

# Building and Breaking Barriers to Immigration

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My parents/family are migrants from Pakistan so immigration is a topic that is very close to me. Since I wanted my NHD topic to be something that was personal, I knew that topics in that area would be a good fit for me. While researching topics, I came across an article in *Time* magazine that described how Trump uses The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 against Arabs and Muslims. Since I am very in touch with my Islamic faith, I was immediately intrigued. As I dived deeper into this topic, I liked learning about it more and more.

This topic was both easy and difficult to research. When I first started to dive into my topic, I quickly came across an issue. A few years back, a post on Facebook went viral. That post read “Congress quietly repealed the McCarran-Warner Act of 1952 forbidding Muslims from holding office”. After seeing this, I immediately knew that from then on I had to be extra careful because I do not want Facebook news in my project. Because of this, I had to make sure that my sources were reliable so I used search engines such as Gale and ProQuest rather than using Google and having websites from everywhere come up. Also, since my topic was not too long ago, there are many newspapers and other primary sources that I found. Many of the primary sources I found were from using ProQuest.

Selecting my project category took me some time to completely figure out. In the end, I decided to go with a website. I chose this because I

feel that using a website would be the best way for me to display my work. I will make my website to be organized and interactive. I also have made websites before, but have not done a lot, so it will be nice to also learn some new things along the way. A website will also be nice for me because I have newspaper articles/documents from that time, that may appear pixelated/blurry if I print them, so I want to make sure that all my visuals are easily legible.

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 relates to the theme of *Breaking Barriers*, because of how it broke a barrier for Asian immigration to the United States. At the same time, it also created a barrier with how the Act masked the continued discrimination that gave a large preference to European immigrants, while also being discriminatory towards Asian immigrants, and caused lots of controversies. I also specifically think that this is a great topic because not only is it still in effect to this day, but it comes up nowadays still. In regards to the Muslim Ban, Donald Trump stated that he still has the power to discriminate because of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 that gives the president the ability to “suspend the entry” of “any class aliens” that he finds could be a threat to America.