

HOMEWORK

Synthèse: Read both documents and answer the following question using the elements from the documents (don't give your opinion, don't copy the texts) (150 words) :

According to document 1 and 2, how has immigration become a burning issue for Ireland?

Document 1- New anti-racism campaign and resource launched in Kerry

Fergus Dennehy, The Independent, Sun 22 Jun 2025

A significant new campaign and resource aimed at empowering individuals and communities to recognise, challenge, and respond to racism was officially launched on Friday at the Tralee International Resource Centre (TIRC) in County Kerry.

The Integration, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Resource was developed through a collaborative effort by the Children and Young People Services Committees (CYPSC) in both Cork and Kerry.

Key partners included the Kerry Community Integration Forum, Cork and Kerry Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT), Cork Migrant Centre, the Cork Migrant Centre Youth Initiative, Nano Nagle Place, Cork City and County LAITs, and Tusla.

The project received funding from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality under the National Action Plan Against Racism (NAPAR). It is intended to provide communities, organisations, and individuals with practical and accessible tools to foster inclusion and actively counter racism in all its forms.

Friday's launch is part of the broader campaign **Championing Inclusion: Building a Stronger Ireland Together**, which seeks to highlight that Ireland's strength lies in embracing diversity, unity, and inclusivity.

This timely resource supports anti-racism work at the community level by clearly explaining key concepts—such as anti-racism, microaggressions, and safe spaces—in clear, straightforward language, accompanied by practical examples.

It features scenario-based guidance and a colour-coded "traffic light" system to help users assess levels of risk and respond appropriately to challenging situations. With these tools, individuals and groups will be better prepared to address racism in everyday life.

Claire O'Toole, Coordinator of the Kerry Children and Young People Services Committee, welcomed the launch, saying:

"This initiative represents the shared commitment of organisations across Cork and Kerry, alongside people with lived experience of racism and input from both youth and practitioner focus groups.

Together, we are working to create inclusive, welcoming spaces for everyone. By building awareness and encouraging collective action, we can shape a future where everyone feels seen, heard, and supported. This campaign and resource are vital steps toward that goal.”

Document 2 - Irish woman with green card faces US deportation over \$25 bad cheque

Rory Carol, The Guardian, October 10, 2025.

An Irish grandmother who has lived in the US for most of her life and holds a green card is facing deportation because she wrote a bad cheque for \$25 in 2015.

Donna Hughes-Brown, 58, was detained in July after landing in Chicago on a flight from Dublin and is being held in isolation in a detention centre in Kentucky. She has lived in the US since 1977, has five children and grandchildren, and ran a horse farm in Troy, Missouri.

Her husband, Jim Brown, a US citizen and military veteran, told reporters his wife was not a criminal and that he “100%” regretted voting for Donald Trump as president.

He said she had been detained on a misdemeanour relating to a \$25 cheque she signed a decade ago and for which she made restitution and received probation.

She was detained under legislation amended on 4 July as part of Trump’s sweeping “one big beautiful bill” act. The couple visited Ireland that month for a funeral. When they landed at Chicago’s O’Hare airport on 29 July a police officer was waiting for her on the ramp.

Five days later she was transferred to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Ice) facility in Kentucky, where she told her husband conditions were “deplorable”. He lost contact with her this week when she was moved to an isolation cell, he told the Irish Times.

Brown thinks her requests for low-sodium diet might be the reason she was moved. “[They] tried to feed her hot dogs and chilli mac. She probably told them after the fifth time they tried to serve her: ‘I’m not eating that.’ So they locked her up. I haven’t heard from her in three days now.”

Brown said a deportation was scheduled for 17 September. “Hopefully they’ll dismiss it. We have 40 character witnesses we sent to the lawyer.”

Hughes-Brown was born in England and grew up in Ireland before moving as an 11-year-old to the US, where she renewed her green card but never became a citizen.

Brown told Newsweek that his wife did volunteer work for the homeless and poor. Last October, instead of celebrating her birthday, she helped to fill a horse trailer with supplies for victims of Hurricane Helene and delivered it to North Carolina, he said.

Brown, who served in the navy and marines for decades, said he had supported Trump’s promise to deport “criminal illegal immigrants” but that federal authorities were targeting other people to reach quotas.

“You look at the news, and they’re not telling the truth about what’s actually happening to a lot of legal immigrants. What’s bad is that Trump is so demeaning to people, and he’s so condescending and so retaliatory that people are afraid to say anything.”

The case has parallels with other cases, including that of Cliona Ward, a green card holder who was detained in April at San Francisco airport after a visit to Ireland because of offences dating back almost 20 years. She was released in May.

Proposition de corrigé

Both documents under study **illustrate** how immigration has emerged as a contentious issue for Irish people, document 1 **focusing** on domestic policies while document 2 **highlighting** the consequences of different policies in the USA.

First and foremost, Document 1 **demonstrates** that racism has intensified sufficiently to require governmental action, with Kerry launching an anti-racism campaign funded under the National Action Plan Against Racism. **Moreover**, the resource addresses microaggressions and provides practical tools for communities, **suggesting** that discriminatory incidents have become prevalent in Irish society. **Similarly**, Document 2 is another example of how immigrants can be mistreated by anti-immigration policies, fostering a more general anti-immigration sentiment.

Furthermore, Document 1 **emphasizes** that integration requires collaborative efforts across multiple organizations in order to adapt to diversity. **In particular**, the campaign's focus on "building awareness" **suggests** widespread misunderstanding about immigration issues. **Conversely**, Document 2 **reveals** how international immigration discourse influences Irish perspectives, particularly when legal residents face harsh treatment. **Consequently**, Jim Brown's regret over supporting Trump's anti-immigration discourse demonstrates how such policies reshape public opinion on immigration issues.

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