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What is the Truth about Proposition 200?**Proposition 200: Some Questions for Discussion**

The Arizona Institute for Public Life has conducted numerous discussions of Proposition 200 across the State. Below are some of the questions that have come up and are useful for understanding the proposition and its potential effects on our communities. They can be used as a guide when conducting Institutes of Public Life, small group discussions, or one-on-one conversations.

On Cost & Impact to our Economy:

- How much will it cost to implement and enforce the law?
- Will the legislature, county boards of supervisors and city councils be willing and able to provide additional resources if necessary?
- How will this proposition be perceived nationally and internationally?
- How will it affect our tourism industry?
- What is the true cost/benefit of immigrants to our state? Do different sources agree?
- Even if the alleged high costs of education, emergency medical care and incarceration due to illegal immigration are real, wouldn't they be excluded from this proposition since they are "federally-mandated"?

On Voting & Voter Registration:

- Will the county registrar, county recorder or any other election official (including volunteers) be required to verify authenticity of submitted documents?
- Is there any verifiable proof that undocumented aliens are registering to vote and voting?
- Would the provisions in Proposition 200 solve the voter fraud problems if they exist?
- How many states have similar verification processes? Do they work?

On Public Benefits:

- What exactly is included in "all public benefits not federally mandated"?
- Does this include community colleges, libraries, municipal parks and swimming pools, trash service, water service, public transit, dog and cat adoptions, department of motor vehicles, fire department, etc.?

On Lawsuits & Courts:

- Will the courts be required to give "preference" under any circumstances to lawsuits seeking Prop 200 compliance from a government official?
- What will "preference" given to these lawsuits mean to the current cases in our courts?

On General Issues:

- What is the background of this proposition? Who supports it and who opposes it?
- Will this measure actually stop or reduce illegal immigration? Will it help or hinder immigration reform at the federal level?
- How can we prevent increased identity fraud given the increased identification requirements?