

Facilitator Guide for “Four Doors” Exercise

Note: If participants get stuck, this chart is intended to help you assist them in navigating through the complicated U.S. immigration system. Most participants *will* get stuck in some way, because the system is simply quite convoluted. However, the exercise should not just cause confusion — it should lead people to realize how complicated and difficult it is to immigrate legally to the United States.

Card Number	Identity Card	Immigration Possibilities
1	27, female, Ukraine	No legal options
2	68, female, Congo	Possibly could be a refugee, but because plight is not severe, it's unlikely
3	49, male, Canada	Employment-based, due to wealth
4	20, male, Mexico	No legal permanent options; could possibly get a student visa, but that's unlikely, and the student visa is temporary. (Applicants for student visas must prove that they have sufficient money in the bank so that they won't need to work while attending school – thus making it impossible for poor students to get student visas.)
5	44, male, Mexico	No legal permanent options – could apply for temporary worker visa
6	23, female, Romania	Can enter diversity visa lottery
7	21, female, India	No legal options — reasons for persecution will not merit refugee status, and case for asylum is unlikely
8	26, female, Saudi Arabia	No legal options
9	13, female, Honduras	No likely legal options, but may qualify for a special immigrant juvenile visa – a rare case for unaccompanied minors who have suffered parental abuse, neglect, or abandonment. Note: this is a true story.
10	47, male, Israel	Can apply for diversity visa lottery; could possibly be a refugee, but plight is not severe so that is unlikely
11	61, female, Spain	No legal options unless your children become U.S. citizens
12	39, male, Netherlands	Employment-based, due to wealth
13	24, female, Mexico	No legal options
14	24, female, North Korea	Could qualify as a refugee if chosen by UN
15	14, female, Nicaragua	No legal options
16	33, male, Brazil	Family preference option through your siblings once they turn 21

17	36, female, South Korea	Employment-based due to exceptional ability
18	17, male, Nicaragua	No legal options
19	45, female, Sri Lanka	Can enter diversity visa lottery
20	25, male, South Africa	Can enter diversity visa lottery
21	42, male, Burma	Could be a refugee if selected by UN
22	32, male, Iraq	No legal options. If your situation becomes bad enough to displace you and your family, you may try to qualify as a refugee, but this requires proof of atrocities and selection by the UN
23	27, male, Guatemala	No permanent visa options; perhaps could get a student visa if can prove she has sufficient money in the bank (e.g. at one community college, applicants for a student visa must have at least \$8,000-\$10,000 saved).
24	24, female, El Salvador	No legal options
25	34, male, Syria	Could qualify as a refugee if chosen by UN
26	22, male, Russia	Family preference system
27	16, male, Honduras	No legal options
28	39, male, Papua New Guinea	Fiancé visa is probably fastest route; employment-based possibly, if there is demand in his field
29	55, male, Venezuela	No legal options – could try to apply for asylum once you arrive in the U.S, but your case is unlikely to succeed unless you have substantial proof
30	30, female, Mexico	No obvious legal options, though she may have a chance at domestic violence-based asylum if she can get to the U.S. first
31	31, female, Sudan	No legal options, because you don't have enough education for the diversity visa lottery... your husband could possibly qualify for it though
32	31, male, Venezuela	No legal options. If could reach U.S. and apply for asylum, that might be a possibility, but only if you can prove the risk to your life.