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HW #5 (*please type*)

Undergraduates: Answer any FOUR questions.

Grad Students: Answer any FOUR questions, plus the Graduate-Level Question.

All-Level Questions (*answers should be 1 page, double-spaced*)

1. To what extent do fears of the political consequences of immigration assume voter irrationality? Explain your answer.
2. All things considered, why are immigrants more Democratic than natives?
3. All things considered, how politically dangerous is low-skilled immigration? Consider immigrants' participation as well as their issue views.
4. How much does ancestry research sway your view of desirable immigration policy? Carefully explain your answer.
5. How much does IQ research sway your view of desirable immigration policy? Carefully explain your answer.
6. Carefully explain Caplan's method for estimating the effect of immigration on IQ. How convincing is it?
7. All things considered, what is the best immigration policy?
8. Pick an influential stance on immigration policy that you strongly *disagree* with. Using everything we've learned, forcefully defend this policy.
9. What is the best philosophical foundation for open borders? What is the best philosophical foundation for closed borders?
10. What would the United States look like today if the Precautionary Principle had governed U.S. immigration policy since 1789?

Graduate-Level Question (*answer should be 2 pages*)

Critically analyze *either* Putterman-Weil on ancestry *or* Jones on IQ – whichever you find more persuasive. Overall, how convincing is the evidence they present – and what does their research tell us about optimal immigration policy?