

**Lesson 23**  
**Border and Transportation Security II: People**

**Readings:**

1. Review the following American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF) websites: (1) [Fencing in Failure](#); (2) [Five Myths About Immigration](#); and (3) [Beyond the Border Buildup](#).
2. National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States, [Staff Statement No. 1: Entry of the Hijackers into the United States](#) in *The 9/11 Investigations: Staff Reports of the 9-11 Commission*. New York, NY: Public Affairs, 2004.
2. Don Kerwin, *The Use and Misuse of "National Security" Rationale in Crafting US Refugee and Immigration Policies* in *International Journal of Refugee Law* (Oxford: Dec 2005, Vol 17, Iss. 4, p. 749).
3. George W. Bush, [National Strategy for Homeland Security](#): read the box entitled "National Vision" on page 26.
4. Skim: George W. Bush, [Policies in Focus: Securing America Through Immigration Reform](#), White House website. Familiarize yourself with the major features of the President's proposals for immigration reform.

**Study Questions:**

1. What is the scope of the challenge presented by the movement of people (US citizens and permanent residents; visitors; immigrants, both legal & illegal; refugee claimants; asylum seekers, etc.)?
2. Describe the process that a "non-US person" must go through to enter the United States, stay within the terms of their visa, and exit the United States. Which agencies have responsibility for which steps in the process?
3. How did the 9-11 hijackers navigate this process?
4. Where are the weak links in the process? What are the challenges associated with strengthening those weak links? What policies and programs does the United States use to do so?
5. How has the US Government translated the President's vision for domestic counterterrorism into post 9-11 immigration policies?
6. Describe Don Kerwin's argument. In what ways may current immigration policies be counterproductive for our national security?
7. What competing priorities or interests, in addition to security, must the US balance in designing and implementing immigration policy?
8. What is the effect of federal immigration law and policy on state and local governments?
9. Describe the President's plan for immigration reform. In your opinion, is it a sound proposal? Describe the key criticisms that members of Congress continue to voice.