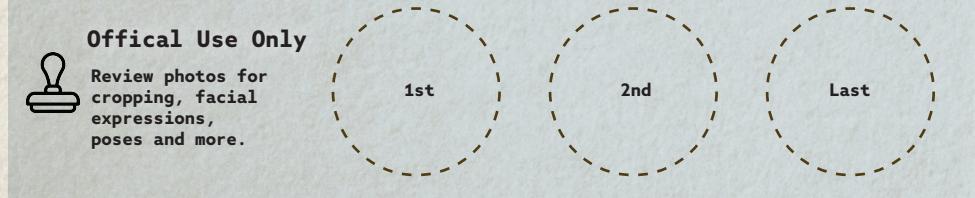
Game 3. Employment Verification



- 1 Film a 10 second tutorial-style video showcasing the job description you received.



- 2 Show to the officer for approval



The lucky 8

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[Source: Cato Institute
<https://www.cato.org/briefing-paper/green-card-approval-rate-reaches-record-lows>]

Request a Status Card



Game 2. Match Employment Skills



1 How to Play:

Players flip over a **Job Description Card** and a **Skill card** simultaneously

Job
Description
Card

Skill
Card

For Example, if the Job Description Card is flipped is “**Software Developer**” and the Skill Card flipped is “**Programming**” the player would match these two cards as they align with the skills needed for that job.



2 Tell the officer they look nice today

(you might have to try a couple of times)

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2nd

Last



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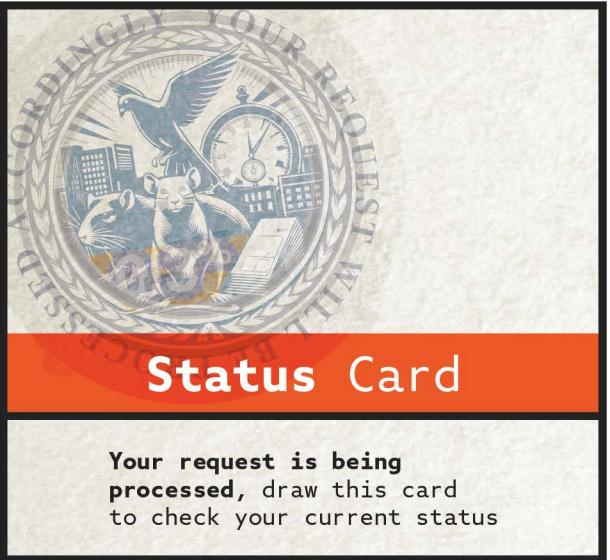
Dear Facilitator

You are the heart of this game. We're counting on you to explain the absurdities of the Green Card process!

- Think and act like the US Government. Maybe not as mean but being tough is okay.
- Remember you like the person in front of you. Take a pause if a participant appears stressed
- Time is crucial in this game and your decision determines people's game experience
- Declare the winner based on whoever completes the scavenger hunt on time

Once the game is completed (De-Roling)

- Take the applications away from everyone.
- Ask them to close their eyes and take a deep breathe.
- Count to 1 2 3
- Ask them to breathe out



APPROVED!

Your document has been approved!

You may continue on to the next step of your application process

NOT YET!

You did not sign 1 of the 5486 documents you submitted

Find 5 different colored pens around you to sign the document

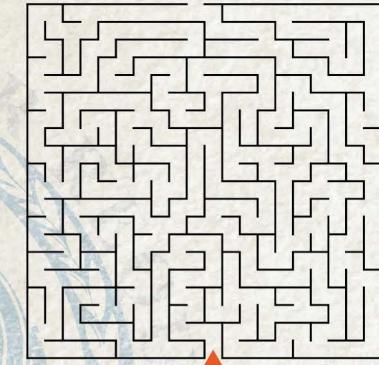
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Your document is waiting for scrutiny as your officers have stepped out for a tea break

Count the number of tea-bags in the studio

WAIT!

Due to unforeseen reasons there is a hold-up in your application process. Please complete this maze as you wait in order to proceed to the next step



NOT YET!

The certificate you submitted could not be translated

Please translate "this process sucks" in 3 different languages and say it out loud

NOT YET!

Find a plant and complement it 10 times to proceed

Example: "you are a great plant" "you are so green and pretty"

NOT YET!

