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# **Immigration Policy: Strategies for navigating a new reality**

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# A Year of Uncertainty, A Fork in the Road

- Federal elections with their resultant political pressures promise 2024 will be a year of surprises.
- The presidential election campaign may force Biden into positions he would not otherwise hold.
- Likewise, Congress may surprise us with very calculated deals with the Administration.
- And, at the end of the year, a new President and revamped Congress?
- This presentation will walk you through the disparate outcomes, and how campuses might choose to react.

# War, Strife, Nothing Nice

- International conflicts and geopolitical tensions will also mold our immigration world in 2024. To name just a few:
- Increasing tensions with China.
- Russian aggression in Ukraine.
- Migration into the rich world: the US, Europe and Canada.
- A widening conflict in the Middle East.
- Multiple conflicts in Africa.

# What is the Immigration Status Quo?

- ***Somewhat*** controlled migration through the southern border, and some seepage across the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel.
- Over 1 million admitted over the southern border last year, most released OR after receiving paperwork to appear for a hearing.
- Whatever your political leanings, there is no doubt this is widening the divide in the US, and is already being used as a talking point in the upcoming elections.
- Uniting for Ukraine has stalled.
- Very limited work visa numbers stifle US competitiveness.
- New STEM guidance has loosened the approval of some green cards.
- Increased suspicion of students from “countries of interest” (Russia, China, Mideast) is increasing student stress and decreasing interest in the US.

# What is Likely with a New President?

- Biden: very little change, as most things require Congressional action, and that is a dead letter assuming Republicans continue to control the House.
- Trump: Let's take a look at what he has said and did last time:
  - “Close” the border. Note: Mexico is our second largest trading partner (**2022-- USD 863.4 billion**).
  - Increase summary deportations (immigration court system is badly overloaded—over 2 million cases pending).
  - Discourage legal immigration in myriad ways: slow down processing, increase regulatory standards of proof, decrease funding, personnel for immigration, visa functions.
  - Reduce refugee quota to zero.
  - Most of this can be accomplished without Congressional intervention.

# Who are your Constituents?

Students



Faculty



Staff



Surrounding  
Community



# Who is your Voice? Who is your Spokesperson?



# Partnerships & Tools for Managing Change

- Partner with Credit Union for no fee loans to cover DACA filing fees
- ACLU and other Civic Groups
- Law firms specializing in immigration
- Insurance to protect revenue losses



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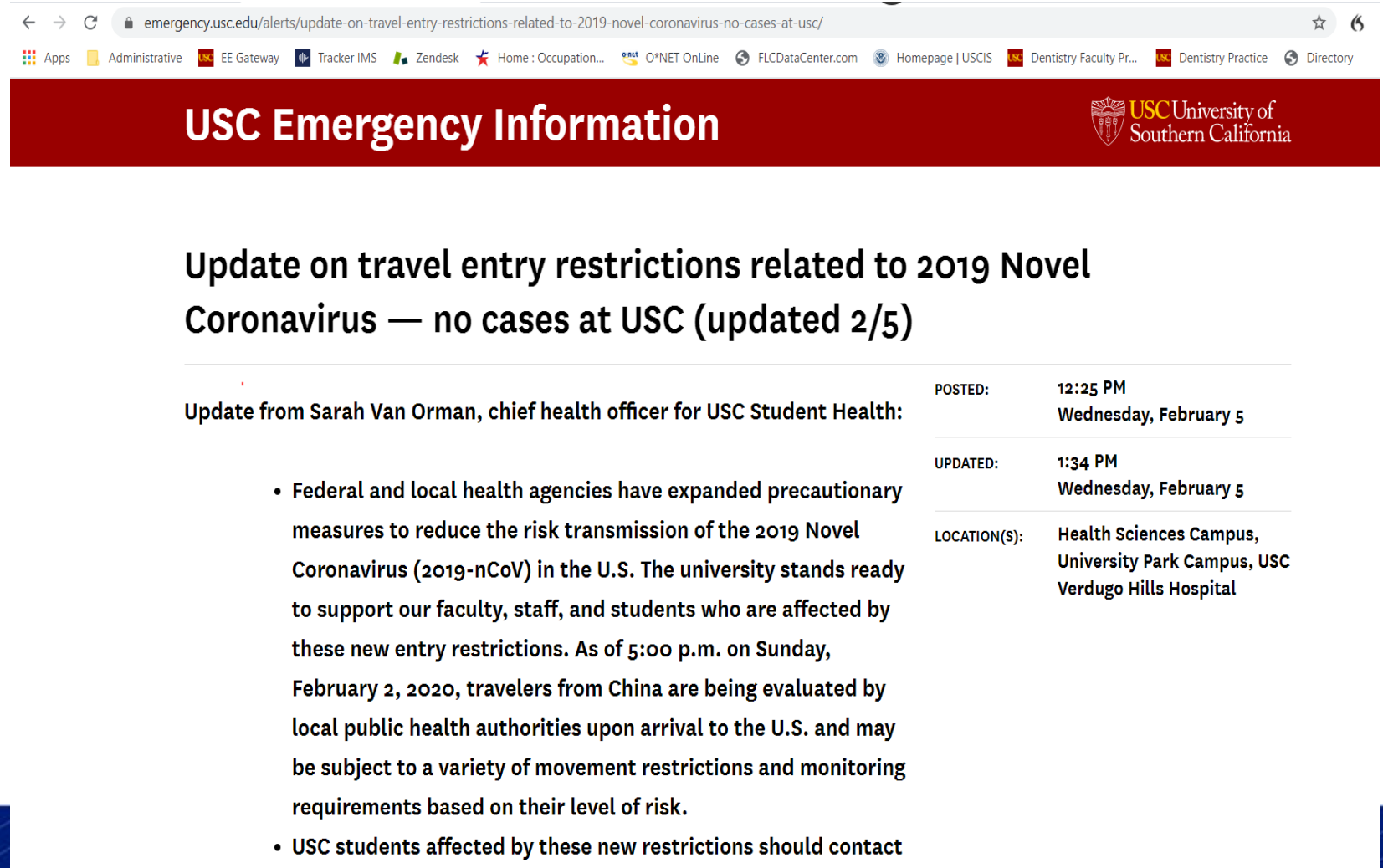
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## Website and newsletters – USC Emergency Information

