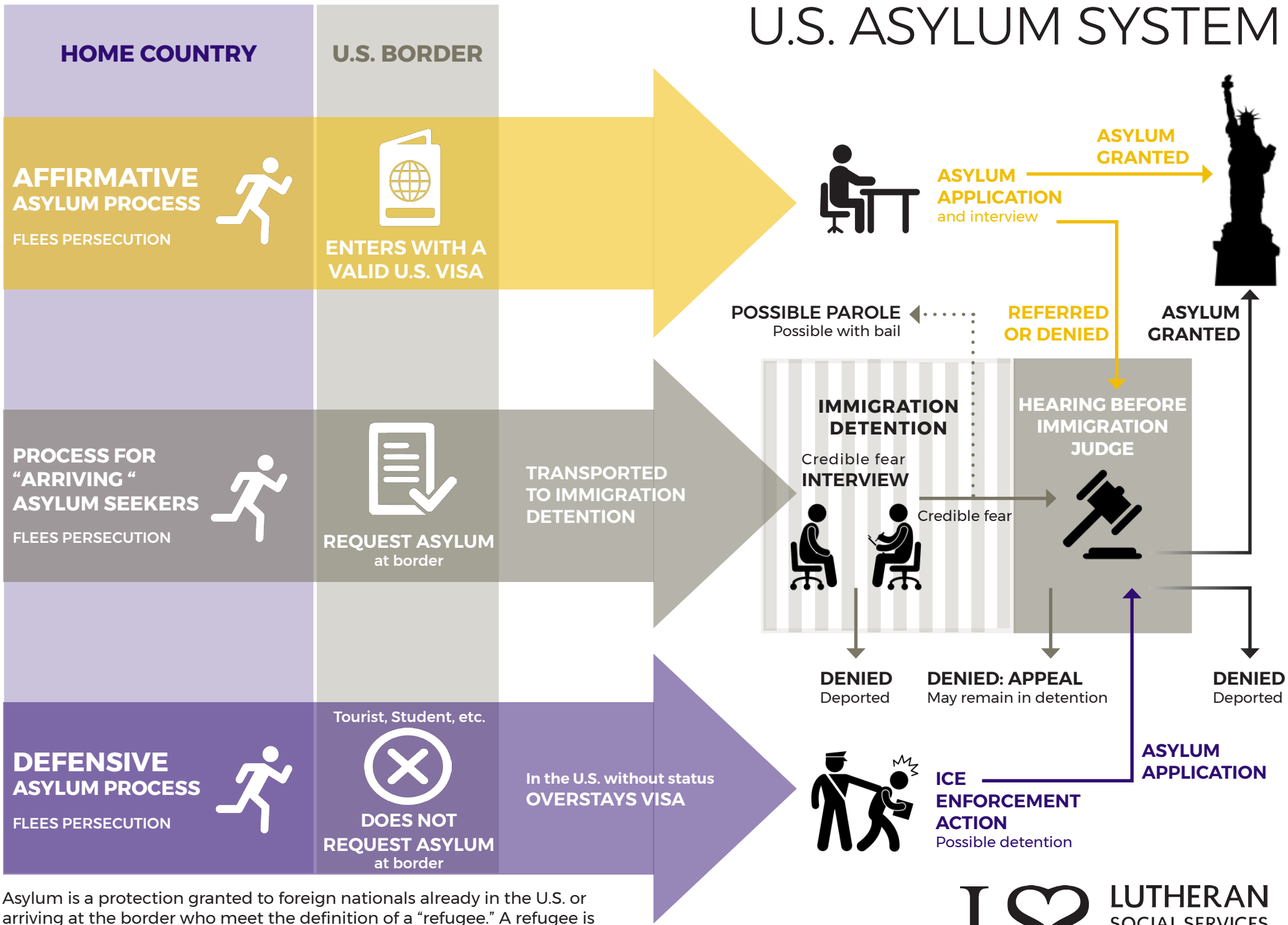


U.S. ASYLUM SYSTEM



Asylum is a protection granted to foreign nationals already in the U.S. or arriving at the border who meet the definition of a "refugee." A refugee is unable/unwilling to return to their home country due to past persecution or a well-founded fear of being persecuted "on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a social group, or political opinion."



SOURCES: Human Rights First, American Immigration Council