There is a delay in processing your green card application.

Please find 4 different green objects to proceed

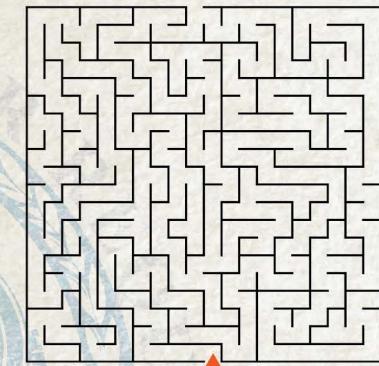
NOT YET!

Your application was rained on while in transit

Get the facilitator a glass of water to proceed

WAIT!

Due to unforeseen reasons there is a hold-up in your application process. Please complete this maze as you wait in order to proceed to the next step



NOT YET!

Your papers were submitted in the incorrect order

Please find someone to play rock paper scissors with and win to proceed

NOT YET!

Looks like you're sick and you've missed a deadline.

Write with your non-dominant hand: "The United States has the best medical system in the world" to proceed

NOT YET!

Your application was mailed to the incorrect address.

Send an email to mosaki@sva.edu with "Edwin, Susanti, & Ash are geniuses" as the subject line to proceed

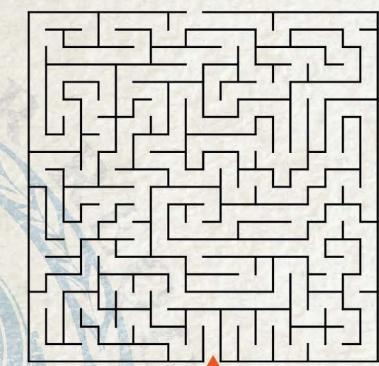
NOT YET!

You wrote your last name as your first name on your application

Write your first name on the whiteboard using a different color marker for every letter to proceed

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Marriage Verification

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

Marriage Verification

Where did you meet?

Where did you celebrate
your honeymoon?

How many countries have
you been to?

Rules

- Take 1 minute to get to know your spouse
- You have 1 minutes to fill this form out simultaneously sitting in the position indicated in the image. At least 2 of your answers should match with your "spouse's" to continue further?



Think you know
your partner?
We'll see!

Skill	Skill	Skill
Time Management	Patient Care	Attention to Detail
Skill	Skill	Skill
Lesson Planning	Organization	Scheduling
Skill	Skill	Skill
Leadership	Higher Education	Patience
Skill	Skill	Skill
Adobe	Figma	Typography
Skill	Skill	Skill
Programming	Problem Solving	Teamwork

Project Manager	Software Engineer	Professor
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		PERMANENT RESIDENT	
	Surname		Category
	Given Name		
	USCIS#		
	Country of Birth		
	Date of Birth		Sex
	Card Expires: Resident Since:		

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Only 3% of green card applicants will receive permanent residence in the United States.

97% of applicants are turned away, the vast majority of people around the world feel that they have no way to come to the United States legally.

[Source: Cato Institute
<https://www.cato.org/briefing-paper/green-card-approval-rate-reaches-record-lows>]

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The U.S. immigration system has not undergone an overhaul in almost 40 years.

[Source: The New York Times]

A marriage green card or spousal visa, for example, can take anywhere from 13.5 – 40 months.

[Source: Boundless.com
<https://www.boundless.com/immigration-resources/average-green-card-wait-times/>]

Premium processing, allows certain applicants to pay \$2,500 in extra fees to have their cases reviewed on an expedited basis within 45 days.

[Source: UCSIS]

Current wait times for cases in the asylum backlog to be heard in an asylum hearing average 1,424 days which equals 47 months.

[Source: Council on Foreign Relations]

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Only about 3 percent of the people who have submitted green card applications will receive permanent status in the United States in fiscal year 2024

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[Source: UCSIS]

The wait time for Indians is much longer than for applicants from other nations such as China and the Philippines.

It is due to a limit on the number of green cards given to people from each country known as the "per-country limit".

[Source: Times of India]

Employment-based green card applications average 7.5 months

[Source: Boundless]

Immigration fraud, especially when you contract a marriage to bypass US immigration laws may cause the revocation of your green card

[Source:
<https://www.alglawyers.com/blog/5-basic-facts-about-the-us-green-card/>]