

LSE presents Alex Nowrasteh, author of Wretched Refuse?

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Session: Migration: past lessons, today's challenges, future issues

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Economic arguments favoring increased immigration restrictions suggest that immigrants undermine the culture, institutions, and productivity of destination countries.

But is this actually true? Nowrasteh and Powell systematically analyze cross-country evidence of potential negative effects caused by immigration relating to economic freedom, corruption, culture, and terrorism.

They analyze case studies of mass immigration to the United States, Israel, and Jordan. Their evidence does not support the idea that immigration destroys the institutions responsible for prosperity in the modern world. This nonideological volume makes a qualified case for free immigration and the accompanying prosperity.

KEY FEATURES:

- Systematic summary of the basic economic case for free immigration in non-specialist language
- Empirically analyses cross-country and case study evidence for impact of immigration on destination countries
- Operates a non-ideological nature of investigation



REVIEW:

'... highly original, and takes a chainsaw to the most intellectually respectable case against immigration ... they demolish a big argument against existing levels of immigration, and suggest that most rich countries would benefit from being more open. Mr Biden and his advisers should devour their book.'

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