Think of tone of your message, you do not want to cause panic.



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the USC Emergency Information page. The URL is [emergency.usc.edu/alerts/update-on-travel-entry-restrictions-related-to-2019-novel-coronavirus-no-cases-at-usc/](https://emergency.usc.edu/alerts/update-on-travel-entry-restrictions-related-to-2019-novel-coronavirus-no-cases-at-usc/). The page features a red header with the text "USC Emergency Information" and the USC University of Southern California logo. The main content area has a white background with a red border. The title of the alert is "Update on travel entry restrictions related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus — no cases at USC (updated 2/5)". Below the title, there is a sub-header "Update from Sarah Van Orman, chief health officer for USC Student Health:". The main body of the alert contains two bullet points: "Federal and local health agencies have expanded precautionary measures to reduce the risk transmission of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the U.S. The university stands ready to support our faculty, staff, and students who are affected by these new entry restrictions. As of 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2020, travelers from China are being evaluated by local public health authorities upon arrival to the U.S. and may be subject to a variety of movement restrictions and monitoring requirements based on their level of risk." and "USC students affected by these new restrictions should contact". To the right of the main text, there is a sidebar with three sections: "POSTED: 12:25 PM Wednesday, February 5", "UPDATED: 1:34 PM Wednesday, February 5", and "LOCATION(S): Health Sciences Campus, University Park Campus, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital".

USC Emergency Information

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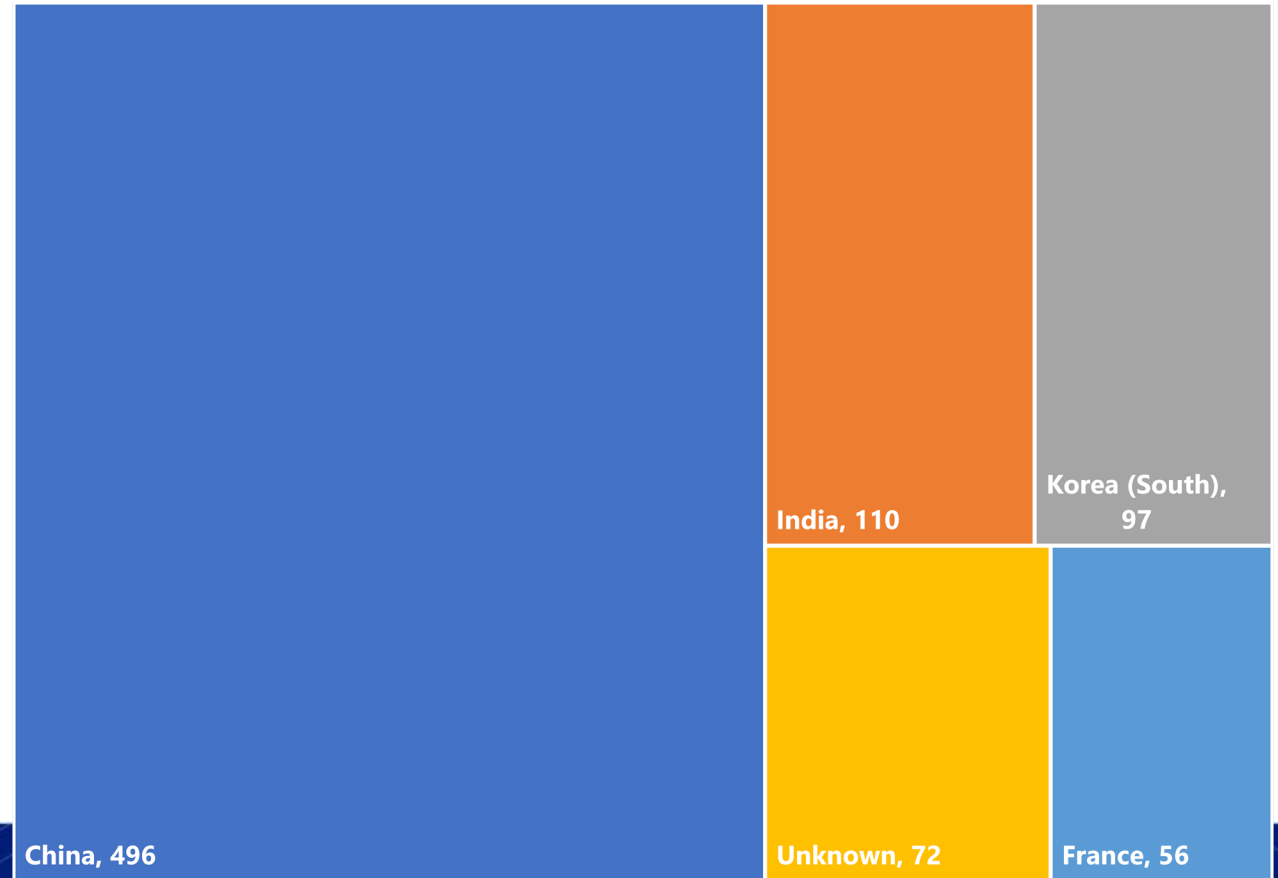
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Track internally on spreadsheets and tickler files if needed

