

The Immigration Policy Center's Top 10 Resources of 2009

As the year comes to a close, The Immigration Policy Center brings you its top 10 list of resources from 2009.

1. [**Breaking Down the Problems: What's Wrong with our Current Immigration System \[1\]**](#), [**Comprehensive Immigration Reform: A Primer \[2\]**](#), and [**Focusing on the Solutions: Key Principles of Comprehensive Immigration Reform \[3\]**](#). With legislative action on the horizon, the IPC began a problem/solutions series to clearly lay out the problems with our broken immigration system and what comprehensive immigration reform should look like.
2. [**Untying the Knot Series \[4\]**](#). An in-depth analysis of labor department data that debunks the myth that immigrants are taking jobs from native-born citizens and therefore comprehensive immigration reform must not be done during a recession.
3. [**The Economics of Immigration Reform: Legalizing Undocumented Workers a Key to Economic Recovery \[5\]**](#). Now more than ever, Americans are seeking real solutions to our nation's problems, and there is no better place to start than protecting our workers, raising wages, and getting our economy moving again.
4. [**State Fact Sheets \[6\]**](#) on the economic benefits immigrants, Asians and Latinos bring to their respective states.
5. [**Essential to the Fight: Immigrants in the Military, Eight Years After 9/11 \[7\]**](#). This report highlights the critical role immigrants are playing in today's military. The report notes that without the contributions of immigrants, the military could not meet its recruiting goals and could not fill its need for foreign-language translators, interpreters and cultural experts.
6. [**Separating Fact from Fiction in the Immigration Debate: IPC's Responses to Nativist Claims \[8\]**](#) and [**Fuzzy Math: The Anti-Immigration Arguments of NumbersUSA Don't Add Up \[9\]**](#). Resources refuting the claims of the nativist, restrictionist groups Center for Immigration Studies, Federation for American Immigration Reform, and NumbersUSA.
7. [**Made in America, Myths & Facts about Birthright Citizenship Series \[10\]**](#) including: *Defining American Birthright Citizenship and the Original Understanding of the 14th Amendment*, by James C. Ho; *Policy Arguments in Favor of Retaining America's Birthright Citizenship Law*, by Margaret D. Stock; *Debunking Modern Arguments Against Birthright Citizenship*, by Elizabeth B. Wydra; and *A New Nativism: Anti-Immigration Politics and the Fourteenth Amendment*, by Eric Ward.
8. [**Latino and Asian Clout in the Voting Booth: Census Data Underscores Growing Power of Minority Voters \[11\]**](#). Voting data from the 2008 election, released in late July by the U.S. Census Bureau, illustrates the growing electoral power of minority voters. A comparison of Current Population Survey data on voters in the 2004 and 2008 elections reveals the extent to which the ranks of Latino, Asian, and black voters have increased in only four years.
9. [**Citizenship by the Numbers \[12\]**](#). This fact sheet documents the growing number of U.S. citizens who are immigrants to this country - or who are the children of immigrants. Roughly one-in-seventeen U.S. citizens are foreign-born, and tens of millions of native-born U.S. citizens have immigrant parents.
10. YouTube video, [**What Reforming Immigration Could Do for America \[13\]**](#).

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