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This non-fiction resource examines immigration policy in the United States. The information spans from the nation's founding to the modern era. Chapters are divided thematically and range from history, to the relationship between immigration and the economy, to the opposing views on immigration in the United States. The information is well organized and includes factual information presented in an unbiased way. Various viewpoints and perspectives, as well as historical events, are recounted and analyzed in a way that allows readers to understand the long-term affects of immigration in the United States. The sources used in the book are foot-noted and plentiful and come from a variety of sources. The author provides a diversity of resources to further your research on immigration policy and history if desired. This is a concise resource that explores a complex and divisive topic.

US Immigration Policy is a useful resource for those wanting more information on how immigration has affected Americans historically as well as in the present. It is a useful text for teachers to use in the classroom and to pull reliable information from. The author provides contextual evidence that is unbiased in its perspective. The text uses not just written information, but photographs, charts, and quotes to provide a more complex understanding of immigration policy. The pictures are vibrant and relevant and appropriately captioned. The author pulls quotes from politicians, historians, and policy makers to add depth of understanding for readers. The information is presented in such a way that it is succinct and to the point, while still being sufficiently insightful. A criticism of the book is that the glossary could be longer and more inclusive of the definitions and terms found throughout the book. However, many of these are covered in depth elsewhere in the text. Overall, this is a wonderful resource that provides the necessary information in which to understand immigration policy within the United States.