

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I. THE HOLDING ENVIRONMENT

1. What are some of the most significant experiences you have had with naturalized citizens? Have they made you understand the importance of immigration differently? The importance of citizenship? Do you feel free to share these insights with foreign-born citizens? With birthright citizens? Why or why not?
2. If you are a naturalized citizen, how many conversations have you had with native-born citizens about their journeys to citizenship-by-conviction? Have you shared your own journey to citizenship with them? Why or why not?
3. If you are a birthright citizen, do you have a close relative who is a naturalized citizen? Do you think he or she is as much of a citizen as you? Why?
4. Do you have a strong ethnic identification that makes you feel like a hyphenated American—for examples, Vietnamese-, Korean-, Irish-, Serbian-, or Cuban-American? In which order would you put the identifications, for example, do you feel more American than Korean? Would you consider moving back to the country on the other side of the hyphen and becoming a citizen there? Why or why not?
5. In your lifetime, do you feel that the population of foreign-born residents has risen dramatically in your neighborhood? City? In the country at large? What do you base your impression on? Do you think other people share your impression?

II. CHINESE DAUGHTERS: ALL-AMERICAN GIRLS

6. What are the advantages you see for the baby girls given by the Chinese government to U.S. families for adoption? Do you think they lose something by being raised in the U.S. instead of China? Why or why not?

