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Director of Research

Dr. Steven Camarota serves as the Director of Research for the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), a Washington, DC-based research institute that examines the consequences of legal and illegal immigration on the United States. The Center promotes an informed debate on comprehensive immigration reform by providing policymakers, academics, media, and citizens with fact-based information on immigration.

In recent years Dr. Camarota has testified before Congress more than any other non-government expert on the economic and fiscal impact of immigration. In addition, he was the lead researcher on a contract with the Census Bureau examining the quality of immigrant data in the American Community Survey.

Dr. Camarota's research has been featured on the front pages of The New York Times, The Washington Post, and USA Today as well as numerous other media outlets. His academic articles have been published for journals, including the Public Interest and Social Science Quarterly. He has also written general interest pieces for such publications as the Chicago Tribune and National Review. His analysis and commentary are frequently heard on radio and television news programs including CNN, MSNBC, Fox News Channel, NBC Nightly News, and ABC World News Tonight, CBS Evening News, National Public Radio, and NewsHour on PBS.

Dr. Camarota received a master's degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania and later earned a doctorate degree from the University of Virginia in public policy analysis.

Some of Dr. Camarota's most cited works published by the Center for Immigration Studies are:

- Declining Summer Employment Among American Youths
- Who Benefited from Job Growth In Texas?
- A Record-Setting Decade of Immigration: 2000-2010
- A Shifting Tide: Recent Trends in the Illegal Immigrant Population
- Homeward Bound: Recent Immigration Enforcement and the Decline in the Illegal Alien Population.
- Immigrants in the United States 2007: A Profile of the America's Foreign-born Population
- 100 Million More: Projecting the Impact of Immigration On the U.S. Population, 2007 to 2060
- The High Cost of Cheap Labor: Illegal Immigration and the Federal Budget
- Back Where We Started: An Examination of Trends in Immigrant Welfare Use Since Welfare Reform
- Dropping Out: Immigrant Entry and Native Exit From The Labor Market 2000-2005