

Migration Information Source – Submissions Policy

Thank you for your interest in submitting an article to the *Migration Information Source*, the respected online journal of the Migration Policy Institute.

The *Source* provides fresh thought, authoritative data, and global analysis of international migration and refugee trends. A unique online resource, the *Source* offers essential facts and perspectives on the movement of people around the globe to tens of thousands of readers of its free newsletter and countless visitors to its web presence.

The researchers and scholars who contribute to the *Source* include some of the most respected voices in the migration field. We welcome submissions for consideration.

Information about the process for submitting an article is below:

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If you have any further questions, please contact the *Source* Editor at source@migrationpolicy.org.

Thank you for your interest.

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1. What should I know before beginning work on an article?

The *Source* will consider unsolicited drafts and proposals for articles, but we prefer to receive proposals. The best way to proceed is by sending an email describing the piece you would like to write, including an outline. This will allow us to offer feedback at an early stage of the article's development, thereby increase the odds of it appearing in the *Source*.

Below are some additional considerations to keep in mind:

— The *Source* only publishes exclusive articles that have not appeared elsewhere. While we are willing to consider articles adapted from books, academic research, or other sources, the material you plan to submit must be unique to the *Source*.

- If possible, please send a resume or CV that outlines other publications and articles you have written.
- We accept submissions on a rolling basis. However, the *Source's* editorial calendar is typically set weeks in advance. This is worth keeping in mind, especially regarding potential articles that may be time sensitive.
- We do not have fact checkers, and rely on authors to ensure the veracity of their statements.
- Our editing is "extensive" in the sense that various changes may be necessary to make submissions compatible with the *Source's* style and content requirements.

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2. Who is the target audience of the *Source*?

The *Source* serves a well-informed, international audience. Our resources are primarily designed to meet the needs of policymakers, journalists, researchers, educators, and NGO staff members, but members of the general public should also find them valuable.

Not all of our readers are experts on the topics we cover or are familiar with various policy or geographic contexts. Therefore, it is important to present both data and analysis in an accessible fashion. Please avoid extended arguments, academic language, jargon, numerous acronyms, advocacy, and excessively technical writing. We are looking for writing that flows well, expresses ideas and policy analysis clearly, and provokes thought among specialists and nonspecialists alike.

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3. What kinds of articles does the *Source* publish?

Some of the articles published on the *Source* are written in-house by MPI analysts, but a large amount of our content is solicited from outside authors. In particular, we welcome proposals and submissions for [Country Profiles](#) and [Features](#). Please visit the *Source* archives for more information and examples of each of these articles.

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4. What are the specific guidelines for draft articles?

We are generally looking for articles between 2,500 and 3,000 words, not including a bibliography.

At the end of your submission, please include a short biography of 50 or fewer words which covers your current position and publishing, career, or educational highlights. Please note that this information is subject to editing.

Submit the material as an attachment in Microsoft Word to: source@migrationpolicy.org.

If you are providing tables or graphs, please attach them as a separate document with the underlying data and data source for each figure. Please label the information as "Tables" or "Graphs." Indicate

approximately where each table or graph should be placed in the text by the sentence "[Table/Graph x about here]" in brackets and between paragraphs.

Please do not use parenthetical citations, endnotes, or footnotes. Instead, include a bibliography-style list of sources at the end of the article. If at all possible, please use The Chicago Manual of Style for this source list.

The *Source* Editor will provide additional guidelines as necessary.

Once again, thank you for your interest in writing for the *Source*. We look forward to hearing from you.