

**Background: State your position**

The United States should allow caravan migrants to seek asylum at the border.

**Exercise 1**

Harm/Care	Fairness	Ingroup	Authority/Law	Purity/Sanctity
The migrant caravan from central america are facing extreme danger in their home country. For example Glenda Escobar and her kids were being abused by the father of her boys. Domestic violence and gang violence is rampant in central america, and this creates a harmful environment for kids.	The United States has plenty of resources and a historical relationship with central america. It is only fair that the United States helps those who need it the most.	The americas share a historical background and struggle. The United States is a neighbor to Central America, they are trading partners as well, and looking out for each other is beneficial to the united states.	The United States immigration laws are broken, a lottery system that punishes those who seek a better life. Immigration laws currently harm those in need of help and should not be enforced. Throughout U.S history laws discriminated and harmed others.	Many of the this people have never had the opportunity to live in a safe environment. They seek a better life and are willing to sacrifice their lives for it. The children are not seeking harm towards other, they only seek to be prosperous and a better future. Central america is generally catholic, just like the United States they hold same moral foundations and ideals.
People in the caravan have been raised in violence and this will potential lead to conflict if allowed into the united states. Allowing people with psychological trauma from the rampant violence and poverty will lead to violent actions against people in the United States.	It is the obligation of central american countries should take care of their people by providing a safe environment and opportunities.	People from the caravan do not share the same values as people in the united states, their historical background, laws, and ideology are different from that of the united states. The united states is has been shaped by its laws, social norms, and historical events.	The united states is a country of laws, and not enforcing laws will lead to breaking of others laws. Laws are to be obeyed and enforced by the United States, failing to do so will lead to internal turmoil.	People in the caravan have lived through violence and are therefore influenced by it. At a young age many have grown in a place where violence and immoral activities such as rampant use of drugs have been normalized. Allowing people with such problems will contaminant U.S society.

Republicans would most likely disagree with my position. Republicans according to Haidt conservatives construct moral systems based on Ingroup and Authority. In an article

“Unconscious Reactions Separate Liberals and Conservatives” by Emily Laber-Warren it is noted that some findings suggest that conservatives are likely to react to threats. It is probable that being part of a group is a defense mechanism to defending against possible threats. In the article they reference the bedroom study co-authored by John Jost, the findings suggest that conservatives tend to be more organized while liberals are more carefree and open. In the pew research finding “U.S veterans generally supportive of Trump” it is indicated that veterans tend to be conservative, this is very likely to do with the fact that the military is very structured and restrictive, for example, military ranks, following orders, exemplary behavior, and punishment are components of the military.

The central American caravan should be given an opportunity to state their case. Conservatives must understand that people from central American share similar values to that of the United States, they come from democracies, they share similar religions, and have similar economic and political systems to that of the United States. According to the religious landscape study by the pew research center, the United States is largely composed of Christians, where 20.8% are Catholic. An article from the pew research center discusses the religion of central America and states that the two major religions are catholic and protestant. Religion is the most fundamental part of the culture, it determines how someone lives their day today. People of Central America are not foreign to western ideas, they have been historically been influenced by the united states. The caravan is very willing to follow directions and listen to authority if given the opportunity. The asylum process is as follows, as stated in U.S Citizen and Immigration Services “You must be physically present in the United States” and “may apply for asylum status regardless of how you arrived in the United States or your current immigration status.”. The argument that people in the caravan are breaking laws is a complete fabrication, the system itself is broken.

## **Exercise 2**

OCEAN stands for Openness, Conscientious, Extroverted, Agreeable, and Neurotic. Openness relates to being able to take in and seek new information, this may include a willingness to cooperate with people of different backgrounds. Being open may lead to the distrust of authority, and opposing limitations to one's actions. People who score low in openness tend to favor an authoritarianism form of government, such as in North Korea where information is restricted because it has the ability to damage their political system. Conscientiousness refers to the ability to have a positive outlook in life, for example, being conscious about the future, this may lead to someone opening a savings account or a rainy day fund. California tends to be manifest the qualities of conscientiousness this is clearly shown in their way of governing. California voters decided to create a rainy day fund, that is to save for uncertain times. In an article by CBS Jerry Brown is noted to say that “With (reserves) we can soften the blow”, referring to a future potential crisis. Extroversion refers to being very social, which includes the ability to communicate, take action and having confidence. A person who is an Extroverted will not shy away from conversations, and will generally start conversations with others. An agreeable person

will generally be sympathetic, generous and compliant. An agreeable person is very unlikely to oppose or criticize a person's views. When having a conversation an agreeable person will not be controversial or touch on subjects that make others uncomfortable, such a person will not take lead and allow others to express themselves. Neuroticism refers to being anxious, tense, and emotional, a person who is neurotic will be easily offended and will speak with a tense voice, and possibly break down when put under pressure.

Two traits associated with a person who would support the migrant caravan would be openness, and extroverted. A person who is open to welcomes new ideas and people. Generally, whether a person is open depends largely on the geolocation, most liberal states tend to be closer to a port of entry, that is their economies largely depend on interacting and trading with people of different races. In the article California's political geography by Eric McGhee and Daniel Krimm found that Los Angeles and the bay area are becoming more liberal, this is due to the population growth. Therefore people who are exposed to different type of people and live in a heavily populated area tend to be very open. Extroverted people are very likely to welcome migrants because an essential part of being an extrovert is feeling comfortable around different people, unlike being neurotic which can lead to discomfort of having to adapt to different situations. Since migrants do not speak English, this means people in the United States must be able to adapt, and people who are open and extrovert can easily manage new situations.

