

The Opportunity of Immigration: How Should Britain Manage Its Borders?

Canada's Points System

- Canada implemented a points based assessment system for visa applicants in 1967
- They prioritised "attracting skilled foreign workers who could fill occupational gaps in the labour market"
- Arif Anwar argues that the system is inconsistently weighted, with heavy bias towards Canadian qualifications
- Canada actually reduced the number of points that foreign experience was worth
- The system has been successful in creating an influx of young skilled workers
- However I believe the system to be too robotic and perhaps neglectful of social impacts such as lack of integration

Australia's Immigration Failure

- In 2013, Australia created a scheme similar to the UK's recently proposed "Rwanda Scheme"
- Australia created an offshore detention centre on Manus Island
- This cost the taxpayer £5 billion since or £1.6 million per detainee
- It was found that the dangerous conditions of Manus Island violated the UN Convention Against Torture
- They were forced to pay £35 million in compensation to the near 2,000 people detained there

Demographics

- 8 of the top 10 non-UK passports held in the UK are of EU Member States
- There has been an increase in the amount of people born outside of England in the last decade
- In 2022, Albania was the top nationality claiming asylum in the UK, overtaking Syria
- The UK had the 4th most asylum applications in Europe, but only the 18th largest intake per head

Communo-Liberal Immigration Theory

- The Communitarian view of immigration views the State as bound by common goals and values
- As such those who become members of a State must be willing to adopt its values
- The Liberal view is the belief that a State should admit anybody who fulfills the minimum requirements for entry
- I advocate for a fusion of these two views, creating a more integrated society that welcomes immigrants and refugees more openly to the best of our resource capacity

Bringing Back Free Movement (Kind of)

- In concluding my research, I proposed a system of regulated movement through European collaboration
- The aim would be to disperse visa and asylum applications more evenly across Europe as well as filling occupational gaps in the labour market
- It would focus on efficient resource allocation, integration, and reforming a sense of European community, perhaps with the potential to address the Human Rights abuses that lead to mass influxes of refugees by imposing economic sanctions on countries in violation