# Options for LCSH Noncitizens/Illegal immigration
## Recommendation of the Inclusive Description Task Force - DRAFT

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## Background

In January 2020, the California State University Libraries addressed the then LC subect headings Illegal aliens and Aliens by transforming the public display to Undocumented immigrants and Noncitizens, respectively. This approach followed the recommendations by the Subject Analysis Committee (SAC).

In November 2021, the Library of Congress finally canceled LCSH Illegal aliens, replacing it with two terms to be used together: Noncitizens and Illegal immigration. While some library leaders celebrated the news, the critical cataloging community was less enthusiastic. After some discussion, the CSU Libraries consortium has decided to continue following the SAC recommendations.

When the CSU Libraries first addressed LCSH Illegal aliens in 2020, the consortium's discovery layer was managed by Primo Back Office. The back office allowed a lot of flexibility in dealing with complex transformation scenarios. The CSU is now on Primo VE, which presents limitations for transforming the display of subject headings. After a prolonged support case (#06204359), Ex Libris determined that, in the VE environment, it is not possible to replicate the approach we adopted back in 2020 in Primo Back Office. We must now consider our options.

The following options apply to LCSH Noncitizens and its derivatives, when LCSH Illegal immigration is also present in the bibliographic record. Option 1 and 2 make use of Primo VE norm rules. Option 3 makes use of Alma normalization rules.

## Option 1

Leave Noncitizens and its derivatives as is. Using Primo VE norm rules, transform Illegal immigration → Immigration.

Pros:
- This option is easy to implement
- We would be consistent in our treatment of LCSH Noncitizens and its derivatives.

Cons:
- This approach doesn't meet the consortium's intention to follow the recommendation put forth by the Subject Analysis Committee.

- Each campus would have to do some VE norm rules work in their Institution Zone (IZ).

**Option 2**

Leave Noncitizens as is. Using Primo VE norm rules, transform Illegal immigration → Immigration.

Also transform:

      Women noncitizens → Women undocumented immigrants
      Illegal immigration → Immigration

      Children of noncitizens → Children of undocumented immigrants
      Illegal immigration → Immigration

      Noncitizen children → Undocumented immigrant children
      Illegal immigration → Immigration

      Noncitizens in literature → Undocumented immigrants in literature
      Illegal immigration → Immigration

Pros:
- This option is relatively easy to implement.
- We would transform at least the derivative subject headings: Women noncitizens, Children of noncitizens, Noncitizen children, and Noncitizens in literature.
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Cons:
- The records with the derivative subject headings account for only 1/10 of the total relevant records in the Network Zone (NZ). The vast majority of the 2400 relevant records contain the Noncitizens/Illegal immigration combination. Only 240 NZ records contain the derivative subject headings.
- This approach doesn't fully follow the SAC's recommendation, as Noncitizens/Illegal immigration is not transformed.
- Each campus would need to do some VE norm rules work in their IZ.

**Option 3**

Given the limitations of Primo VE normalization rules, make a rare exception to the policy of not editing NZ bibliographic records.
- Use an Alma normalization rule and process to transform the heading Noncitizens (when Illegal immigration is also present) to Undocumented immigrants.
- Do the same for the four derivative subject headings.
- Ensure the Sears subject heading Noncitizens is present in the records to retain the term for search. This may require adding the Sears heading at the WorldCat level.

- Add the Alma normalization rule to the CSU Remove 029,936,938,948,984 NZ normalization process to normalize future incoming records.

Pros:
- This option addresses NZ records in a centralized manner for all campuses.
- Currently, there are only just over 2400 NZ records that need to be transformed. If this option is implemented, and at a later date LC updates the term to Undocumented immigrants, we can easily remove the normalization porcess. The 2400 WorldCat records can be refreshed in the NZ.
- In our current Alma/Primo VE environment, this is the *only* option that completely follows the recommendations of the SAC and replicates our Primo Back Office approach.

Con:
- This approach will require a rare exception to NZ policy.

**Recommendation**

The members of the Inclusive Description Task Force recommend Option 3. While this option requires a rare exception to NZ policy, the task force feels the consortium's intent to follow the SAC's recommended terms warrants making the exception. Moreover, out of the approximately 6 million WorldCat records in the Network Zone, the 2400 relevant records represent a reasonably manageable percentage of records. Addressing any change from LC in the future should not be a problem.