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Writing Assignment #11

Tentative Thesis: Illegal immigrants do not pose a threat to U.S. economical and social constructs.

Line of Enquiry: How does immigrants support the economy of the US?

Immigrants play an important factor in the growth of the US economy. Politicians and economists agree on this front due to several factors. Stuart Anderson, in his article in Forbes, “3 Reasons Why Immigrants Are Key to Economic Growth” state that “[immigrants are key to economic growth because of] Labor force growth, entrepreneurship and human capital.” Utilizing the example of Japan (immigrant-unfriendly country), Anderson argues that the US would have faced a demographic crisis due to shortage of workers, if it weren’t for the immigration population. Due to Baby Bloomers approaching the retiring age, the US would not be able to find the steady workforce to replace them. Anderson also states that immigrant entrepreneurs make up more than half of the nation’s business owners and alike. Utilizing the study of 87 start-up companies valued at $1 Billion or more by the National Foundation for American Policy, he states 44 of these 87 companies had at least 1 immigrant founder. Quoting from Small Business Administration “Immigrant business owners make significant contributions to business income, generating $67 billion of the $577 billion in U.S. business income, as estimated from 2000 U.S. Census data.”

Aside from the human capital, labor growth and entrepreneurships, immigrants also help the US economy as they are a reason for companies to stay in the US and provide for both skilled and unskilled workforce. Former Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg state in his testimony before the Subcommittee on Immigration, [Citizenship](http://go.galegroup.com.ccny-proxy1.libr.ccny.cuny.edu/ps/retrieve.do?tabID=Primary&resultListType=RESULT_LIST&searchResultsType=SingleTab&searchType=BasicSearchForm&currentPosition=11&docId=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&docType=Congressional+testimony&sort=Relevance&contentSegment=&prodId=OVIC&contentSet=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&searchId=R3&userGroupName=cuny_ccny&inPS=true), [Refugees](http://go.galegroup.com.ccny-proxy1.libr.ccny.cuny.edu/ps/retrieve.do?tabID=Primary&resultListType=RESULT_LIST&searchResultsType=SingleTab&searchType=BasicSearchForm&currentPosition=11&docId=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&docType=Congressional+testimony&sort=Relevance&contentSegment=&prodId=OVIC&contentSet=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&searchId=R3&userGroupName=cuny_ccny&inPS=true), [Border Security](http://go.galegroup.com.ccny-proxy1.libr.ccny.cuny.edu/ps/retrieve.do?tabID=Primary&resultListType=RESULT_LIST&searchResultsType=SingleTab&searchType=BasicSearchForm&currentPosition=11&docId=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&docType=Congressional+testimony&sort=Relevance&contentSegment=&prodId=OVIC&contentSet=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&searchId=R3&userGroupName=cuny_ccny&inPS=true), and [International Law](http://go.galegroup.com.ccny-proxy1.libr.ccny.cuny.edu/ps/retrieve.do?tabID=Primary&resultListType=RESULT_LIST&searchResultsType=SingleTab&searchType=BasicSearchForm&currentPosition=11&docId=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&docType=Congressional+testimony&sort=Relevance&contentSegment=&prodId=OVIC&contentSet=GALE%7CEJ1529100308&searchId=R3&userGroupName=cuny_ccny&inPS=true), “… companies are seeking to fill low wage jobs that Americans just will not take, from fruit pickers to groundskeepers to custodians” and immigrants would be willing to work those jobs. He states that by the US making it difficult for companies to find the necessary workforce, more companies will seek to move to other countries, where workers are readily available and cheaper. Bloomberg also adds that legalizing the current illegal immigrants will only help the government further as it adds another million or so taxpayers for the country.

From these statements, we can understand that immigrants provide more benefits than harm for the US economy, and legalizing them allows for the country to further its growth. Quoting from Rupert Murdoch, “a path to legalization will contribute an estimated $1.5 trillion to the [gross domestic product](http://go.galegroup.com.ccny-proxy1.libr.ccny.cuny.edu/ps/retrieve.do?tabID=Primary&resultListType=RESULT_LIST&searchResultsType=SingleTab&searchType=BasicSearchForm&currentPosition=1&docId=GALE%7CEJ1529100309&docType=Congressional+testimony&sort=Relevance&contentSegment=&prodId=OVIC&contentSet=GALE%7CEJ1529100309&searchId=R2&userGroupName=cuny_ccny&inPS=true) over 10 years.” These numbers cannot be ignored when lawmakers consider make decisions for the country’s future economical growth.