

## **Separating Fact from Fiction in the Immigration Debate: IPC's Responses to Nativist Claims**

Today, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) released a [report](#) [1] detailing the disturbing links between three immigration restrictionist groups: the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), Numbers USA, and the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). These groups describe themselves as "advocates of lower immigration," yet the [report](#) [1] depicts much darker motives underlying their work. The SPLC report makes clear that they are in fact a full-throated anti-immigrant lobby and not interested in a balanced debate.

The Immigration Policy Center has produced numerous reports, fact sheets and blog posts refuting the claims of these groups. The following body of research and analysis seeks to shift the terms of the immigration debate away from fear and scapegoating and towards achieving workable and effective solutions to our immigration system.

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