



Chris Hayes (MSNBC) plays Kamala Harris' statement in Guatemala where she asked people to not come to America (as part of a longer statement). [YouTube link](#)

He then asks AOC to respond.

- AOC: Biden, Trump and Obama administration's treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers is "inhumane".
- History: "We contributed to regime change intervention and destabilization throughout Latin America", says AOC. We cannot show up there and say this is their fault and they are to blame".
- "We should be acknowledging our role", "say what we've done". "Contribute to figuring out how to clean up this mess we helped create."
- "Imagine, in Ellis Island if people were met with cages."





RECOGNITION

Moral Foundations in AOC's framing and words.



- **Care/Harm:** Use of the word “Inhumane”. About the pain she (like millions of Americans) feels at the basic human level at the treatment meted out to asylum seekers.
- **Fairness/Cheating:** AOC is saying it is not fair to have been responsible for the long-term conflicts there, and now close the doors. “We contributed to regime change intervention and destabilization throughout Latin America. We cannot show up there and say this is their fault and they are to blame.”





AOC is a liberal. Liberals use the Fairness moral foundation a lot. Using that to ask new questions:

1. What is a fair and humane approach to immigration limits each year or each decade according to you? Does a nation-state not have limits to immigration?
2. What would you trade-off and what would you not?
3. How might we have a system to admit asylum seekers on humanitarian grounds and yet not *disproportionately* overload it?



These questions were not asked an opportunity to hear AOC was missed in that moment.

