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“How America is Shaped and Diverse with Immigrants.”

Have you ever wondered why America is diverse in its culture? Well, America was founded first by immigrants that slowly shaped its cultures and made it what it is now. As society all knows, the Native Americans were the first ones in America but the pilgrims were the ones who took over. It is important for legislators to be concerned about U.S. immigration laws because immigrants shape our country. By giving (DACA) Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which would expand students education, and (DAPA) Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, which helps keep immigrant families united, and strengthen America’s economy.

It is important to know the reason as to why DACA is important to immigrants. In the article “Closing The Gap: DACA, DAPA, and U.S Compliance with International Human Rights Law” written by David B. Thronson states that “DACA and DAPA are flawed yet important mechanisms to permit the U.S to inject respect for the rule of law into an otherwise rigid immigration system” (127). This statement by Thronson clarifies that DACA and DAPA are both important for immigrants to have some sort of education and stable life within the U.S and not be deported nor scared. Throughout the article it is explained that each student applying for DACA has to meet the required criteria to get full benefits. One of the main examples to maintain for DACA is to not get a Felony. DACA is not only benefiting each illegal student but the U.S as a

whole, simply for giving the opportunity for each student to expand in their knowledge and create a higher percentage of graduating students.

In addition to DACA, there's DAPA which Mr. Thronson says helps certain undocumented parents of U.S citizens and lawful permanent residents to seek deferred action. Although both DACA and DAPA are viewed as a lack of respect toward rule of law, he argues that they tie in from the simple idea of building and keeping basic rights. In the article it quotes "Family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State" which is said by The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (130). Therefore no matter the circumstances family should be looked at first, rather than the fact that a person is an immigrant and should be taken out. However DACA and DAPA aren't the only ways to protect an immigrant from being deported or even to grow and shape America. There's also International Human Rights as Mr. Thronson articulates the central idea in the importance in families and how separation should be the last option. Human rights consist of the right to establish a family, in which it keeps society united as a whole. In the article Mr. Thronson states that "the right of the individual is to contract, to engage in any of the commune occupations of life, to acquire useful knowledge, to marry, establish a home and bring up children, to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and generally to enjoy these privileges long recognized at common law as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men"(131). Not only are his ideas based off of our rights, but they're basic enough to be as equally given to citizens than they would be to immigrants. It's common law, no person would be any different, only circumstance would be if any individual was to commit a crime, in that case their rights

would be taken away in a partial matter depending on the crime. Not only does DAPA provide the unity of families but it also establishes the rights we should all have.

To be able to understand the unity of families you have to dig deeper, every immigrant parent comes to the U.S for a purpose and the purpose is usually wrapped around a future, mostly directed toward their children. Each parent had a reason for coming to the U.S whether it was Economic Stability, Freedom, or the American Dream. According to the article “Deferred Action for Unauthorized Immigrant Parents: Analysis of DAPA's Potential Effects on Families and Children” DAPA is there to protect from deportation and provide eligibility for work authorization to as many as 3.6 million unauthorized immigrants (Randy, Capps, et. all, 1). Providing the stability for immigrants by giving them an opportunity to have a job which changes poverty in the U.S by making it decrease but also reinforces the main idea of keeping a family together. As said by (MPI) Migration Policy Institute “Providing work authorization for these unauthorized immigrant parents could raise the average DAPA family's income by 10 percent” (1). To a lot of people 10 percent is minimal but to others it is what makes the difference between barely making it and making it. There isn't much consideration until things are laid out and a family is struggling to provide enough food and support for their children that is exactly why DAPA is a good improvement to immigrant families.

Nevertheless the economy keeps at a steady pace with immigrants being a big contribution in simple things like taxes, labour and as well as taking the jobs no U.S citizen worker would actually do. According to the article “Illegal Immigration: A Positive Economic Contribution to the United States” written by Ramanjan Nadadur says that the economy is split into a dual labour market theory in order to analyze if immigration is good or bad for our

economy (1041). This theory holds the line between the primary and secondary sectors in the economy. The primary sector being those people that want a skilled, employment stability and presence of job ladders as well as benefits. While in the other hand the secondary sector being unskilled, unreliable, and low income paying jobs. The only main difference is whether a U.S citizen takes an unskilled job over a skilled job which is quite rare according to statistics therefore if immigration was illegal the economy would then suffer. The question asked quite often would be “Who then takes the unskilled, low paying jobs?”. The answer is not many people, businesses would then suffer with having little to no employees or having to reach out for a higher wage for the same job a immigrant was doing for less. In regards to the economy critics argue that “Immigrants also positively benefit the economy by increasing demand, spurring investment, and keeping receiving-country industries competitive through enhancing capital productivity”(1041). U.S labour was modeled by the dual labour sectors to explain the main point of which population takes which types of jobs, and to narrow down the illegal immigration model. Mr. Nadadur says that illegal immigrants are more temporary than legal immigrants, and second illegal immigrants are more willing than legal immigrants or Native workers to take jobs that have a high labour turnover and poor working conditions (1042). Not only does the dual labour model provide evidence to the type of labour each immigrant chooses but also specifies that an immigrant doesn't typically cross over to the primary sector jobs. Only 4.3 percent of workers in the entire labour force are undocumented, which are considered to be in the secondary sector although it is argued that illegal immigrants take away jobs of others it is untrue. Illegal immigrants take the jobs that most people do not want to do, which is in every way helping the

economy by increasing the productivity since they are being paid less. Not only are they being paid less but working in the bad conditions.

At the same time legislators should put into consideration that illegal immigrants also are consumers. Immigrants spend quite a bit of money on a identification card that is known as the *Matricual* Card (1047). This Matricula card is used to carry out many services to illegal immigrants since they cannot obtain a normal state issued I.D. This I.D could be used to open up a bank account, phone service and as well as a debit card. Not only are immigrants spending more money to be safe but they're also creating an impact in the source of income that the state gets from Social Security taxes. Every consumer, is already charged a tax, in things like gas, social security, and health insurance what people don't realize is Immigrants also pay those taxes whether it's shown or not. When it comes to public service costs Mr. Nadadur says that many illegal immigrants have access to emergency care as well as education for their children all the way throughout high school. Though immigrants have the access to urgent care, it also becomes a barrier between if they want to take advantage of care or if they would choose to risk it to save themselves from spending so much money. As quoted by Mr. Nadadur " According to Passel (2005), 19 percent of immigrant income and payroll taxes were paid by undocumented immigrants in 2004 while undocumented immigrants made up 29 percent of the immigrant population in that year" although this is stated he also said to keep in consideration that undocumented immigrants also get paid less, so it made sense that they didn't pay as much taxes.

In conclusion to immigrants they continue to shape the country, by giving (DACA), which would expand students education, and (DAPA), which helps keep immigrant families united, and strengthen America's economy. They contribute to this land, by giving up partial

freedoms in fear of being deported, they come here for a purpose. The purpose and opportunity to give their children the best education and future they can have. The simple teachings of being united, whether it was done worldwide or within your living room as a family. Immigrants show how they can make the U.S just as great as before as they have now, by achieving an impact within our economy, our rights and lastly creating our diversity. Immigrants are not just job stealing, and low tax payers, their roots are strong. Their roots are what will make America grow much more, in many significant ways than anyone would've thought.

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