

Discussion Guide: *Where I Belong*

1. What responsibilities does Millie juggle in her everyday life? How does this contrast with the daily life of Charlie Wheeler?
2. Why is Millie uncertain about going to Stanford? How will her choice impact her family?
3. Why is Millie horrified when Mr. Wheeler mentions her in his campaign speech? How do you think Mr. Wheeler could've handled the situation differently?
4. What roles do the internet and social media play in the targeting of Millie and her family?
5. How would you describe the power dynamic between the Wheeler family and the Vargas family? In what ways do the Wheelers' good intentions put the Vargas family in a difficult position?
6. Why does Millie *not* want to be forced into the role of an activist?
7. How does hearing from Susana shift Millie's perspective about how she wants to deal with immigration issues?
8. What are Millie's reasons for breaking up with Charlie? Do you agree or disagree with them (or agree with some and disagree with others)? What do you think of her reasons for deciding to give their relationship another try?
9. Millie decides that despite her frustrations with Mr. Wheeler, she's willing to support his candidacy for the Senate. How do you feel about this choice and the reasons behind it?
10. The story is set in 2018. In the next few years of her life, what challenges do you think Millie may face—in her life as a college student, in her relationship with Charlie, in her personal approach to advocacy and activism—and how do you think she will handle them?