- Crunch your numbers, analyze your data
  - E.g. Travel Ban 4.0 – only 2 people out of 2,000 potentially impacted
  - Open Doors Report

2018-2019  
Top 5 Nationalities



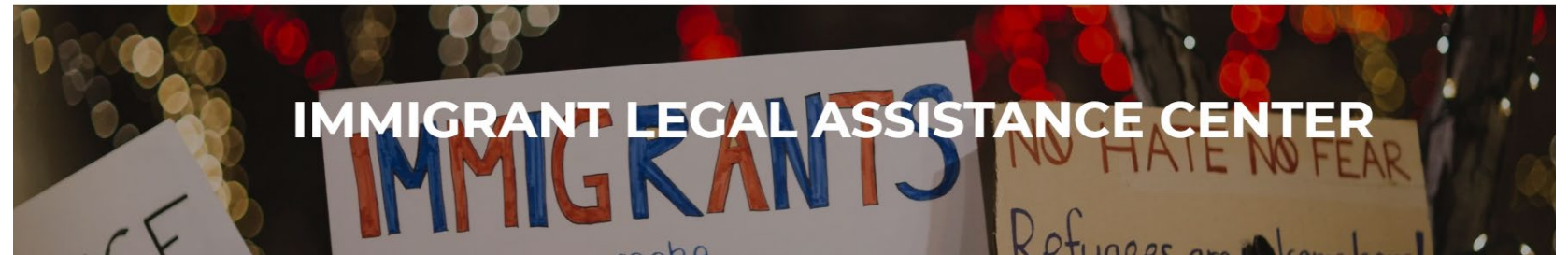
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**FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE**

**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE USC COMMUNITY WITH ANY OF THE**



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# Partnerships & Tools: Undocumented Student Services



The UCI DREAM Center's mission is to stand with and serve those impacted by immigration policy through advancing systemic change, deconstructing oppressive policies, and fostering community. We work towards personal growth, collective healing, and visible change.



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# Policies to adopt to support your population.

- Premium process petitions for quick resolution.
  - Who pays? Dept. or General Fund
  - Why?
- Who will you sponsor for permanent residency? Is this clearly explained to all?
  - Faculty only,
  - Faculty and Staff,
  - Some Faculty and Some Staff



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# Policies to adopt to support your population.

- Contacting the US Consulate on behalf of your constituent.
  - Be able to explain the benefit to the US economy or society that is served by swift consular action.
- Congressional liaison/intercession.
  - Deaf ears



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# Campus Strategies UC Irvine

- Advocacy & Government Relations
- Support Meetings
- Diversified Recruitment



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# Advocacy & Government Relations



- UC system is 500,000 people
- 10 campuses
- 5 hospitals
- 2 national labs
- 2 observatories
- 1 airport
- 1 seaport
- Federal affairs officers – campus and system

# Advocacy & Government Relations

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**Iranian students barred from US: lost money, broken dreams, no answers**

Caleb Hampton and Simon Campbell  
Mon 14 Oct 2019 01:00 EDT

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- 20 students from Iran
- Valid F-1 visas
- Students exempted from White House travel ban
- California congresspersons
- No info
- No change



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# Support Meetings

- Original travel ban
- Informal gatherings
- Objectives:
  - hear concerns,
  - direct to resources,
  - reassure,
  - PR
- 50 Ss and faculty attended two meetings
- Iranian enrollment remained consistent



# Diversified Recruitment, PR

- Some grad programs are almost 100% single country
- India, Latin America, Vietnam
- Parent Associations



# QUESTIONS?

¿Preguntas?

Domande?

Câu hỏi?

Fragen?

Preguntes?

Savāla?

Pytannya?

Sorular?

Yǒu wèn tí ma?

Maswali?

Dotazy?

Vragen?

Perguntas?

Shitsumon wa arimasu  
ka?

Kum tum?

Tanong?

Kesyon?

Jilmun?

Kit'Khvebi?

Вопросы?