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Introduction: Being a daughter to Mexican parents had always made me question the Immigration reform. I noticed that it had always been talked about. The debate whether to legalize illegal immigrants or not was always something I heard every night on the Spanish news. I never really though much of it until recently. My uncle in Arizona was getting his things together to become legalized in the U.S. On the day of his court hearing he was arrested for being here illegally. I felt like what was happening was unfair my uncle came to the U.S in his teen years when both my grandparents died. He is now in his thirties has a U.S citizen as his wife, two little girls and runs a successful tattoo business in Arizona. This is what mostly influenced me on the subject. My uncle is making an honest living and pays his taxes, but just like that everything changed for his family. I feel like I had to help him some way. I never was really interested in the immigration reform but lately with what is going on it just has me asking questions and wanting answers. I think that by researching on this topic I will learn a lot of helpful information.

Brooks, David. "The Easy Problem." The New York Times. The New York Times, 31 Jan. 2013. Web. 01 Nov. 2014.

Summary: In “The Easy Problem” written by David Brooks, an article published on The New York Time, the author is trying to explain how both immigrants and illegal immigrants make a huge difference in helping America Financially. Brooks explains that even though some money will be spent on the education of immigrants the US will make much more in taxes received from them. The author explains that we need to start looking at the positive side of immigration and focus on the good impact it can have on the US.

Rhetorical Analysis: “If we can’t pass a law this year, given the overwhelming strength of the evidence, then we really are a pathetic basket case of a nation.” Brooks tries to appeal to his readers by stating that until we get on the right path with a plan to help immigration in the US nothing will ever really be done. He feels that American needs to stop making excuses on the negatives that immigration brings and Focus on what can be done to better the US. He strongly believes that immigration and illegal immigration both can boost the economy by billions of dollars. “Immigrants, both legal and illegal, do not drain the federal budget.” Furthermore he says “Giving the current illegal a path to citizenship would increase the taxes they pay by $48 billion dollars.” Brooks tries to put on the table the benefits that can come out of the Immigration debate.

Reflection: All in this entire article has been very helpful. It explains how much the economy can boost if there were an immigration reform. I got really good information that is useful to me. I wanted to write on the impact of immigration in the US and this gave me insight on how Latinos, Asian and many more immigrants help the US without even realizing it. The numbers that show how the reform can gain billions of dollars for the US was very interesting. This is definitely worth reading.

Davidson, Adam. "Do Illegal Immigrants Actually Hurt the U.S. Economy?" The New York Times. The New York Times, 16 Feb. 2013. Web. 01 Nov. 2014.

Summary: In his article "Do Illegal Immigrants Actually Hurt the U.S. Economy?" published The New York Times; Adam Davidson describes both positive and negative effects Illegal immigrants have on the U.S. He says that the positives is the impact immigration has on the economy is great because much money is being circulating weather is paying taxes or consumption of goods. One problem he says is bad with illegal immigration is that they all are not evenly distributed meaning that there are too many in certain areas. Which increase the schooling system, crime rates, and medical care in a certain areas. Davidson is trying to explain both the good and the bad on immigration and remind people of what it means for the U.S.

Rhetorical Analysis: “There are many ways to debate immigration, but when it comes to economics, there isn’t much of a debate at all. Davidson is trying to appeal to his audience by stating positives on the effect of immigration in the U.S. Furthermore he explains his opinion by stating “Nearly all economists, of all political persuasion, agree that immigrant – those here legally or not – Benefit the overall economy.” The author is trying to get his point across by saying that if you’re for or against immigration in the U.S; you surely have to realize the benefits that it brings to America. Davidson is trying to get people to open there eyes and see the benefits that illegal immigration has. Davidson states a few negatives that immigration has on the U.S not to contradict himself but to reinforce his views that something things have a good and bad side but that one must focus on what really matters.

Reflection: this article is well written and provides lots of information. I like how it gives detail on how both legal and illegal immigration is beneficial to the U.S. I personally like how he focused his article on one person on the beginning and explains his story on how he is making his impact on the U.S. another great thing here is how he puts questions in his article that really gets the reader thinking were he’s going with his information. This article was very informative on how the economy is affected and helped by immigration

MacDonald, John M., and Robert J. Sampson. "Don’t Shut the Golden Door." The New York Times. The New York Times, 19 June 2012. Web. 01 Nov. 2014.

Summary: In “Don’t Shut the Golden Door” an article published on The New York Times, the authors john MacDonald and Robert Sampson, explain the effects of immigration in the U.S and how many young children and young adults have impacted the U.S. the authors tell many great things that favor immigration. They say that many young people should be given a chance because they were brought to the U.S being very young and should not be punished for it. They explain how instead of taking away from them the U.S should help them. They state that whoever next in the presidency should continue with the Comprehensive immigration reform.

