

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:

»Many migrants and refugees try to enter the EU through our country. They can't all stay here.«

»We are on the front line. We need more support from the EU to be able to accept these boats.«

Minister of Labour and Welfare
Round 2 - National level




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

«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.»

Public II representative
Round 2 - National level



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

«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.»

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Spokesperson for the "Law and Order" citizens group
Round 3 - City level



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.»

Local business owner
Round 3 - City level



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 protecting refugees.«

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

Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 3

These are the positions of your government:




»Our citizens don't want the EU to tell them how many refugees and migrants we should receive.«

»EU funding is important for our country. Our citizens who work abroad appreciate the freedom of movement inside the EU.«

Public 1 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.«

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 try to enter the EU through our country. They can't all stay here.«

»Richer countries and those with fewer immigrants should accept their share.«

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Round 1 - EU level

Minister in EU country 5


These are the positions of your government:

»We've already accepted many refugees in the past. Other countries should also share the load.«

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

Leader of the opposition party
Round 2 - National level

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




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

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

President of a civil society organisation
Round 2 - National level

You run an organization that helps migrants integrate into the host society.




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

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

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Leader of a migrant association
Round 3 - City level

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.«

Leader of the local opposition party
Round 3 - City level

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.«

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