**COM 822-22 Persuasive Communication**

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I. Introduction

A. Hook In the midst of an extensive debate over healthcare accessibility for immigrants, it is apparent that this is a pressing national issue affecting public health, economic productivity, and the very fabric of society. According to the 2023 KFF/LA Times Survey, limited healthcare access impacts public health outcomes and the economy, emphasizing the urgent need for reform (KFF/LA Times, 2023).

B. Counterclaim & Setting the Environment The argument that immigrants strain resources or create economic burdens is frequently made by critics. However, studies like those highlighted by Kisa & Kisa (2024) demonstrate that inclusive healthcare policies save costs in the long run, prevent emergencies, and support a healthier workforce.

C. Thesis Statement: The implementation of comprehensive healthcare reform, which ensures affordable access for all, including immigrants, will ensure a healthier, more equitable society as well as strengthen the economy and public health.

II. Main Argument One

A. Evidence of Economic Contributions Immigrants contribute significantly to industries such as agriculture and technology, sustaining economic growth and addressing labor shortages (Smith & Lee, 2022).

B. Long-Term Financial Benefits Ensuring healthcare access for immigrants reduces healthcare system burdens and leads to healthier workers, lowering national healthcare costs over time (KFF, 2025).

C. Moral and Ethical Responsibility Equitable healthcare access reflects societal values of inclusion and justice. As stated in the Journal of Public Health (2023), inclusive policies align with ethical principles, fostering social cohesion.

### **III. Opposing Argument One:** The healthcare system is criticized for being burdened by providing healthcare to immigrants.

**A. Resource Allocation Concerns** Healthcare facilities may face increased strain if immigrants are granted access to healthcare. However, Kisa & Kisa (2024) argue that exclusionary practices exacerbate inequities and system inefficiencies

B. Economic Strain Argument: There is a possibility that funding healthcare for immigrants will lead to increased government expenditures, resulting in higher taxes or decreased funding for other public services.

**C. Rebuttal Setup** Contrary to critics’ claims, studies indicate that immigrants contribute more to the economy than they consume in public services, ultimately alleviating financial pressures (Smith & Lee, 2022).

IV. **Main Argument Two:** Public health outcomes improve when immigrants have access to healthcare.

**A. Preventing Communicable Diseases** When immigrants have access to healthcare, communicable diseases can be prevented, safeguarding public health. Doshi et al. (2020) highlight the importance of inclusive healthcare in controlling disease outbreaks.

**B. Reducing Emergency Care Strain** Accessible healthcare reduces reliance on emergency services by promoting preventive care and regular checkups. Survey findings from KFF/LA Times (2023) support the claim that healthcare access lowers hospital costs.

**C. Strengthening Community Well-Being** Healthier communities, including immigrants, foster societal cohesion and productivity. Inclusive policies improve the overall well-being of communities (Doshi et al., 2020).

V. **Opposing Argument Two**: Immigrants' access to healthcare may affect public resources and social dynamics.

A. **Taxpayer Concerns:** In their opinion, funding healthcare for immigrants could lead to higher taxes or redirected funds from other essential public services, negatively affecting citizens.

B. **Potential for System Overload**: Immigration reform critics argue that healthcare systems would be overwhelmed, resulting in lower quality care for existing patients.

C. **Polarized Public Opinion**: Unlike more comprehensive healthcare reforms, such policies may exacerbate political divisions and social tensions

**VI. Argument Three**: Access to healthcare for immigrants is aligned with global standards of human rights and promotes the country's international reputation.

**A. Humanitarian Standards** Healthcare access aligns with universal human rights principles and promotes compassion. As Amos 5:24 emphasizes, "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream," underscoring the moral imperative for equitable policies.

**B. Global Comparison** Developing nations demonstrate that inclusive healthcare policies benefit society. The Global Health Policy Review (2024) highlights how these policies contribute to social and economic well-being globally.

**C. Reputation and Leadership** Adopting inclusive healthcare policies strengthens international reputation and fosters goodwill abroad (Global Health Policy Review, 2024).

**VII. Opposing Argument Three**: It has been argued that prioritizing the health needs of immigrants could detract from the needs of citizens in terms of health care.

