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Crossroads

Crossroads documents the largest movement of people in the history of modern day Europe. This series examines the anti-immigration fever and documents the impact of actions being taken by governments and civil society in the EU to tackle deep-seated racism.



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Convincing the European public that they are not being over-run by "bogus" refugees is an uphill battle. Ethnic groups, who oppose integration when it leads to assimilation, are determined to survive in Europe as communities with their own cultural or religious identity. Crossroads accompanies a group of undocumented migrants on their way to the European Union and examines new measures to stop the immigration flow into Europe.



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With in-depth research, on-location filming across the European Union, interviews with policy makers and immigration experts, and reports from inside the immigrant communities, the series presents a revealing insight into the issues associated with large scale immigration.

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Episode 1—No Colour

Immigration is one of the most politically explosive and socially divisive issues facing the countries of the European Union. It has stirred economic uncertainties and heightened racial and xenophobic hostilities. This episode looks at:

- Victims of racism
- Racism in football
- Islamophobia
- Muslim and Christian beliefs
- The European Union relations with the Islamic world
- Immigration and politics in the European Union
- Riots in France
- Elections in the United Kingdom



Episode 2—Inside the European Union

The European Union has to come up with a common immigration policy for all the EU countries. Issues discussed include:

- Europeans come together
- How does the EU work
- The European constitution
- The European Union expands eastward
- Bulgaria and Romania join the EU
- The road to a common EU immigration policy
- Elections to the European parliament
- How citizens see the European parliament

Episode 3—Help Wanted

To help fuel economic growth and face the new challenges of globalisation, economists say the European Union needs immigration. This episode covers:

- Guest workers programs
- Policies and laws to deal with immigrant workers
- Attracting and keeping highly skilled workers
- Poverty in the European Union countries
- Helping young immigrants stay in school
- Self-employed immigrants
- Immigrant workers chasing their dreams
- Job security in a globalised economy

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Episode 4—Human Trafficking

Many European governments are discovering that their attempts to control migration have the counter productive effect of creating a market for people trafficking, which has become the growth business of organised crime. This episode looks closely at the following:

- Women smuggled into the EU for prostitution
- The Victim Witness Program
- Going after the traffickers
- Corruption at the border
- FRONTEX—the EU agency to coordinate border control
- Migrants assault barriers at the EU's southern border
- Stop migrants in North Africa
- Traffickers open new clandestine routes
- Repatriation of illegal immigrants

Episode 5—Identities

Throughout the European Union the key issue now is to integrate immigrants into the culture of the country they have chosen to live in, but everywhere multiculturalism and diversity are part of every day life. This episode discusses:

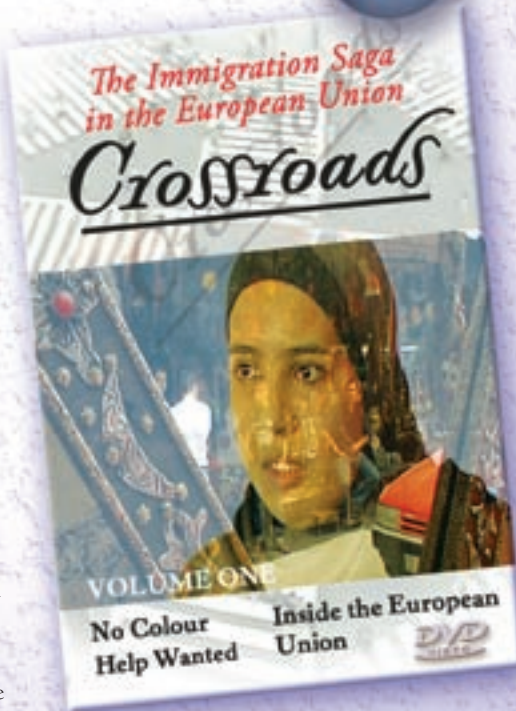
- Multiculturalism and football
- European gay identity
- Muslim women in the EU
- Muslim identity in the EU
- Living in two worlds
- Curry – the United Kingdom's national dish
- Ethnic groups claim their own cultural space
- The Turkish presence in Germany

Episode 6—Stop the Flow

If the European Union wants to help stop the massive flow of international migration it will have to increase development assistance, to help poor countries integrate into the global trading system, and be better equipped to prevent conflict and keep the peace in trouble spots around the world. This episode looks at:

- What pushes people to migrate
- How the EU can help strengthen democracy in the Third World
- Why the global war on poverty is failing
- Developing countries demanding fair trade
- How the EU is doubling its development assistance to Africa
- The role of the private sector in development
- European human rights volunteers
- The EU in the Middle East peace process
- The young and the restless in Morocco

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