Immigration Should Not be Open in the United States

Republican politician Bobby Jindal says “Immigration without assimilation is invasion” (Kaplan). This statement epitomizes the United States’ current condition because the U.S. is being invaded right now. The U.S. is not being taken over by another country but rather by immigrants and by people who believe the current U.S. policy of immigration is sustainable. Although immigrants expand the United States’ economy, are not all criminals, and founded the nation, the United States’ current citizens are the most important; therefore, the country needs to focus on helping its natives by limiting its intake of immigrants substantially through the passing of a stricter immigration policy in order to increase national security, improve the economy, and update to modern society.

Progressive Americans often convince themselves that mass immigration is beneficial and fundamental to the United States. They argue that an influx of people strengthens the economy. They also claim that immigration does not raise crime and that the nation was founded by immigrants, therefore insisting that limiting immigration is hypocritical.

While the idea that immigration strengthens the American economy makes intuitive sense, research suggests otherwise, stating, “The higher cost of all the services provided to immigrants and the lower taxes they pay (because they have lower earnings) inevitably implies that on a year-to-year basis immigration creates a fiscal hole of at least $50 billion—a burden
that falls on the native population” (Borjas). Clearly, the plethora of new people has an
undeniable negative effect on the natives, draining their wallets by instituting the need for taxes
to fill the financial hole which immigration digs. Furthermore, those who support immigration
claim that migrants cause no harm to the public; however, this is simply untrue. According to
CBC, an infamous Mexican immigrant named Angel Maturino Resendiz, “instilled panic and
fear across the United States… suspected of nine killings near railroad tracks” (CBC). Resendiz,
like other crime bearing immigrants, decreases the safety of natives in the United States. Once
again, those who criticize reducing immigration claim that the nation was built by immigrants;
however, this is an outdated thought process. Furthermore, the current immigration policy is
riddled with outdatedness. For example, “The Diversity Lottery is plagued with fraud,
advances no economic or humanitarian interest, and does not even promote diversity”
(Republican Senators Introduce Plan to Reduce Legal Immigration). This current opportunity for
immigrant acceptance is clearly flawed because diversity is not in shortage in the United States.
Overall, there are many issues with having open doors to the United States.

The United States needs to restrict the intake of immigrants in order to ensure security for
all American citizens. With the current immigration system, criminals and terrorists have
effortless access into the United States where they can easily terrorize students in schools, fly
planes into skyscrapers, and drive cars into pools of people. However, with reform such as
President Trump’s partial immigration ban, these acts of cowardness and violence can be
hampered. President Trump issued his immigration ban in order “to protect the American people
from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals admitted to the United States” (President Trump
Orders Partial Immigration Ban). Trump’s reasoning for reform is based on the terrorist attacks
of 9/11 “when State Department policy prevented the proper scrutinizing of visa applications of
several of the 19 foreign terrorists who went on to murder around 3,000 Americans” (President
Trump Orders Partial Immigration Ban). Because of the loose immigration policy in place
during that time, innumerable families and friends lost loved ones and America was shaken.
Almost anybody, saint or demon, could waltz right into the U.S. with little issue. Although the
immigration policy was reformed later, the revised policy “did not stop attacks by foreign
nationals who were admitted into the United States” (President Trump Orders Partial
Immigration Ban). This reform was implemented too late and is still not effective enough to stop
terrorism today. The policy still permitted terrorism by people who were granted employment,
student, or visitor visas or were allowed to enter the U.S. through the U.S. refugee resettlement
program (President Trump Orders Partial Immigration Ban). Any terrorist coming from a
country full of civil unrest or war or disaster could almost certainly find a means to enter the U.S.
Only with a stricter immigration policy allowing fewer immigrants to enter the country will
American citizens be guaranteed safety from foreign terrorism.

The United States’ current acceptance of immigrants harms the economy; a federal
cutback in these flocks of new individuals will help the native citizens of the nation to prosper
financially. For example, “When immigrants come from the developing world to the developed
world, they may be willing to take employment opportunities for a much lower wage than a local
non-immigrant” (21 Big Pros and Cons of Immigration). This means that wage gaps are formed,
making it harder for working class Americans to find jobs that pay substantially for their labor.
This idea aligns with the common patriotic belief that immigrants depreciate the economy. In
order to raise the wages of these jobs, unskilled non natives should no longer be permitted to
enter the United States by order of the government. Such a policy will eliminate overcrowding in the unskilled workforce, therefore raising the price of labor for its current residents. As a result, wages will be higher, in turn stimulating the economy because people will have more money to spend compared to if wages were in the ditch from mass immigration.

Updating the United States immigration policy will help the current citizens by providing a modernized rendition of foreign policy more fit for today’s world. According to two Republican senators, “Our immigration system isn't designed for the 21st century” (Republican Senators Introduce Plan to Reduce Legal Immigration). The other side will argue that this country was built on immigration and that it should continue to be supported by immigration today. Back in that day, the U.S. was a fresh new land that was undeveloped. Immigration was perfect to help develop and make the country into what it is today. However, the United States is now a well-developed country who has a population able to support it. Immigration can still help the country, but not if immigration works the same as in the past. The senators say “only 1 out of 15 immigrants come to the U.S. because of their skills, and the U.S. does not prioritize these immigrants who improve the U.S.”. This is an issue because “the U.S. takes in around 1 million immigrants each year”, and if almost all of these immigrants do not benefit the U.S. then there is no point of having immigration (Republican Senators Introduce Plan to Reduce Legal Immigration). The majority of these immigrants could be drug dealers, terrorists, or anybody bringing the country down instead of lifting it up and potentially threatening to destroy and ruin the lives of Americans. With a new immigration system put into place, however, Americans can live in peace and know that the future will be fine and those few immigrants coming to the U.S. for their skills can have a great chance at living the American dream and support America. The
two Republican senators suggest the Reforming American Immigration for a Strong Economy Act or RAISE Act. They say the act would spur economic growth, raise working Americans’ wages, give priority to the most skilled immigrants around the world, and decrease overall immigration by half (Republican Senators Introduce Plan to Reduce Legal Immigration). With this reformed immigration policy, Americans can make more and spend more and boost the economy, allowing America to grow and thrive. Also, less people are entering the United States, which keeps the central focus on those people who are already American citizens, and those people who are entering are more lucrative for the United States. By reforming the immigration policy of the United States, American citizens feel valued and know their life will get better.

The United States is a nation founded on hope, growth, and dreams; however, it is essential for the nation to focus on making the current citizen’s dreams come true rather than worrying about foreigner’s problems. A cut in the acceptance of outsiders into the nation will make it safer, more financially sound, and more politically modern. Will the United States reform its immigration policy or will it continue to risk hurting its own citizens by “trying” to help immigrants?
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