



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Why Is This Important Now?

- U.S. facing record levels of legal migration
 - 1 in 9 U.S. residents are foreign-born
 - 3.84 million new LPRs, from 2002 to 2005
 - 2.18 million new citizens naturalized, from 2002 to 2005
- Over 80 percent of immigrants from outside of Europe
 - Top 5 birth countries of new American citizens, 2005: Mexico, Philippines, India, Vietnam, China
- Immigrants increasingly settling in “New Gateways”: i.e., North Carolina, Nevada, Georgia



About the Office of Citizenship

Introduction

Created by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Office of Citizenship:

- Promotes instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities, and
- Provides immigrants with information and tools necessary to successfully integrate into American civic culture



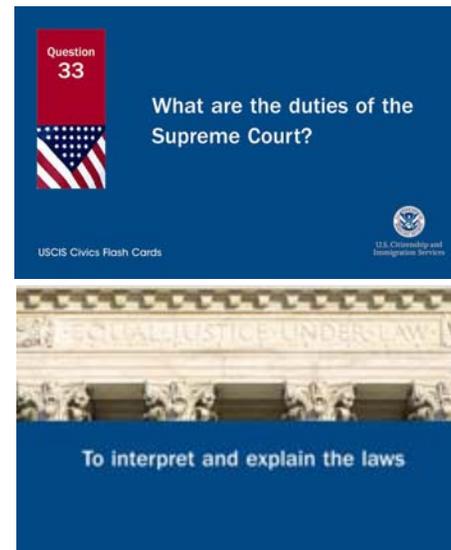
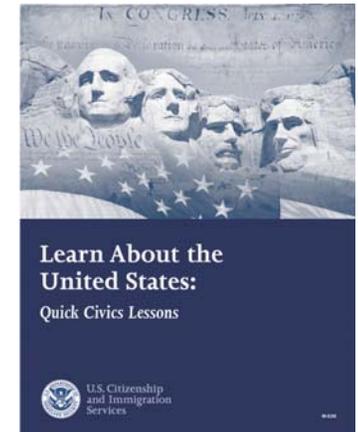
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Products and Publications

Promoting Civic Literacy in the Community

Through the development of educational materials for permanent residents to use as study tools and educators to use in the classroom, the Office of Citizenship is assisting the immigrant community learn more about American history and government.



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Task Force on New Americans

- Established by Executive Order. Essential component of the President's comprehensive immigration reform proposal
- Develop educational initiatives to help legal immigrants embrace the common core of American civic culture, learn English, and fully become Americans
- Strengthen social/political cohesion of the U.S. by promoting America's common civic culture and language
- Prevent marginalization of the foreign-born – which can lead to social problems, radicalization – via successful integration



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New Americans Library Initiative

- **Description:** Expand access to citizenship and civics materials and educational programming at public libraries
- **Approach:**
 - Distribute a toolkit with citizenship and civics publications to libraries nationwide
 - Partner with GPO, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and state libraries
 - Use libraries as venues to deliver Civic Orientation sessions developed with National Constitution Center
 - Develop educational products with other federal agencies
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