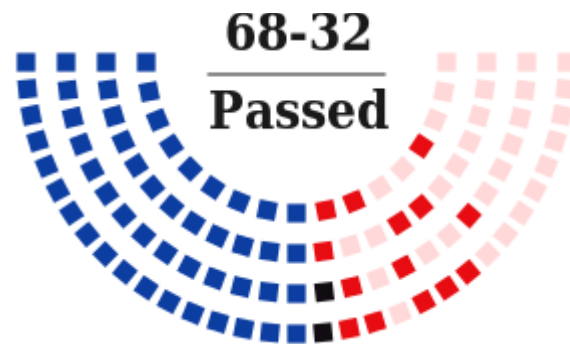


**Neoliberal Transitions and the  
Race-Immigration Nexus: Senate  
Bill 744 and the “Good Immigrant  
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*Restrictionist, Pragmatist and Advocate  
Immigration Lobby Organizations*

Type of Immigration Lobby Organization	Immigration reform principles	Immigration reform goals	Focal policy issues	Frequent terms
<b>Restrictionists</b>	National sovereignty	Immigration limits	Border control and security	Illegal aliens; foreigners; crime, drugs, terrorism
<b>Pragmatists</b>	Free market, practicality, American economic competitiveness	Employment-based immigration system	Employment-based visas and guest-worker programs	American global/competitiveness; essential workers; free market
<b>Advocates</b>	Human rights, American values, practicality, deserving immigrants	Inclusive, fair and accessible immigration system	Pathways to legalization; immigrant workers' rights	American/values; deserving; family/families; hardworking; workers

ImmigrationWorks USA (IW). 2013a. “New Report: Less-Skilled Immigrant Workers.”

“Immigrants rarely compete with Americans. They bring different skills and strengths. Jobs filled by low-skilled Americans require better communications skills; those filled by low-skilled immigrants are more physically demanding. And jobs held by low-skilled immigrants support and create jobs for Americans, freeing them to move up to slots that require more communications skills and managerial ability.”

Orrenius and Zavodny 2011 “From Brawn to Brains  
Federal Reserve Bank Of Dallas.” Posted on The  
Essential Worker Immigrant Coalition website

“Although immigrants may have fewer skills than natives, being different isn’t bad. In fact, differences are crucial. There would be no economic gains to immigration for natives if immigrants were clones of natives or, in economic jargon, perfect substitutes. Differences can create complementarities, with immigrant workers making natives better off.”