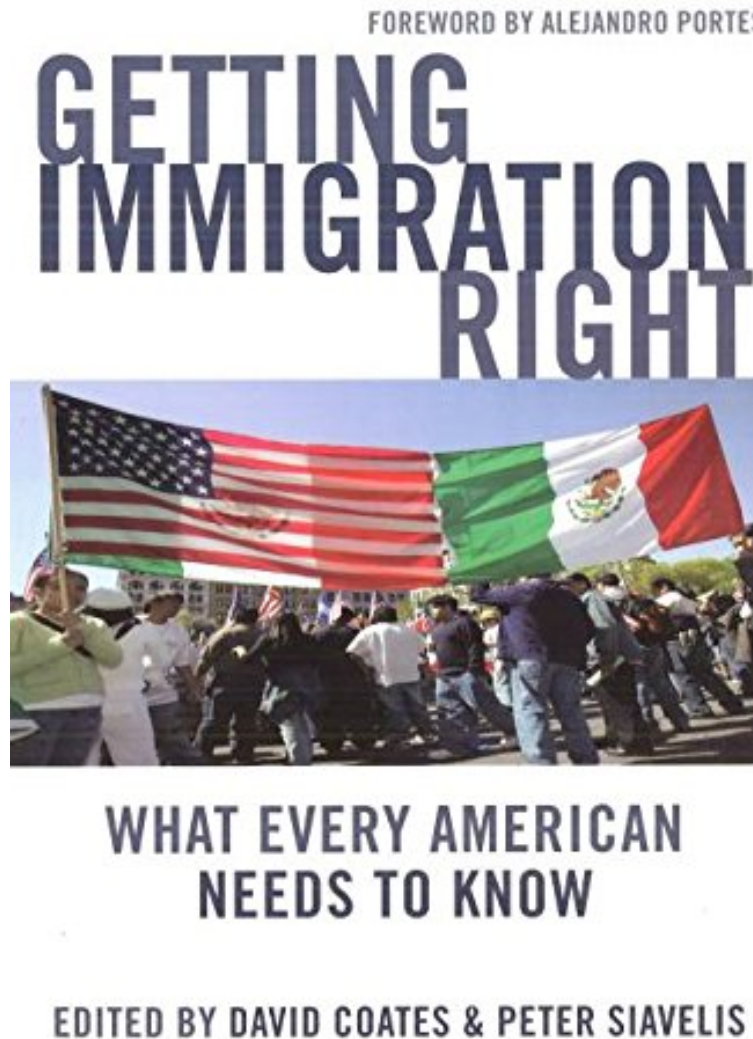


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Background of Mexican Immigration into the USA By James L. Park David Coates Peter Siavelis, editors Getting Immigration Right: What Every American Needs to Know (Washington, DC: Potomac Books: 2009) 290 pages (ISBN: 978-1-59797-265-9; paperback) (Library of Congress call number: JV6465.G48 2009) This collection of academic writings generally favors immigration reform. The contributions vary in quality. In this reviewer's opinion, these are the best chapters: 3. Changing Concepts of Citizenship and Nationalist across Time and Space. 10. Eight Myths about Immigration Enforcement. Because the authors collect and organize facts, their chapters are necessarily tied to the past. What we the readers need more than facts about the last 100 years of immigration is some creative ideas about how to shape the next 100 years of immigration. Like most books about immigration reform, this one has too many pages about the well-known problems and too few pages about possible solutions. If you would like to see other reviews like this, search the Internet for this exact phrase: "Books on U.S. Immigration Reform".

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Getting Immigration Right focuses on what is arguably the most important aspect of the current immigration debate: how best to understand and resolve illegal immigration from Mexico. The scale and character of illegal immigration is only one facet of the immigration problem currently before Congress and the president, but it is its most contentious and visible face. It is also the one part of the contemporary immigration story that attracts the most intense opposition, the most widely disseminated mythologies, and the most powerfully advocated solutions. What to do about illegal immigration from Mexico is a major political question of our time. The book's wide-ranging and timely discussion includes legal and non-Mexican immigration. It sets the context of immigration before exploring the job experiences of illegal immigrants and their quest for the American dream. The contributors then focus on the causes and consequences economic and social of immigration, both legal and otherwise, and vividly describe the Latino experiences of illegality, including crossing the border and living in fear of deportation. In addition, the reform of immigration law is discussed from three distinct viewpoints: one conservative, one liberal, and one libertarian. The volume closes with its editors' own proposals for comprehensive immigration reform. With a foreword by Alejandro Portes, a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of *Immigrant America: A Portrait*.

Coates and Siavelis have brought together a collection of intelligent and provocative essays from many of the top experts on Mexico-U.S. immigration. For an issue that tends to generate more heat than light, this book shines brightly. It is a must-read for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the immigration debate regarding Mexican migration to the United States. Collectively, the essays point to the urgent need to modernize our policies in a way that moves beyond simplistic slogans to confronting complex realities. Frank Sharry, Executive Director, Americas Voice