Over the last four decades, immigration to the U.S. has grown rapidly in both relative and absolute terms, as millions of foreigners herding from all parts of the world have made this country their home. While the federal government has been largely responsible for the admission of immigrants and the enforcement of immigration laws, states and localities have played a critical role in the integration of immigrants into communities. As the magnitude and nature of immigration—and the challenges associated with it—have transformed the political and policy landscape, the roles of the federal government and of the states have evolved, sparking both new
Immigration drives population growth
Immigration slows population decline in Middle America
Executive Action: Roles for states and localities

- Outreach and public education
- Education
- Documentation
- Protecting immigrants from fraud
Executive actions affecting states and localities

• Immigration Enforcement

• Promoting U.S. Citizenship

• Fostering Integration

• Changes to the Legal Immigration System
States issuing driver’s licenses to unauthorized immigrants

- Currently issuing, distinctive
- Issuing, non-REAL ID compliant
- Overturned in referendum