

# National & Oregon Immigration Rights Resources

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## I. National Immigration Information and Rights Sites

**Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM)** runs a blog with news, links and actions to take at <http://fairimmigration.wordpress.com/>. More information about the movement, a coalition of hundreds of organizations across the country at <http://communitychange.org/our-projects/firm/>.

**League of United Latin American Citizens**, Hispanic American rights and advocacy group, has news, action alerts and links about immigration rights at <http://www.lulac.org/immigration.html>.

**Out of Sync:** "New Temporary Worker Proposals Unlikely to Meet U.S. Labor Needs" is a report by the American Immigration Law Foundation about one of the key aspects being debated for comprehensive immigration reform. Offers clear statistics and numbers of various industries and workers needed, and what the proposed legislation would and would not provide. [http://www.aifl.org/ipc/policybrief/policybrief\\_060707.shtml](http://www.aifl.org/ipc/policybrief/policybrief_060707.shtml).

**League of Women Voters** has available an outstanding set of immigration study, position and background papers on immigration issues at <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=LWVUSImmigrationStudy>.

**National Immigration Forum** has a lot of useful resources available at <http://www.immigrationforum.org/>. See also their "Top 10 Immigration Myths & Facts" at <http://www.immigrationforum.org/documents/TheJourney/MythsandFacts.pdf>.

**The Justice for Immigrants** Web site, located at <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/>, has useful information, such as a section dedicated to educational materials for Catholic Parishes. On that page, you can find a link to "Immigration Basics" and other good materials. Go to [http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/parish\\_kit.html](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/parish_kit.html).

**American Immigration Lawyers Association** has prepared a well done resource guide "Making the Case for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. You can find it at <http://www.aila.org/resourceguide>.

**National Immigration Law Center** has many useful resources at their Web site at <http://www.nilc.org/>. Be sure to look at the 2007 paper titled “**Overview of Key Immigration Issues Facing the Immigrants’ Rights Movement**” at [http://www.nilc.org/immlawpolicy/fedimm\\_overview\\_2007-11-16.pdf](http://www.nilc.org/immlawpolicy/fedimm_overview_2007-11-16.pdf).

**Project Vote Smart** posts their Congressional Key Votes that can be searched by issue, bill number or keyword to find an objective synopsis and highlights of each important bill and lists of how congressional representatives voted. [http://www.votesmart.org/issue\\_keyvote.php?state\\_id=NA](http://www.votesmart.org/issue_keyvote.php?state_id=NA).

**GovTrack:** Find status, summaries and links to analysis of bills, as well as Congress members’ voting records at <http://www.govtrack.us/>.

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## II. Religious Groups with National Immigration Legislation Information

**Friends Committee on National Legislation:** The Quaker peace and justice lobby has actions to take, faith statements, background information and analysis on immigration at [http://www.fcni.org/issues/issue.php?issue\\_id=69](http://www.fcni.org/issues/issue.php?issue_id=69).

**NETWORK,** a national Catholic social justice lobby, has positions on and summaries of current legislation at <http://capwiz.com/networklobby/issues/bills/>.

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## III. State Immigration Rights and Legislation Information

**CAUSA,** an Oregon immigrants rights coalition, offers information and analysis on proposed state and federal legislation related to immigrants at <http://www.causaoregon.org/resources> and opportunities for immediate response and actions at <http://www.causaoregon.org/action-center>.

“**Farmworkers in Oregon**” is a study of the League of Women Voters. While issued in fall of 2000, this excellent document is comprehensive and relevant to current situations, offering the history of migrant and seasonal workers on Oregon, labor law and enforcement, worker rights and conditions, and consumer issues, at <http://www.open.org/~lwvov/Farmworkers2.htm>.

“**The New Pluralism In Woodburn, Oregon**” is a community study conducted during 2003-2004 by the University of Oregon, which describes the community and also includes indigenous people from Mexico. About 30 percent of recent immigrants arriving in Oregon are indigenous people from Mexico and Guatemala. This is a helpful resource that reflects the same type of transformation occurring in small towns throughout Oregon. View the study at [http://wnw.uoregon.edu/pdf\\_imm/Short%20Woodburn-Final%209-15.pdf](http://wnw.uoregon.edu/pdf_imm/Short%20Woodburn-Final%209-15.pdf).

