**News Framing of Immigration Codebook**

**Instructions:**

To code each news story, take a look at the headline associated with the story, and then answer the following questions.

**Q1: Is this news article related to immigration in the United States?**

*Note:* Irrelevant articles include immigration *out* of the US and immigration issues in countries other than the US. An article that covers a list of stories (e.g., the top 10 news stories of this month) is also considered not relevant.

1. Yes
2. No (End of coding; enter “99” for the rest of the cells)

**Q2: What is the focus of the news story?**

1. The story focuses on one incident or event related to immigration.
2. The story focuses on the issue of immigration as an ongoing problem, discusses its causes and solutions, etc.

**Q3-1/2: What is the main theme of this news story?**

*Note:* Code up to two dominant themes. Consider the following headline as an example: “A caravan of grandparents are crossing the country to protest family separation in Texas.” This headline should be coded as both 8) Public opinion and 3) Family. Whichever theme that comes first in the headline should be entered as Theme1. Enter “99” if there is no theme identified for both Q3-1 and Q3-2.

1. Economic consequences
2. Crime/safety
3. Family
4. Immigrant wellbeing
5. Culture/society
6. Politics
7. Legislation/regulation
8. Public opinion

99) None of the above

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| **Variable** | **Definition** | **Example** |
| Q2-1  Episodic frame | The story focuses on a single case such as information about one individual’s story about crossing the border.  Often times, stories coded in episodic frame only contain the facts of one incident. | "Illegal Immigrant in San Francisco Killing Sentenced to Time Served on Weapons Charge"  "ICE Raids Target Illinois 7-Eleven Stores, 21 Arrested Nationwide"  "Trump Administration Tells 200,000 Salvadorans To Leave Or Get Deported: Reports"  "Smuggler Packs 19 Migrants in Pickup Truck near Texas Border" |
| Q2-2  Thematic frame | The story focuses on the issue of immigration in general such as suggesting causes of or solutions to the problem.  Generally speaking, news stories about protests should be considered thematic because protests are usually about advocating for a certain solution to the immigration issue.  Stories that are about consequences of one immigrant's actions (e.g., the impact of one immigrant's crime on a community) are also considered thematic. | "A Counterproductive Approach to a Broken Immigration System"  "CHAVEZ: Congress Could Fix Immigration — If Trump Plays Ball"  "Fact check: How much does illegal immigration cost America? Not nearly as much as Trump claims." |
| Q3-1 Economic consequences | The story is about economic benefits or costs, or the costs involving immigration-related issues, including:   * Cost of mass deportation * Economic benefits of immigration (more tax revenue, cheap labor) * Economic costs of immigration (taking jobs from Americans, immigrants using healthcare and educational services, overcrowding, housing concerns) | "Immigration Debate Complicates Budget Talks"  "Sessions: Judges Costing Taxpayers With Immigration Rulings"  "Goodlatte: E-Verify Should Be Mandatory, Jobs Biggest Magnet for Illegal Immigration"  "AP FACT CHECK: Trump exaggerates cost of illegal immigration" |
| Q3-2 Crime/safety | The story is about threats to American's safety, including:   * Immigration described as a major cause of increased rates of crime, gangs, drug trafficking, etc. * Immigrants described as law-breakers who deserve punishment * Immigration described as a threat to national security via terrorism | "Exclusive — Rep. Mo Brooks: ‘DACA Amnesty Is a Subversion of the Rule of Law, a Betrayal of American Families’"  "212 ICE Immigration Arrests in L.A.: 195 Repeat Offenders, More Than Half Serious or Violent Criminals"  "Border Patrol Agent Assaulted by Mexican Migrant at Border"  "MS-13 gang member and convicted killer are arrested after coming to U.S. border in migrant caravan" |
| Q3-3 Family | The story is about the impact of immigration on families, including:   * Separating children from parents * Breaking up multi-generational families * Interfering with children's continued schooling | "Almost 200,000 US children 'poised to be separated from Salvadoran parents'"  "ICE Grants Stay To Arizona Father Whose 5-Year-Old Son Is Battling Cancer"  "Parents Were Targeted Under The "Zero Tolerance" Policy, A New Analysis Of Immigration Data Finds" |
| Q3-4 Immigrant wellbeing | This story is about the negative impact of the immigration process on immigrants, including:   * Prejudice and bias toward immigrants * Physical and/or mental health or safety of immigrants * Immigration policies described as violations of immigrants' civil rights and liberties * Immigration policies regarding illegal immigrants described as unfair to immigrants who have waited to become citizens the legal way | "HIV-positive immigrant fights deportation to Venezuela, where medicine is scarce"  "Immigrants Detained in Victorville Prison Sue Over 'Inhumane' Conditions"  "Deval Patrick: ‘Sadistic’ Policies of ICE ‘Have Got to Go’"  "In Trump’s America, Immigrants Are Afraid to Apply for Food Stamps" |
| Q3-5 Culture/society | This story is about societal-wide factors or consequences related to immigration, including:   * Immigration as a threat to American cultural identity, way of living, the predominance of English and Christianity, etc. * Immigrants as isolated from the rest of America, unable to assimilate into communities * Immigration as part of the celebrated history of immigration in America / America-as-melting-pot * Immigration policies as exemplars of society's immorality * Impact of immigration on a specific subculture/community in the US | "Warner: DREAMers ‘Are Integral to Our Country’"  "Working Class Americans: 'Isolating' To Be the Only English Speaker on the Job"  "Fox News Host Tucker Carlson Says Immigration Is Making America 'Dirtier'"  "Two Grotesque Immigration Stories Demonstrate Our Nation's Moral Decay" |
| Q3-6 Politics | The story is mainly about the political issues around immigration, including:   * Political campaigns and upcoming elections (e.g., using immigration as a wedge issue or motivating force to get people to the polls) * Fighting between the Democratic and Republican parties, or politicians * One political party or one politician’s stance on immigration. Therefore, when the news headline mentions a politician’s name, it often indicates the theme of politics | "Trump, Republicans face immigration reckoning"  "Santorum: 'I don't support doing DACA, period'"  "Democrats will lose this fall by fighting over immigration now"  "Kellyanne Conway accuses Democrats of using dead migrant children as 'political pawns'" |
| Q3-7 Legislation/regulation | The story is about issues related to regulating immigration through legislation and other institutional measures:   * New immigration legislation being introduced/argued over * Flaws in current/old legislation * Enforcement of current legislation | "Lawmakers Have A Deal On DACA, Flake Says"  "Paul Ryan Says He Will Not Attach DACA to Stop-Gap Spending Bill: ‘That’s Just Not Good Government’"  "Senate rejects immigration bills; young immigrants in limbo"  "It's not local law enforcement’s responsibility to do ICE's job | TheHill" |
| Q3-8 Public opinion | The study is about the public’s, including a specific community’s, reactions to immigration-related issues, including:   * Public opinion polls * Protests * Social media backlash * Community outrage * Celebrity responses/protests | "Fewer Americans list immigration, health care as country’s top problems after midterms: Gallup"  "A caravan of grandparents are crossing the country to protest family separation in Texas"  "Christians Decry Trump Administration After Children Are Tear-Gassed At Border"  "Austin couple places baby Jesus in 'ICE cage' to protest Trump immigration policies" |