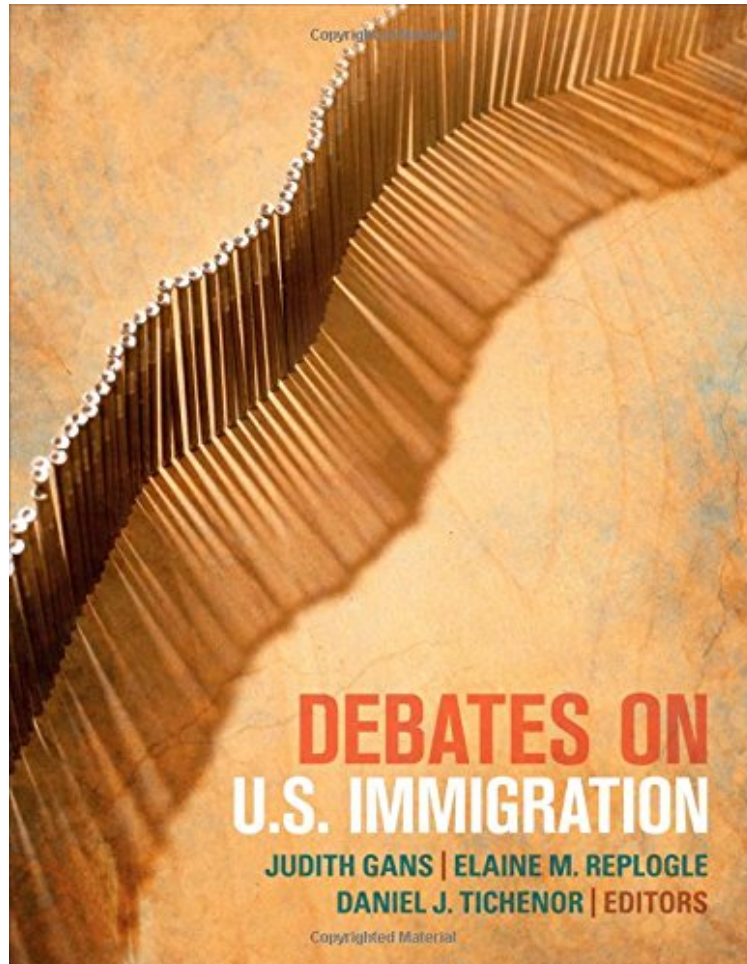


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From School Library Journal Gr 8 Up-This comprehensive roundup of beliefs and commentary on current issues relating to U.S. immigration should be required reading for serious students of any aspect of the topic. In 33 pairs of "Point" and "Counterpoint" articles, academics square off (though in eight cases the pro and con sides are presented by the same author) on subjects from whether Arizona's S.B. 1070 is or could ever be a successful model law to the putative relationship between immigration and crime rates. Gathered into the three broad areas of political, economic, and cultural debates-each section with an overview introduction-the article-pairs open with two pithy platform statements, then develop each one in substantial detail, with frequent references to supporting scholarship. Each article ends with an ample list of sources and of further reading. Though the approach and level of discourse can be characterized as intellectual rather than an exchange of passionately held views, the prose is rescued from aridity by a briskly argumentative tone. A closing section of sometimes-lengthy speeches, policy papers, and court decisions, beginning with President Coolidge's disparagement of the Immigration Act of 1924, provides some primary-source material while underscoring this resource's close focus on contemporary attitudes and arguments. For historical balance, shelve it with Patrick J. Hayes's *Making of Modern Immigration: An Encyclopedia of People and Ideas* (ABC-CLIO, 2012).-John Peters, Children's Literature Consultant, New York City(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. From Booklist We regard the U.S. as a land of migrants, but Lazarus lofty words emblazoned within Lady Liberty fall short of the realities people have encountered when making America their home. The Immigration Act of 1924 was the initial blueprint for immigration law. Since then, the Immigration Reform Act of 1965 abolished the quota system. The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 granted amnesty to those living in the U.S. before 1982 and imposed criminal penalties on those hiring undocumented immigrants. Today, immigration is a hotly debated issue. Presidents Clinton, George W. Bush, and Obama have been stymied in their efforts to pass comprehensive immigration legislation. During the 2012 presidential campaign, the candidates took radically different positions on immigration. Gridlock in Washington and heightened awareness have prompted states (and even some local communities) to carve out solutions outside of national legislation. This collection of papers explores all facets of the immigration debate and presents them in a point-counterpoint format. The book is divided into three sections (political, economic, and cultural), and each section is further divided into two or three subsections. There are roughly 10 papers per section (33 total). Each paper begins with a brief introduction that frames the issue, followed by more detailed point and counterpoint essays. An appendix contains major immigration legislation, starting with the Immigration Act of 1924, as well as testimonies and hearings and speeches. The volume briefly touches on peripheral issues, such as Americans living abroad and the attitude toward those assumed to be migrants. However, this work only addresses legislation rather than delving into societal-personal discussions. The format helps readers appreciate each issue's numerous nuances, and each essay passionately advocates its viewpoint. Recommended for academic and large public libraries as a great reference for anyone with more than a cursory interest in immigration law and its impact. --Muhammed Hassanali This well-balanced, thorough, well-organized book will be an excellent addition to any library collection.--CHOICE (05/01/2013)