

Deportation of Undocumented Immigrant Children

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Abstract

The debate regarding the deportation of undocumented migrants into the United States is heating up in flames, with every stakeholder having their say. However, enough has been said and done to prove that the problems in America are not the doing of immigrants. Sending unaccompanied immigrant children home is like turning away a refugee escaping civil war. To further prove that the idea of deporting immigrant children is completely unacceptable and devilish.

To exert geopolitical influence, America stretches its hand to help all countries that need help in combating HIV/AIDS, cancer, and terrorism etc. and there is no justification to exclude children from that plan. There are many people wanting to adopt babies, so putting the kids under state custody while looking for suitable adopters is the best gift can ever be given to children. In conclusion, no child should be sent back home for lacking travelling and civil documents.

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Introduction

The controversy surrounding the need to deport undocumented immigrants continues to generate a heated debate among a section of American politicians and civilians, human activists, the clergy, and the constitutional implementation organs. Some want illegal (this word is being used with maximum respect and is not meant to offend any community) immigrants to be sent back home while some would want to see them accorded a clear path toward the acquisition of full citizenship. With that in mind, it is of material importance to review the entire process of illegal immigration and how this activity impacts the United States both politically and socio-economically.

One may perhaps wonder how on earth could over 10,000 – in 30 days - unaccompanied children illegally cross the border into the US without being caught by border patrol officers. Can that be blamed on poor border policing, corruption, or extreme empathy? Well, it is pretty premature to come up with a tangible answer. However, what is already on records is that 68,000 undocumented children come to North America from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador with the hope of harnessing a better future. It is a bitter dose of reality that some of the hundreds of thousands of these illegal immigrants have criminal records in their home country and that they could possibly increase the crime rate in America. The United States is facing the danger of losing its global image as the most stringent constitutional and human rights abider in the world especially if the issue of dealing with undocumented immigrants is solved with prejudice of human rights values and the US Constitution.

The arguments for and against deportation of undocumented immigrant children would offer enough evidence to convince the audience what is really there to be done to solve

immigrant-based debates because everybody is tired of being involved in an argument that never ends.

a. Argument for Deportation

1. Rise in Crime Rate

Despite there being enough reasons to believe that illegal immigrants may have been the victim of violence and economic hardship in their homeland and that the United States happened to be a safe haven for them, it is still difficult to rule out the possibility of criminals being among them.

Drug dealers who face defeat in drug wars run to the United States where there is loose competition. Prison escapees and other criminals trying to evade capture and dispensation of justice up them also infiltrate the American border. These are dangerous criminals who would continue to break the law even in America. When such people gave birth to children in America, they would choose to not document them due to concerns over deportation.

Such children would not be able to go to good schools rendering them incapable of acquiring formal employment. To survive, they would do what their parents do; thus, rise in crime rate is not off the table. It is also allegedly claimed that immigrants decline to report crimes they witness to law enforcement agencies for fear of being sent back home. This adds another dimension of crime.

2. Job Displacements

It is true that immigrants displace legal American citizens in the job market. Every boss wants to employ immigrants because they require small salaries. No one can be convinced to pay

\$1500 to a legal US citizen a restaurant worker per month and leave out an immigrant worker who would cost around \$600 to do the same job. Cost cutting has become a recipe for profit magnification and employers are reluctant to over-spend on their staff. Another reason why employers prefer immigrants is the fact that the latter do not pay taxes; thus, a small pay is satisfactory to them.

3. Immigrants Impose Economic Burden on Legal US Citizens

The United States is reportedly spending funds in excess of \$113 billion in immigration affairs. They take the immigrant children and release them into the custody of well-wishers instead of asking them to go back home. The children are put under state custody until they find a suitable sponsor and that costs a lot. This is indeed a huge liability to legal US citizens who deny themselves important things just to pay taxes.

b. Arguments against Deportation

1. Immigrants Contribute to Nation Building

Immigrants are not the only cause of problems in America. In fact, the union is using through-the-rough defense and anti-terrorism budgets of \$680 billion and \$5 trillion respectively. The war on drugs has cost American tax payers an astonishing \$ 1 trillion since its inception while \$20 billion goes to the Colombian government to fight drug gangs. The Just-Say-No-Campaign and the US prisons use \$33 billion and \$60 billion in that order. When aides to Israel, Egypt and other allies are taken into account, the economic depression of America cannot be seen to originate from immigration.

2. Constitution

The US Constitution states clearly that any child born in America automatically becomes a citizen of the country. Although deportation proponents decry the fact that illegal immigrants rush into having babies in America as a way of securing citizenship, there is still not sufficient reason to keep the children away from their parents. No one is mandated to send innocent children back to their mother country as it violates the most sacred document – the US Constitution.

3. Civil Rights and Religious Grounds

The children are our future and the time they would lose with their parents on the grounds of deportation is irreplaceable. These children need good care just like other children do and forcing them to carry their parent's burden is inhuman and unspiritual.

4. Lack of Political Support

It is not clear whether the US Senate refused to vote for the constitutional changes billed by Sen-Rep John McCain out of humanitarian grounds or for fear of loss of votes, but what people know is the US political system is unwilling to take the risk of committing insensitive efforts to hurt children. This means the constitution safeguarding the welfare of immigrants cannot be changed to hurt the people who contribute largely on the American GDP.

Conclusion

Unaccompanied migrating children arriving to the US should stay. Putting them in solitary confinement, questioning them and sending them back home is an irresponsible act. These children have a lot of problems from their homeland like diseases and abuse and returning them will pile more misery on them. Mexico and Honduras are terrifying countries as a result of drug wars and civilian massacres. Even police officers graduate with their faces hidden behind masks for fear of brutality against their families. The drug cartels kill police officers and their entire family without mercy as a way of sending terror messages.

Even from a political perspective, there seems to be no president to be named the first to send vulnerable children home. In fact, talking anything about immigrants in the US is deemed stereotypic and discriminatory. Deportation bills will continue to fail until the issue is completely forgotten.

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