

Discussion 2

What parallels do you see between immigration policy and the civil rights movement? Provide specific examples to support your assessment.

After your initial post, please respond to two of your colleagues. State more than you agree or disagree, but specifically state what points of their assessment that you are reacting to.

Civil rights are the rights of all people to be free from discrimination and to have equal opportunities. They include the right to vote, the right to a fair trial, and the right to housing

Immigration Policy is a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by a government

Parallels between Immigration Policy and the Civil Rights Movement

Civil rights and immigration policy have similarities but many differences as well. Civil rights centers on rights such as equal opportunities and being free from discrimination while immigration policy centers on a course of action such as how many immigrants can enter a country in a given year or how many work visas are granted for agriculture in the summer months.

One noteworthy parallel is quotas. The Civil Rights Movement impacted laws that outlawed discriminatory quotas. Changes were made to include inclusivity and fairness to immigration selections similar to quotas of race in higher education. For example, the Refugee Resettlement Program considers how many immigrants are selected from under-represented nations by giving more slot to this group.

Another parallel is activism. People came together to support and provide resources for change in the African American community by organizing and protests to advance their cause. Likewise, churches of all faiths support new immigrants with support such as clothing and English lessons to help with the transition to the American life.

The mighty dollar is also important to both causes. Government funds are highly sought after to fund and support areas of need such as funding for college and help with paying for housing. The struggle is never ending.

Jade: Excellent writing! You draw some good parallels. I like how you give specific examples of movements such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Dream Act. I agree that it is an ongoing struggle.