



# MIGRANTS' RIGHTS QUIZ



1. What percentage of undocumented migrants receives any post-secondary schooling?
  - A. 5-10%
  - B. 10-15%
  - C. 20-25%
  - D. 25-30%
  
2. There are 214 million migrants worldwide today. How many of these live in the United States?
  - A. 9 million
  - B. 37 million
  - C. 80 million
  - D. 110 million
  
3. True or False: Migrants or undocumented workers are not guaranteed any rights under the United States Constitution.
  - A. True
  - B. False
  
4. Which of the following is a classification of migrant in the United States?
  - A. Permanent resident
  - B. Temporary worker
  - C. Asylum seeker
  - D. Undocumented worker
  - E. All of the above
  
5. Joan is a U.S. citizen and she would like her sister Mary to come and live with her in Minnesota. About how long will her sister have to wait to get a visa to live permanently in the United States?
  - A. 1 year
  - B. 2-4 years
  - C. 5-8 years
  - D. 9 + years
  
6. What percentage of non-citizens do not have medical insurance?
  - A. 10%
  - B. 32%
  - C. 47%
  - D. 75%
  
7. In what percent of deportation cases in 2008 were immigrants not represented by a lawyer?
  - A. 18%
  - B. 32%
  - C. 57%
  - D. 89%
  
8. How many states have passed constitutional amendments or statutes declaring English to be the official language?
  - A. 10
  - B. 26
  - C. 29
  - D. 37
  
9. According to a study by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, what percentage of Hispanic renters faced discrimination in their attempt to secure housing?
  - A. 5%
  - B. 15%
  - C. 25%
  - D. 35%
  
10. Why might someone fleeing persecution be unable to claim asylum in the United States?
  - A. Filed for asylum 18 months after arriving in the U.S.
  - B. Robbed at gunpoint by terrorists in home country
  - C. Served in the military of a repressive government
  - D. All of the above



# MIGRANTS' RIGHTS QUIZ ANSWERS



1. **A – 5-10%.** Undocumented migrant children are denied equal access to higher education in the U.S. under a 1996 federal immigration law that discourages states from providing in-state tuition, work-study, or financial aid to undocumented migrants.<sup>1</sup>
2. **B – 37 million.** In 2010, an estimated 214 million people lived outside their country of birth.<sup>2</sup> Approximately 37 million migrants live in the United States.<sup>3</sup>
3. **B – False.** The United States Constitution guarantees most rights for all people in the U.S. whether citizens or migrants, documented or undocumented. These rights include equal protection under the law, the right to due process, and the right to fair criminal proceedings.
4. **E – All of the above.** Migrants fall under a broad range of classifications depending on their motivations as well as the manner in which they enter a foreign country. Permanent residents, temporary workers, asylum seekers, and undocumented workers are all considered migrants. Regardless of their legal status, all migrants are entitled to basic human rights.
5. **D – 9+ years.** The current wait time for siblings of U.S. citizens applying for immigrant visas is between 9 and 19 years depending on their country of origin. Although the U.S. recognizes the right to family unity by granting special preference to family members of immigrants, a strict quota system combined with understaffing and a slow adjudication process has led to a backlog of millions of visa applications. The wait for reunification can be decades.<sup>4</sup>
6. **C – 47%.** Although they pay taxes, migrants who have been in the U.S. for less than 5 years are denied access to federally-funded health insurance programs such as Medicaid. As a result, 47% of non-citizens are uninsured as compared to 15% of citizens.<sup>5</sup>
7. **C – 57%.** People in the immigration system are denied their right to effective representation because they do not have a right to a lawyer under U.S. law because deportation cases are civil and not criminal cases. Studies have shown that having representation is the most important factor in determining whether immigrants win their cases.<sup>6</sup>
8. **B – 26.** Currently 26 states have passed constitutional amendments or statutes that limit or prevent languages other than English from being used in government business. This is in violation of U.S. obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).<sup>7</sup>
9. **C – 25%.** Landlords and real estate agents have been found to discriminate against migrants or people perceived to be migrants by discouraging them from living in certain areas or creating higher barriers to rent or purchase homes.<sup>8</sup>
10. **D – All of the above.** U.S. law denies asylum to migrants who fail to file their claims within one year of arriving, which penalizes those most in need of protection such as survivors of torture who struggle with memory loss, PTSD, depression, and other barriers to quickly applying for asylum.<sup>9</sup> The U.S. bars individuals who have provided support to terrorist groups, even assistance provided under coercion or threat of force.<sup>10</sup> Finally, people cannot receive asylum if they were involved in persecuting others.<sup>11</sup>

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