

Follow-up activity: Immigration and the 14th Amendment

Intro

Often, states and municipalities pass laws and policies to further cement and extend the guarantees of the Constitution (examples in history: Voting Rights Act, Civil Rights Act, Title IX). Laws can afford more rights and protections than the Constitution, but they cannot take Constitutional rights/protections away.

Activity

Propose a policy to codify/extend the protections of the 14th Amendment for immigrants (ideas: end racial profiling, require police body cameras, allow non-citizen voting)

- What would the proposal say?
- Which stakeholders do you need to talk to/gain the support of?
- Draft testimony/op-ed/letter to the editor in support of your proposal, including 14th Amendment arguments