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Exploratory Essay Topic: Pros and Cons of Trump’s Immigration Bill

In recent years, immigration in the United States have become a subject of heavy debate. It is being discussed heavily by both conservatives and liberals alike. In the sectors of business, politics, economy and security, it affects mostly everyone in the country.

One of the topics discussed in these debates are the legalization of illegal immigrants. Many conservative politicians oppose the legalization and they believe that Trump’s support for the immigration bill is a good omen for cracking down on illegal immigration further. They believe illegal immigrants take away jobs from American citizens and lawfully abiding residents, and are also a cause for many criminal activities.

They also believe sanctuary cities such as Los Angels and New York City are breaking the law by providing refuge to the illegal immigrants. They state that sanctuary cities are providing a safe haven for illegal immigrant criminals. Heather MacDonald in her article, *Immigration Laws Should Be Enforced to Reduce Crimes Committed by Illegal Immigrants,* (link: http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/EJ3010362228/OVIC?u=cuny\_ccny&xid=fa3ce080.) states that the police officers in these cities are limited from arresting known criminals that are also illegal immigrants due to lack of evidence. Her idea is that if cops know these criminals are also illegal immigrants, but they cannot arrest them due to lack of evidence, they can arrest them on the basis of illegal immigration.

Economists against illegal immigration also reason that the country’s expenses can also be reduced by deporting illegal residents in prisons. Using the example of Arizona, which had a population of 6,392,017 in 2015, out of which estimated 390,000 are illegal immigrants. The state prisons also houses illegal immigrants which is 11.70% of the prison population (link: http://link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/EJ2220015312/OVIC?u=cuny\_ccny&xid=54d8d36d). They argue that by deporting these criminals, they can reduce the 11.70% expenses these prisons have.

This viewpoint can by summarized by stating that by deporting illegal immigrants, the country can reduce its expenses and reduce the crimes reported.

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