

Next lesson: Immigration

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- [Irregular Migration via the Central Mediterranean](#) (European Political Strategy Centre) This document is a complete discussion, explanation and analysis of the problem and some possible political solutions. It also gives a history of the different political approaches tried in the last few years (and gives Italy lots of credit for its disproportionate efforts). If you want to know the facts about the problem and only read one thing, I suggest this.
- [Migration to Europe explained in 7 charts](#) (BBC)
- [Data visualization of migrant flows to Europe \(really cool!\)](#) (Lucify)
- [4 maps that will change who you see migration in Europe](#)
- [Data on refugees and migrants coming to Europe — from 2016](#) (Pew Research Center)
- [International migrants by country — a global perspective](#) (Pew Research Center)
- [Migrant vs. refugee: what the terms mean, and why they matter](#) (VOX)

Then you might want to look at some of the following. I didn't take them all from the Guardian this time, but many of them have a very obvious bias (and probably reveal my own bias).

There are tons of exceptional (and exceptionally long) articles and videos out there, but I tried to stick with ones mostly about Mediterranean refugees and ones that are more recent (although there were a number from 2015 to now).

As usual, **write down key vocabulary**.

Feel free to look at other resources — even in Italian!

- [10 truths about Europe's refugee crisis](#) (The Guardian)
- [The most refugee friendly country in Europe](#) just recheck/relisten to the listening from class with the transcript
- **Writing** — Two options
  - 1. See the writing file. I'm really curious to see how many of you will tackle this topic! It will probably be more interesting to do this by Sunday evening — before the results of the French election.
  - 2. If the first seems too daunting, then do this: write me an email with a brief summary of an article you read for class, saying what you learned about the candidates, what you found interesting, and which candidate you prefer (and why).
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- (Quartz)
- [8 reasons the crisis is not what you think](#) (Globe and mail)
- [Dying to get to Italy](#) (VICE)
- [The Valley Rebels — The French farmer helping refugees cross into Europe](#) (Guardian documentary)
- [Can politics save the refugee crisis?](#) Guardian audio. Really interesting! And [his TED talk](#).
- [6 TED talks about the refugee crisis](#)
- [Desperate Journey: Europe's refugee crisis](#) (Human Rights Watch)
- [Leoluca Orlando is taking on Europe over migrants](#) (Guardian)
- ['Horrific' levels of child abuse in unsafe refugee camps, warns EU](#)
- [The urgent case for stopping the flow of illegal migrants across the Mediterranean](#)
- [Fortress Italia — documentary](#) (Vice)
- [The Italian family hosting 6 refugees in their home](#) (Al-Jazeera)
- [A week on board a refugee recovery ship](#) (TIME)
- [Swarms, floods and marauders: the toxic metaphors of the migration debate](#) (Guardian)
- [8 Ways to solve the world refugee crisis](#) (Amnesty International)
- [How to solve Europe's migration crisis](#) (Politico)
- [8 practical ways to help refugees](#)

There are tons of questions to consider. I hope you can help me put them in some order. Some are related to the nature of the problem and the solution — or our responsibility for finding one.

Some that jump to mind are (but you should think about, write down, or add here, **more**):

- What is the Dublin Regulation? What is Schengen? What is the UN treaty on asylum seekers? Mare Nostrum, Triton?
- What's the difference between a migrant, an immigrant, a refugee and an asylum seeker? How do we decide who is entitled to what? (I mean, in actual fact, not *how should we...*)
- Can we just send them back?
- Is this situation the same or different to recent historical migrations (e.g. pre- and post-WWII)
- Are the issues the same in Greece, Italy, Spain and Turkey?
- Why are people coming to Italy?
- What's the situation now with Italy? With the camps? With the "welcome centers"?
- Do the people coming to Italy want to stay? Go back? Go somewhere else? Does that matter?
- How many people are actually trying to stay in Italy? In Europe? How many is too many? Just enough?
- What approaches have been tried in the last few years to deal with the crisis? What has/hasn't worked? Why?
- What does it mean to be "a nation of immigrants"? Is this true about any European countries?

- What does it take for immigrants to integrate? How long does it take?
- What responsibility do we have toward people seeking refugee here (for whatever reason)? In terms of politics? In terms of religion? In terms of morality?
- What are “European values”? Do the new arrivals share them? Is that important?
- Do European values include helping refugees?
- How will a big influx of refugees change Europe? Is that bad?
- What contributions do immigrants make to the economy?
- What do you think of people who go against the government to help immigrants?
- What should we do? At a European level? A national level? A community level? A personal level?