



**Social Studies Virtual Learning**

**Contemporary Issues**

**Venezuela**

**April 21, 2020**



## Contemporary Issues

### Lesson #22: April 21, 2020

**Objective/Learning Target: I can understand the refugee crisis in Venezuela.**

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# Warm Up

Recalling information from yesterday's lesson on causes/effects of migration, write down 3-5 reasons for migration (push factors) on a sheet of paper. After review, answer the following discussion questions below on the same sheet of paper.

1. From the two pictures, do you see the impact of push or pull factors? Explain in detail.
2. Determine issues that could arise from these examples of migration.



# Warm Up Answers

PUSH FACTORS => WAR,  
DISEASE, FAMINE, POVERTY, NO  
JOBS, RESTRICTIVE  
GOVERNMENT, NO HEALTHCARE

1. Push => large number of people looking to enter in top picture. Bottom picture shows poverty & desperation.
2. What if countries do not want these migrants?

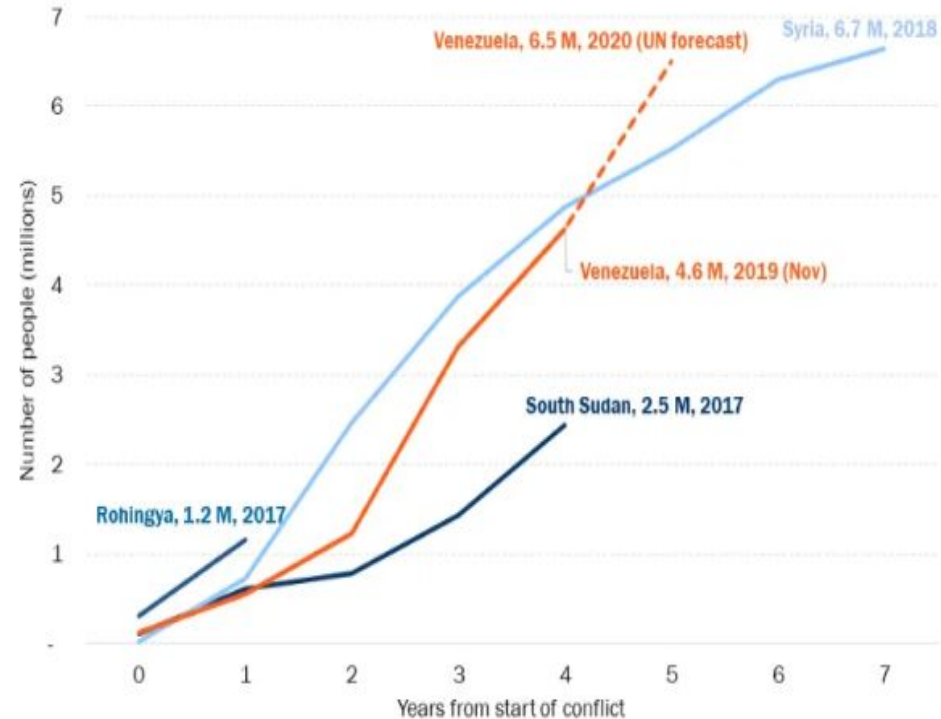


# Lesson Activity

A REFUGEE is someone who seeks safety in another country. Reasons for someone seeking safety can range from violence, economic collapse, or natural disaster (push factors). Looking at the graph on the right, Venezuela will pass Syria as the country with the most refugees in 2020 with 6.5 million.

What has caused this rise in refugees in Venezuela?

**Figure 1: Refugee displacement (stock) from start of conflict to peak displacement**



Source: Authors' calculations based on UNHCR Population Statistics, R4V (Venezuela figures)

BROOKINGS

# Practice

On the same sheet of paper from the Warm Up activity, watch the PBS Video on why Venezuela has a large number of refugees and the impact they are having on the surrounding countries.

1. What led to Venezuela's refugee crisis?
2. How has Venezuela tried to slow down migration of their own people?
3. How will Venezuelan refugees impact surrounding countries?
4. How has the Venezuelan government "used" this refugee crisis to their advantage?



# Practice Answers

1. What led to Venezuela's refugee crisis?
  - a. Massive inflation, crumbling health services, no medicine, no jobs,
2. How has Venezuela tried to slow down migration of their own people?
  - a. Government raises salaries & created new currency, president "shaming" citizens into staying
3. How will Venezuelan refugees impact surrounding countries?
  - a. Countries not economically stable to take in large number of refugees, possibility of violence
4. How has the Venezuelan government "used" this refugee crisis to their advantage?
  - a. Economic => Government can take control of private business
  - b. Social => Repressing outspoken citizens

# Reflection

Now, it is time to understand the Venezuelan refugee crisis from a Brazilian perspective by looking at the visual in the link. After reviewing the map of Brazil and the Venezuelan refugee crisis from a different perspective, answer the reflection questions

1. How has Venezuelan refugees impacted Brazil negatively?
2. Should Brazil accept Venezuelan refugees? Explain.

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/article/the-venezuelan-refugee-crisis-the-brazilian-perspective>

