

Assignment 2

Due: Dec. 4

Assignment:

Explain why, on Michelle Alexander's view, all of the moral categories associated with immigration are themselves a matter of moral luck. Use her analysis as a frame for understanding the person you interviewed's experience in terms of moral luck. What can you conclude about the ethics of immigration in general? Give concrete claims to back up your analysis.

Strategy:

There are three parts to this assignment and they all have equal weight. A strong assignment will address each one in a way that is *unified* and *concrete*.

This assignment asks you to rethink your *moral framing* of a problem and provide an alternative analysis. A good strategy is to set out your moral frame at the outset and explain what is distinctive of it: ***how does it challenge the ordinary ways that people think about the problem?*** The best answers will show what is new and different about this way of thinking and why that is important.

The assignment also asks you to apply this frame to a specific case that is close to you. This is a good opportunity for you to add in your own thoughts and analysis and explain what you think about the case and the moral frame. A strong answer will include your own ***critical voice*** outlining your perspective on the case and the moral analysis you're presenting.

The final part to the assignment is an opportunity for you to express yourself and develop your perspective on the issues. You can talk about your views on your interviewee's experiences and how your moral understanding has changed or stayed the same. This is an opportunity to be ***concrete and thoughtful*** about what you have written and learned. Vague and general gestures will just undermine all the work you have done.