“**Gender, Families and Immigration in the Northwest Project**” is an initiative of the University Of Oregon’s Center for the Study of Women in Society, <http://wnw.uoregon.edu/immigration.shtml>. This site includes the excellent work of Lynn Stephen and her colleagues including “The Gaze of Surveillance in the Lives of Mexican Workers” at [http://wnw.uoregon.edu/pdf\\_imm/gaze%20of%20surveillance.pdf](http://wnw.uoregon.edu/pdf_imm/gaze%20of%20surveillance.pdf).

**Oregon Law Center,** at <http://www.oregonlawcenter.org/>, offers a variety of legal services to low income people and others who are bilingual, with special attention to indigenous women

and men. **Legal Aid**, at <http://www.osbar.org/public/ris/LowCostLegalHelp/LegalAid.html>, also assists low income people. Both Legal Aid and the Oregon Law Center have offices throughout Oregon and offer discussions and legal clinics for community groups, churches, etc.

**Oregon Farm Worker Ministry (OFWM)** and **National Farm Worker Ministry** offer educational and theological resources for churches and faith communities accompanying women and men who work in the fields, orchards, ranches, nurseries and dairies. Immigration law reform and the Ag Jobs legislation hold many implications for migrant and seasonal workers. OFWM can also provide speakers, pulpit supply, and resources in English and Spanish on these and related issues. Call the Oregon office at (503) 288-3528 or (503) 990-0611 or visit <http://www.nfwm.org/index/index.shtml>.

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## IV. Religious Statements and Resources on Immigration Reform

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon** has a list of religious statements and resources on immigration reform at <http://www.emoregon.org/action1.php>.

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## V. Resources for Presentations/Classes or Distribution

“**Wall Street and Immigration: Dividing America for Profit**” is an instructive PowerPoint presentation about one of the leading causes of the massive increase of migration to the United States, produced by ENLACE, a membership organization comprised of work centers, unions and organizing groups in the United States and Mexico dedicated to economic and social justice. Find the PowerPoint at <http://www.enlaceintl.org/wa/enlace/ei/962/>. There is a Portland office and staff who can travel throughout the state. Contact information can be found at <http://www.enlaceintl.org/>.

“**Maquilapolis: City of Factories**” is a film by the women who worked in the Tijuana maquiladoras (multinationally-owned companies dotting the United States/Mexican border). They visually and creatively tell the story of the invasion of the maquiladoras that employed thousands of workers, the effects of the companies on local communities, working conditions, union issues, toxic contamination, and how globalization moved the companies to seek work forces in Asia and the Mexican work force to the United States. Film information can be found at [http://www.maquilapolis.com/project\\_eng.htm](http://www.maquilapolis.com/project_eng.htm). Shown in the Portland metro area on Portland Community Media (public access television); call or e-mail them to encourage new cablecast times at (503) 288-1515, [matt@pcmtv.org](mailto:matt@pcmtv.org). Call Deborah Schwartz at PCASC (503) 236-7916.

“**Nosotros: The Hispanic People of Oregon, Essays and Recollections**,” published by the Oregon Council for the Humanities. Oregon has been home to Latinos from the Spanish explorers of the 1770s to the recently arrived immigrants from Mexico. Read more about this important publication and order from <http://www.oregonhum.org/publications.php>.

“**In Our Own Words: Immigrants’ Experiences in the Northwest**” is a 40-page booklet found at [http://www.nwfco.org/pubs/2006-0214\\_In.our.own.words-Immigrants.experiences.in.the.NW-webversion.pdf](http://www.nwfco.org/pubs/2006-0214_In.our.own.words-Immigrants.experiences.in.the.NW-webversion.pdf) and “**Bar to a Healthy Future: Stories of the Immigrant Children Left Behind**,” produced by the Northwest Federation of Community Organizations (Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, June 2007, can be found at [http://nwfco.org/pubs/2007.0530\\_Bar.2.Healthy.Future.pdf](http://nwfco.org/pubs/2007.0530_Bar.2.Healthy.Future.pdf).