My message would be as follows. A group of people will rally for the migrant caravan, in support for the migrant caravan. If neglected the migrant caravan will continue to struggle, face anxiety, and possibly be persecuted, it is our civic duty to help those in need by mobilizing in doing so we will be able to influence and fix our broken system. There are kids in that caravan that have faced violence and hunger, the faster we mobilize the faster their pain and suffering will be no more.

My message starts off noting that there will be a group of people, since my target audience is extroverted being around people will be something he would be interested in, next I emphasize the feelings of anxiety and misfortune of people from the migrant caravan, this attempts to appeal to empathy, as I emphasize the fact that his anxiety is something the migrant caravan is also facing. For a person who is conscientious and introverted, my message would be as follows. Join me for a rally where we will try to represent the United States as warm and welcoming. The United States has for far too long taken advantage of central America by destabilizing their democracies, instilling fear and creating a demand for drugs. The rally will be early in the morning at 7:00 AM sharp and we are expected to be there. First I emphasize the fact that he will be joining me, instead of stating that there will be many people, by stating that I will be there, this gives a person who is introverted a feeling of trust. Next, I provide background to why Central America has been in a constant struggle, this will make a conscientious person feel obligated to help, as he is part of an in-group who has failed to be conscious of other nations. I

end by stating a specific time since a conscious person tends to be punctual, and refusing to be there will go against his predisposition of being reliable.

### **Exercise 3**

Implicit attitudes refer to subtle feelings of prejudices, that are difficult to measure. In order to understand implicit attitudes, we must understand explicit attitudes, this is the physical and explicit manifestation of racism that can be determined by asking, explicit attitudes are generally vocal. Unlike explicit attitudes, implicit attitudes cannot be determined by asking since it may be that people may claim to not hold prejudices, and also believe themselves to not be prejudice, but without realizing that they are in fact prejudiced.

People generally want themselves to be seen as warm, friendly, and welcoming. Being open is characteristic many people claim to have because being closed has a negative connotation. If you are a closed person, then this is assumed to mean that you are not willing to learn new ideas or work well different types of people. The caravan is composed of Hispanic people, and they are people of color. A person who holds prejudices against people of color know that racism is wrong, and they may believe that they are not prejudiced by self-pleading, for example, people will claim it is not that the caravan is composed of people of color, but that the problem is with their background and culture, not race.

People's implicit attitudes may affect the migrant caravan in that they will continue to deflect when asked to give a valid argument. People who hold prejudices will believe that they do not hold such prejudices, and in pointing out the prejudice they will become angry and uncooperative. Implicit attitudes seem to make people closed to new information. Implicit attitudes are not exclusive to conservatives but also liberals, which means many liberal will subconsciously oppose the migrant caravan. Since liberal also hold implicit attitudes this will give conservatives reinforcement, for example, they will claim their position is settled since some liberals agree with their position.

The migrant caravan has faced tremendous violence, poverty, and anxiety which has led them to take action. They are willing to risk their lives in order to obtain a better life. Insecurity has led people in the caravan such as Glenda Escobar to risk not only their lives but the lives of children. The insecurity faced by people in the caravan is the possible lost of their life. For example Glenda Escobar had been abused by both her partners, and was left homeless which means being homeless in her home country will lead to possible abuse of her and her kids. In the United States people who oppose the caravan their values as citizens, they feel as if they have earned and worked for their rights, and giving others rights diminished and devalues all of their hard work and dedication. People who oppose the caravan are willing to loss their morals and values,

because many of them claim the United States to be the greatest country in the world, a moral country yet they turn away people in need.

#### **Exercise 4**

An executive function skill refers to the ability to plan, remember, regulate emotions, and control impulses. The ability to plan refers to being able to think future actions, regulating emotions means the ability to stay calm when exposed to difficult situations, and impulses include but are not limited to heavy drinking, abuse of substance or overeating. Drugs and alcohol are antidepressants which means people who are feeling stress will seek and abuse them, this will cause more anxiety, health problems and will lead to violence. Stronger executive functions will help people in the caravan from seeking in risks such as becoming violent, because in doing so they create a negative image of themselves and the media will represent them in a negative way. By having strong executive skills people in the caravan will be able to cope with situations, be able to state their case rationally and keep themselves out of harm. USA today reported that trump suggested migrants could be shot if they threw rocks at military. When we are dealing with human life, executive function skills must be present to de escalate the situation, since there may be plenty of confusion, in high risk situations.

Technology is very efficient, and has proven to be effective in solving problems. A program that will be able to reduce stress in families, communities in government would be a type of social media application that allows people to connect and share their problems, and such problems can be solved by professionals such as psychiatrists, doctors, or accountants. Most of the problems faced by families, communities, and government have a root problem, and that problem is generally finance. By creating a platform that helps people express themselves and get help from professionals and their community will relieve stress. Humans are social creatures which means interacting with others is a form of therapy. A program that solves problems directly, this means there are no regulations to how problems are solved, that is if a family is in dire need of food, food will be given regardless of their background. For example food stamps have a stigma associated to it, as well as many restrictions. By creating a platform that can rationally determine how to solve problems, there will be no stigma.

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