

The Impacts Of Immigrants On The American Economy And Society

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Immigration and Its Place in American Economic Life

Immigration is an international form of movement of individuals from a destination in a country where they were not born or did not have citizenship as a way of settling. Mostly, one tends to stay there permanently or rather take up employment with an immigrant worker who work as foreigners. As per the economist, immigration is of crucial importance to the countries receiving them as well as the sender. It has positive impacts on the foreign population, but what seems to be controversial is the question of how the low-skilled natives get helped by the low-skilled immigrants. A number of research studies have shown that removing barriers will have profound effects on GDP. Economists argue that removing the barriers will allow mobility between developing countries and will help in reducing poverty. I agree that when these barriers are removed, it will allow people to move freely as well as work in countries of their choice. This paper will analyze the impacts of immigrants on the American economy and society at large.

The immigration issue in America has been long supported, and its growth as well as its dynamism of the United States economy. They add a significant amount to the US GDP, and these economic impacts of the immigrants are coming in the next generation as well as decades to come. The legislative arm of government should try to come up with designated and legal systems which provide illegal immigrants or unauthorized immigrants into the state with a way of gaining their citizenship. It was during the colonial era that America received a major wave of immigration during the 1st part of the 19th century. A large number of immigrants were seen coming to America where they had come to seek economic opportunities since many believed that America was full of greater economic opportunities, while others were in search of religious freedom (Borjas, 26).

Information shows that 42.4 million immigrants who are living in America, both legal as well as illegal, are now living in America. Some of them are against their will and due to a number of circumstances which have forced them to move from their country of birth in search of peace of growth, be it economic or religious freedom. In recent years, the rates at which immigrant employees secure employment tend to be similar to that of natives. According to employment data recorded in 2015, 82 per cent of both natives and immigrants have job positions. Most immigrants have attained higher levels of education, and they occupy the highest professions in society. For instance, most doctors are of Asian and Indian origin. They are said to be the best doctors in the medical field. The United States is currently experiencing a historic flow of unskilled immigration, which was in a bruising news

conference last week.

Green Card Reform and the Reorientation of Immigration Policy

Unveiling the administration's new immigration proposals, Miller mentioned a shift between the do and the don't acquire a green card. It is the perfect reason for revisiting the American immigration policy that had remained consistent for a number of years, like 50 years, as well as favours families with skilled quotas different from other Western countries. However, we can say that the current observed unskilled immigrants flow into the country is a historic thing that has never been observed there before; in simple terms, we can say it is a betrayal to the history where it was only skilled immigrants that were seen into the country where they came to benefit the country economy with their skills like in the medical fields among others.

The wave of immigrants, which had a large number of almost 40 million individuals, comprised unskilled people as well as those who were not fluent in English. Previously, in the past years, most of the people who came to America had no interest in being American citizens. They were only interested in making money and returning home. The shift proposed, which focused on the skill-based shift, might be of importance or rather bad for the country. The prevailing ways of doing this are in Canada and Australia, whereby they are known for being hostile to immigrants. Miller, a CNN reporter, clearly indicated that Trump's plan would send a signal that would bring about dramatic American traditions and history.

The way some countries which host treat their immigrants, both employers, government, and the original population, is a topic of continual debate and criticism, as well as the violation of the migrant's human rights, which seems to be an ongoing crisis. Most of the immigrant proponents argue that the freedom of movement of individuals from one country to another is a basic human right which every individual has a right to enjoy. In the recent centuries of globalization, many countries have become so affirmed of their openness that they have declined to build a wall of insularity. America has been an exception for a century now. If America turns towards a sense of security and builds the wall, it will be isolating it from economic opportunities.

The great economic growth that is brought about by skilled immigrants will decline by a larger percentage. China, on the other hand, which is an economic competitor of the Americans, seems to be opening doors for more outside communities to come into the country for investment purposes, and it is an act that Western Europe is following as well. Western Europe has declined its isolation, and it has become the real solution to American heritage. As the world is turning into a global village, immigration has become one of the trending headlines, and many countries have opened up for many free trade markets. Globalization has made it easier for people to move from one place to another freely and allows them to work in different countries. It is important for the host country to understand the positive effects that are related to immigration. There are a number of works that

immigrants can do and the natives cannot (Heer 103).

Skills-Based Immigration and the Economic Selection of Migrants

The United States immigration department has come up with a number of policies that are of interest and are meant to bring immigrants who have certain qualifications or who are at a certain level of education as a way of enhancing the country's economic growth. However, these policies may lead to a certain population being dominant to the American culture as well as creating certain stereotypical images, which shows that the minority groups are the most hardworking more than the native dominant population. Today's demographic indicates that the US immigrant population is almost the same as that of the 19th century when the presence of immigrants had risen to a 15 per cent level. Most immigrants are from Italy, Germany, and Canada. Those who are born in America become citizens of America, and those who have lived in the country for over 14 years have the right to own properties and businesses. The children can attain higher education and occupy higher professional positions such as lawyers, engineers, and accountants. Immigration has a number of significant impacts on some workers in various industries.

The immigrant effect is not widespread in the employment fields; rather, immigrants do not have an impact on consumers. However, newly arrived immigrants do not have the same opportunities as those who have lived in America for a number of years. Moreover, they cannot even speak fluent English, hence making it difficult for them to compete with native-born English speakers for employment opportunities. The ones who do not have higher education certificates work in the construction and agricultural sectors and cheap labour sectors. With them, they can work with lower wages and tend to push away the native-born from that field. Their labour is cheap and available; hence, most employers in the construction and agricultural sectors prefer immigrants to work for them (McGruder 180).

In conclusion, we can say immigration has both positive as well as negative impacts on society. However, the positive impacts seem to be overlying the negative ones since they seem to be more beneficial. Therefore, Americans should consider how they economically benefit from the immigrants. Rather than focusing on building a block wall, they should consider openness for the GDP to increase. Additionally, most immigrants with higher and advanced degrees are good at technical and scientific jobs, which do not require a lot of communication or fluent English. Every individual should be given the right to live anywhere as long as they live harmoniously and promote the country's economy. On the contrary, the claims that the immigrants are believed to be criminals should be stopped since they make a very small percentage of inmates in the country.

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