



# The Reality of Climate Refugees from Central America and Prospects for US Immigration

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# Central American Climate Change

- Extreme weather events
- Drought
- Flooding
- Crop failure
- Rising temperatures
  
- Connections with international migration



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# Issue and Goal of Study

- **Issue**

- Substantial gap in literature regarding climate migration from the region
- Why has this gone unnoticed?

- **Goals of the study**

- Discover why this literature gap exists
- Fill the gap
- Propose recommendations



# Methodology and Results

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- **Methodology**

- Mixed-methods
- Personal interviews from a variety of perspectives
- Analyze extent literature

- **Results**

- Climate change as a threat multiplier
- Climate change as an evolving issue
- Climate change intersecting with US and global immigration systems





# Solutions

- Recognition of climate refugees
- Special work visas
- Funding social safety nets
- As simple as planting trees



# Global Connections

- **What can be learned**
  - A model for mitigation and adaptation
  - Applicable elsewhere
- **What's next?**
  - Further research
    - **Mitigation**
    - **Adaptation**
    - **Cooperation**

**Thank you!**