A. **Resource Prioritization**: There are some critics who believe that focusing on immigrant healthcare might divert attention and resources away from solving existing systemic inequalities and inefficiencies.

B. **Perception of Fairness**: Immigrants receiving benefits may appear unfair to some citizens, particularly those who have difficulties affording healthcare.

C. **Cultural and Political Tensions**:   In addition to deepening societal divides, critics believe that such policies could polarize political debates and exacerbate cultural misunderstandings.

VIII. Summary - Comparative Analysis

A. State and Compare Arguments with Opposing Arguments:

 It illustrates the benefits of universal healthcare policies by highlighting immigrants' significant economic contribution, the improvement of public health outcomes, and the alignment with humanitarian values.

There are several arguments against immigration, including concerns about potential financial strains, resource allocation issues, and perceptions of unfairness or incentivized immigration.

Despite valid concerns raised by opposing views, comparative analysis shows that inclusive healthcare access has been linked to long-term financial savings, improved public health, and enhanced social cohesion.

IV. Conclusion

Faith, religion, and society intersect profoundly to shape public values, policies, Faith, religion, and society intersect profoundly to shape public values and policies. Sociological theories like Symbolic Interactionism reveal how inclusive healthcare fosters societal cohesion by shaping perceptions of equity and reducing stigma (Symbolic Interactionism Perspective, 2023). Moreover, N.T. Wright’s universal longing for justice reinforces the moral and ethical imperative for accessible healthcare policies (Wright, 2023). Equitable healthcare access strengthens social fabrics, promotes economic prosperity, and upholds humanitarian principles and community relations. Many religious traditions emphasize compassion, care, and the dignity of all individuals, so the access to healthcare for immigrants goes beyond merely being a political or economic issue. Through their shared responsibility and ethical guidance, faith communities foster societal cohesion and foster a sense of community. It is possible for society to create a more harmonious and equitable healthcare environment by addressing healthcare inclusion from a sociological and spiritual perspective. It is a moral imperative to include immigrants in comprehensive healthcare reform because it embodies the values of justice, equity, and compassion. In addition to strengthening the social fabric, promoting economic prosperity, and upholding humanitarian principles, ensuring affordable healthcare access is important. Integrating faith and justice into healthcare can help society forge a healthier, more unified, and more equitable future.

**A. Analysis through Sociological Theory**

**1. Symbolic Interactionism Perspective**: Societies are constructed as a result of interactions and shared meanings among individuals according to symbolic interactionism. According to this theory, roles, institutions, and norms must work together to maintain functional unity. A shared symbol and interaction that shapes perceptions of inclusion, equity, and social responsibility shapes healthcare access and immigration.

**2. Application of the Theory to the Problem**: As a matter of social meanings, the debate over healthcare for immigrants can be seen from the perspective of Symbolic Interactionism. Healthcare policies, for instance, represent society's values-compassion, fairness, or exclusivity-and these meanings are reaffirmed or challenged through interpersonal and institutional interactions. Excluding immigrants from healthcare perpetuates societal divisions, while inclusive policies foster shared meanings of unity and equity that strengthen society.

**3. How the Theory Aids Understanding and Counters the Opposing View**: We can use this theory to understand how exclusionary policies don't account for the impact of symbols and interactions on societal cohesion. The opposition often emphasizes practical concerns such as resource strain without acknowledging that these positions reinforce divisive symbols and stereotypes. The Symbolic Interactionist approach reveals how providing healthcare access to immigrants promotes unity and reduces stigma while fostering a stronger and more cohesive society.

1. Faith Analysis through N.T. Wright’s 7 Universal longings

*Scripture Passage Highlighting Justice:*

*Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." This verse emphasizes the importance of justice as a divine principle, advocating for fairness and equity in all aspects of life, including healthcare access.*

 *Academic Journal Article Supporting the Position:*

*The article titled "Social justice, human rights and health equity" from the Journal of Public Health discusses how equitable healthcare distribution aligns with social justice principles. It argues that addressing health inequities is essential for creating a just society, reinforcing the biblical call for justice.*

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