Rhetorical Analysis: Both authors of “Don’t Shut the Golden Door” strongly agree with helping out the immigration youth of America. They try to convince their readers that something needs to be done immediately to help out the children that are illegal immigrants. MacDonald and Sampson feel that many good things have come from illegal immigrants. “Scholars found that immigrant youth in Los Angles were involved in less crime and violence than their native-born pears.” They believe good has been seen through the years from illegal immigrants. “America is neither less safe because of immigration or worse off economically. In fact, in regions where immigrants have settled in the past two decades, crime has gone down, cities have grown, poor urban cities have been rebuilt, and small towns that were once on life support are springing back.”On final note the authors are ultimately trying to help find a solution that will help both illegal parents and children stay together and help them versus deporting them and separating the families, “Establishing a clear path to citizenship for undocumented adults, creating a more permissive guest worker program, reducing unwarranted police stops of immigrants and preserving families rather than separating them through deportation are controversial ideas, but they deserve a hearing.” They believe that until the first step is taken to help illegal immigrants not much good will come for them.

Reflection: This article gives good insight on the youth that are illegal immigrants. This gets you thinking on how we need to help get the youth on the right track in helping them become something in life. I like how it supports the fact of keeping families together versus deporting them and separating them. I never really thought about illegal immigration being an issue for many young people but this opened my eyes on how it doesn’t only affect illegal adults but also children and young adults who aren’t at fault because they were brought here without knowing what was going on. I really feel like I learn a lot form this piece.

Porter, Eduardo. "Immigration and American Jobs." Economix Immigration and American Jobs. The New York Times, 19 Oct. 2012. Web. 01 Nov. 2014.

Summary: In “immigration and American Jobs” an article by Eduardo Poerter, published by The New York Times, the authors summarizes the effect immigration has on the American jobs. Porter explains that all though some might view immigrants as people who take jobs from native born Americans he explains that in fact they actually create more jobs for Americans. He states that because of illegal immigrants taking low paying jobs such as a dish washer at a local restaurant, he creates higher job openings for Americans like a host or waiter. He also explains how without the low cheap wage forieners pay help the U.S have things that without them otherwise wouldn’t be here, example strawberry fields. He ends by saying that the impact of foreigner workers has changed drastically over the years and all though it’s good and bad now a day’s many immigrants are having a hard time finding a job and leaving the United States. And shows that those actions can cause labor to disappear for native workers.

Analysis: Eduardo Porter the author of “Immigration and American Jobs” is motivated to write his article to show how good of an effect immigration has on American jobs. He feels that by having immigrants take low paying jobs this allows Americans to take the higher payd jobs that otherwise wouldn’t exist. “In many New York restaurants, the American waiter and hoist owe their jobs to the underpaid illegal immigrants in the kitchen whose wages allow the restaurant to exist.” He believes that is there were not immigrants no native worker would be willing to take their job for the wage they are offered therefore making a higher expense for the restaurant and with that not allowing it o exist for long or at all. Furthermore porter tries to appeal to his audience by letting them know the good effect for Americans on immigrants taking jobs in America. “A study by Mr. Peri and Gianmarco Ottaviano of Bocconi University in Milan concluded that the immigration wave in the United States from 1990 to 2006 changed the wages of American workers with no high school diploma from minus to 0.1 percent to plus 0.6 percent.” All in all porter ties to get his audience to see the positive way illegal immigrants help the American economy and other native born Americans have better jobs.

Reflection: In this article the author is very informative and provides lots of information from his sources. It is very well written and he has a strong thesis. I really like how it’s structured because he chooses to focus on the positive effects of the issue at hand. One thing that really stuck out was how he explains that we wouldn’t have certain thing in the U.S if low paid immigrants weren’t willing to work them.

Porter, Eduardo. "Immigration Reform Issue: The Effect on the Budget." The New York Times. The New York Times, 05 Feb. 2013. Web. 01 Nov. 2014.

Summary: The author tries to put several points out for people to see. He states that all though some good will come out of an immigration reform, there is still lots that can go wrong and lots that need to be worked on. He states how right now immigration is affect the U.S by saying that billions of dollars are being spent on border patrol and that it has nearly double during Obama’s administration. He also states that changing the immigration laws might be more complicated than what it seems. Lastly he states that immigration can have a bad effect on the resources the government shares. The author believes that lots of stuff needs to be taken in consideration before an immigration reform goes through.

Rhetorical Analysis: Eduardo Porter strongly believes that there is much that needs to be done before an immigration reform can happen. He believes that President Obama needs to see the bigger picture and not just believe the problem is an easy fix. He feels that all though some good may come out of an immigration reform there is still lots of negative to focus on. Porter say “ If a reform is mainly about gathering citizenship to 11 million mostly poor illegal immigrants with relatively little education, it’s going to land squarely in the cross hairs of our epic battles about taxes, entitlements and the role of government in society.” He feels that if the reform were easy it would have already happened but he feels that we aren’t ready for one until the right steps are taken in handling the situation.

Reflection: This article does get me thinking on the immigration reform. I never really saw what kind of bad effect it could have on the economy and the people. I believe that this gets both side of the argument but still explains why we need to consider everything that can happen if the correct steps aren’t taken. Many will benefit from the immigration reform but much will need to be done before anything really start to take shape.

Conclusion: I have learned tons of information that I wasn’t really aware of. Immigration does play a bigger part in the United States than I had realized. All in all I did get to see the pros n dons on the issue on both sides. I still believe that an immigration reform is much need especially for those that have been her in the U.S for twenty year or more as well as the young kids that were brought here without knowing what was really going on. I do feel like I need to research bit more on the matter on how the correct way to get things done should be. I feel like this was a good choice to write about because I have always been curious on the immigration reform and how things are being handled to get it going. I hope to learn more with the future research that I do on the subject.