

Illegal Immigration

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Introduction:

Imagine if you were a six-year-old boy and you and your family were going to cross the border from Mexico to the United States, and your father got caught, and your mom escaped. You were scared and sad because you got separated from your family, and everyone you love and feel safe with, including your friends. Just think how this innocent six year old would feel, or how you would feel if you were in that situation.

Illegal immigration is a problem because people get separated from their families and some even get killed. Most people that cross the border to get to the United States just want a better for life themselves and their family. Did you know that border patrol caught about 356,000 illegal immigrants trying to cross in 2011?

When you cross the border there are lots of bad conditions. You might have to crawl through pipes so that you won't get caught. Some people die trying to cross the border. This shows it is very dangerous. You are always in danger even if you get caught. How can we help illegal immigrants? Is it worth it to help them? This report will show you why it is important to pay attention to the issue of illegal immigration.

The Issue:

Illegal immigration is when you try too cross the border from a country without documents or a passport. Crossing the border without proper documents is against the law and it is illegal. Many people try to cross the border and some people try, but many never succeed. People risk everything because they want a better life. Some times the immigrants have to leave everything behind because they don't want to look suspicious. So if cross the border the border they have to start all over again with nothing.

The Danger and Risks:

When you cross the border from Mexico to USA there are dangerous, extreme and really harsh conditions. Many times police shoot at the immigrants as they try to enter the USA. Some immigrants throw rocks at the police trying to protect themselves. When you cross the border and get caught by border patrol, you have to empty your pockets and they search for drugs.

According to American border patrol, 1,954 illegal immigrants who tried to cross the border died from the year 1994 to 2004. Trying to cross the US- Mexico border. In 2005, more than 500 illegal immigrants died and in 2009, 417 people died. As they tried to cross the Mexico border

This chart shows how many people get deported each year. As you may notice the number of people being deported.

2012	409,849
2011	396,000
2010	400,000
2009	387,000
2008	358,000
2007	318,000
2006	280,000
2005	245,000
2004	240,000
2003	210,000
2002	165,000
2001	186,000
2000	185,000
1999	175,000

Living in the USA as an Illegal Immigrant

If an immigrant crosses the border successfully, life can be hard, because you can't get a green card and you can't get an American passport. You cannot become an American citizen. These people have no rights and they have to live in fear of getting deported.

Immigrants contribute to the USA society and economy by working really hard. They often find low paying manual work in construction cleaning jobs

Restaurant work. Because these jobs often pay in cash, so the people don't need official documents to show illegal status

It affects their lives because they don't have any freedom and are restricted to poor jobs. I believe that illegal immigrants should have more rights and be able to get better jobs and have more opportunities in the USA.

Call for Action

You can help illegal immigrants by donating money to U.S citizenship and immigration services.

An organization that helps globally is

<http://www.irco.org/>

They give money to illegal immigrants from all over the world and they also, help refugees from all over the world.

An organization that helps locally is to U.S citizenship and Immigration Services. They help immigrants from America, and they help them by making them have a better life in the U.S

I am passionate about this issue because because I have a friend that is Mexican and his dad and mom are illegal immigrants. Life is hard for them because they don't have proper documents. I feel sad and scared for them

because they can get deported back to Mexico, or arrested, and I will never see them again.

How I want to help? I want to help by making people aware of this really important issue and the more people that are aware the more people will help. When people think of illegal immigration they think of how bad it is but I want them to think of the people that die trying to cross and all the people that just want a better life.

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