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In the past three decades, images of undocumented immigrants pouring across the southern border have driven the immigration debate, and policies have been implemented in response to those images. The Oklahoma City bombings and the tragic events of September 11, both of questionable relevance to immigration policy, have provided further impetus to implement strategies that are anti-immigration in design and effect. This book discusses the major immigration policy areas – undocumented workers, the immigration selection system, deportation of aggravated felons, national security and immigration policy, and the integration of new Americans – and the author suggests his own proposals on how to address the policy challenges from a perspective that encourages us to consider the moral consequences of our decisions. The author also reviews some of the policies that have been put forth and ignored and suggests new policies that would be good for the country economically and socially.

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Jonathan Peinado, Mao So, Sor Vann, José Velasquez, and the  
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