

TALK SHOW:

WHY DO VISAS MAKE SENSE?

In this activity we will look at why visas are important for different groups of society and try to look at why we have a system where people need visas to go from one place to another.

MATERIALS

- Papers
- Pens

OBJECTIVES

- Look at the reasons behind visas
- How visas are beneficial for certain groups and how disproportional they are

PREPARATION

Make the room look like a talk show stage (optional, but nice)

STEP-BY-STEP

1. Explain to the participants that now you are going to explore a bit more in detail the reasoning behind visas. For this you are using a role-play method by playing a talk show situation.
2. Split the group into three smaller groups and divide the roles between them: one should be a speaker for governments, one for the economy/corporations and one for the left/socialists.
3. Each group has to prepare an argumentation on why visas make sense (or maybe no sense - but it would be good if the socialists also discuss whether they can make sense of visas) for their role. And they have to appoint one person to speak for the group in the talk show. They have 25 minutes to prepare their reasoning.
4. They have to prepare an opening statement, some questions for the other groups and be ready to answer some questions that the others may have for them, so it's also important to think about which statements the other groups might come up with.
5. After this 25 minutes you are going into acting out the talk show. One of the team or facilitator moderates it, introduces the speakers first and then gives the floor to the different ones. After their introductory statement they should also have the chance to answer to others and answer questions.

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| Age | 12+ |
| Duration | 1h |
| Group Size | 9+ |
| Space | Three breakout spaces |

DEBRIEFING

Thinking about their roles:

- Was it difficult to come up with ideas?
- Did the other groups said what you were expecting?
- What surprised you from other group's reasoning?

Now, as themselves:

- What do you agree with?
- Do you think visas make sense?
- How are they used to stop people from moving?
- Do they work the same for everyone?
- Thinking specifically on the corporations, are they having the same barriers to move their products?
- How can we connect it to the workings of the capitalist system?

TIPS

- Give a limited amount of time for their opening statements
- Limit the number of rounds of questions they have and of how long.
- If you have a big group you can add new people to the talk show: students, workers, etc.