



An essential book to understand the fear, challenges, and opportunities on both sides of the immigration debate. This book, in many ways, explains why Trump won the election and why an honest debate on immigration is urgent. Your neighborhood depends on it.

JORGE RAMOS, senior news anchor, *Noticiero Univision* and *America with Jorge Ramos*

"At a time when the divisions in American life have been hardening, Ali Noorani has produced a powerful portrait of a changing nation by carefully working to understand the perspective not only of those who agree with him but also of those who come to the issues surrounding what he rightly calls 'America's identity crisis' with very different values and perspectives. In this inspired travelogue across some of the most contested ground in national life, Noorani has offered our political leadership a road map for how to shift our dialogue away from what divides us and toward the values all Americans hold in common."

RON BROWNSTEIN, senior editor, the *Atlantic*, and senior political analyst, CNN

This compelling approach to the immigration debate takes the reader behind the blaring headlines and into communities grappling with the reality of new immigrants and the changing nature of American identity. Ali Noorani, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, interviews over fifty local and national leaders from law-enforcement, business, immigrant, and faith communities to illustrate the challenges and opportunities they face. From highschool principals to ministers to sheriffs, the author reveals that most people are working to advance society's interests, not exploiting a crisis at the expense of one community. As he shows, some cities and regions have reached a happy conclusion, while others struggle to find balance.

Whether describing a pastor speaking to the need to welcome the stranger, law enforcement advocating for Muslim refugees, or a farmer's wind-whipped face moistened by tears as he tells the story of his farmworkers being deported, the author helps readers to realize that America's immigration debate isn't about policy; it is about the culture and values that make America what it is. The people on the front lines of America's cultural and demographic debate are Southern Baptist pastors in South Carolina, attorneys general in Utah and Indiana, Texas businessmen, and many more. Their combined voices make clear that all of them are working to make America a welcome place for everyone, long-established citizens and new arrivals alike.

Especially now, when we feel that our identity, culture, and values are changing shape, the collective message from all the diverse voices in this inspiring book is one of hope for the future.

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