

Role Set 1

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Round 1 - EU level

EU Commissioner for Home Affairs

You promote EU-level solutions to migration, borders and security. You invited ministers from EU countries to address the situation in the Mediterranean.

»It is part of European values and responsibilities to help people who are fleeing persecution or conflict.«

»The EU needs to have strong external borders, be able to return people who don't have the right to stay and have good relations with migrants' countries of origin and transit.«



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Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 1

These are the positions of your government:

»We want to help our eastern neighbours, but we can't accommodate all these refugees.«

»We will let them in only if we see enough solidarity from other EU countries.«

«We need immigrants. Many of our own people work abroad and our employers don't find the workers they need.»

«In the long term, we need to support employment of our nationals.»

You set the direction of policies on employment and welfare benefits in your country.

Minister of Labour and Welfare

Round 2 - National level



«Our country has already accepted lots of immigrants, it's time to take care of our own people.»

«Too many foreigners simply don't adjust to our ways of life.»

You represent a section of the public that generally opposes immigration.

Public II representative

Round 2 - National level



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Round 3 - City level

Spokesperson for the “Law and Order” citizens group

You are the spokesperson for a local grass-roots initiative.



«We want a clean, safe city where laws and rules are respected.»

«Too much money from the city budget is spent on migrants. Local citizens should have priority.»

Round 3 - City level

Local business owner

You run a chain of shops in parts of the city where many migrants live. Yulia worked in one of your shops in the past.



«I want to run my business and serve my customers, whoever they are.»

«I want a safe and orderly environment where my shops are.»

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Role Set 3

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Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 2

These are the positions of your government:



»EU countries must share responsibility for the protection of refugees.«

»Some of our citizens are worried about migration. They vote for parties that reject immigrants and are sceptical about the EU.«

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Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 3

These are the positions of your government:




»We know what it's like to have external EU borders. Many migrants and refugees are still heading our way.«

»We can accept some of the asylum seekers coming from the East but other countries should take greater responsibility.«

Public I representative
Round 2 - National level

You represent a section of the public that broadly favours migration.




»Being open to people from abroad is good for our society and the economy.«

»Our people also used to flee totalitarianism and searched for better life abroad.«

Minister for Migration and Integration
Round 2 - National level

You set the direction of migration and integration policies in your country.



»Let's focus on integrating those who have legal status and are already in this country.«

»We need to reduce the number of irregular migrants in our country.«

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Mayor
Round 3 - City level

You decide about different aspects of life in your city. Your daughter got to know Ahmed while volunteering for a local NGO.



»I want our city to prosper and be a good place to live for all.«

»During the elections, I promised to reduce crime in the city. I want to get re-elected.«

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Spokesperson for the "Welcoming City" project
Round 3 - City level

You are the spokesperson for a local grass-roots initiative. You hired Sunil to create your new website.



»People of different cultures make our city interesting. But neighbourhoods where many migrants live in poverty are bad for our image.«

»It's not easy to be a newcomer. Migrants need support to feel at home and to be able to contribute to our society.«

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Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 4

These are the positions of your government:



»Many migrants and refugees from the East have already entered our country.«

»We will let more in only if we see enough solidarity from other EU countries.«

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Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 5

These are the positions of your government:



»The EU should protect refugees. We've already accepted many in the past.«

»Some of our citizens are worried about migration. They vote for parties that reject immigrants and are sceptical about the EU.«

»The media and the ruling class don't tell people the truth about the negative impacts of migration.«

»Preserving our culture is more important than economic growth.«

Leader of the opposition party
You lead a party that is currently in opposition to the government represented by the other 2 ministers.

Round 2 - National level



»The rights of migrant workers and their families must be protected and they can't be discriminated against.«

»Migrants are part of our society. If they feel accepted and welcome, it will be better for everybody.«

President of a civil society organisation
You run an organization that helps migrants integrate into the host society.

Round 2 - National level



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Round 3 - City level

Leader of a migrant association

You represent immigrants who have lived in the city for a long time and want to have more say in how it is run.

»We need to improve the image of foreigners in this city.«

»Something needs to be done about the growing number of attacks by extremist groups against foreigners in this city.«



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Round 3 - City level

Leader of the local opposition party

You lead a party currently in opposition to the mayor's party and want to beat the mayor in the next elections.

»In our city, we don't want migrant ghettos like they have in Western Europe.«

»Local citizens can't compete with immigrants who accept lower wages. And they don't feel safe on the streets of our city anymore.«

