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ABSTRACT

This essay has been done because I found the latest news, about the America's decision, in building up a very large wall in their frontier with Mexico shocking.

I was aware about the immigration problem in the USA, and how people saw America as their salvation to their economical problems, as the land where they could go and be free, and all their American Dreams will became truth at last. I knew how people put at risk their own life in trying to pass the frontier by different methods, and how they actually help USA economy to grow, so I found it discriminating from USA part to do such thing.

Before investigating about the subject I was 100 percent sure, this act was a symbol of discrimination, how American people, how the government will divide the world in that way, and after the great impact these workers done in America, now they will be actually forbidden to come into the country, into the country supposed to accept anyone with any kind of judgments.

After finishing my investigation, and finishing the essay my view about the discrimination didn't change, but it is true that the Wall wasn't only build because of discrimination but also because of fear and money, that has became for some countries and for some people, the most important thing on the world. The conclusion reach by this essay, is that it is true, that the wall going to be build between USA and Mexico is a symbol of discrimination.

To what extent is the wall going to be build between USA and Mexico a symbol of discrimination?

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INTRODUCTION

The title of my question is, **To what extent is the wall going to be built between USA and Mexico a symbol of discrimination?**, I decided to investigate this topic, because of the latest news of the World, when it was discovered that the United States government, had decided to build a wall in their frontier with Mexico. Recently, in my History class, we were studying about the Berlin wall, built to separate East and West Berlin in the 1960s. This Iron Curtain was created which caused chaos in Germany, like people losing their jobs and families splitting, as well as deaths in trying to cross the wall. The United States didn't respond with anything after this construction, but now, they were deciding to build a similar wall, but in difference not to let any kind of undocumented people in.

According to my point of view, I agree that this wall going to be built in Mexico's and America's frontier is a symbol of discrimination, relating to past facts discussed in the essay of discrimination and racism. Examples of this are articles implemented, and the way Mexican workers were treated in comparing them to natural American citizens.

This essay is divided in 2 chapters, in chapter 1 analyzing the type of discrimination since past years within Mexico, and the laws implemented since the Mexican revolution which was a factor that increased migration towards America, and chapter 2, investigates the reasons the United States believe in having to build this Wall, including the relationship between both countries.

The purpose of this essay is to open people's mind, to think what will be the consequence of this act, if it ends happening.

CHAPTER 1 DISCRIMINATION IN THE USA

1.1 Laws implemented in the USA

Mexicans, had always want to cross the frontier they have with the USA, for different reasons, they might be social problems, political problems, but the major thing why this Mexicans, want to cross the frontier, is because of economic problems. USA is called as “the land of the free”, and Mexicans go there, to get a new life, a new beginning, and to live their so wait American Dream.

Lots of Mexicans, leave their jobs and even their family in order to have a much more comfort and peaceful life, this Mexicans In the one hand have positive contribution towards the USA because Texas, continues being the 9th economy of the world, while Mexicans immigrants in there work in hard positions, Americans don't tend to do, making Texas still in its position, and in the same way, Mexico is the second most important country for the USA after china.

So, if Mexico brings all this comforts to the economy of the country, why Americans struggle so hard to avoid non-documental immigrants cross the frontier? The answer for this question is simple, non-documental immigrants from Mexico, also bring problems to the country of America. The Frontier between this countries is generally described as the “Open you sesame” for Mexicans, as they think they will find “treasures”, and new opportunities, it is also described like that because crossing the frontier is usually so easy than jumping through a border. This “Open you sesame” for illegal brings them the opportunity to go and make their life in the USA, but as we will see, not always it contributes to the growth of the country. Some non-documented Mexicans that cross the frontier often are Drug-traffickers that bring tom/ America the drugs from Mexico, this people also are traffickers of

exotic animals, and even Mayan objects that sell in America, without paying taxes just because there are illegal sellers in the USA.

This kind of immigrants cause the USA not to gain money, because a country Marjory gains money for the taxes the people pay when work, but Mexicans work and gain money, without paying taxes. This is one of the reasons; the Americans introduce the laws against immigrants coming by the frontier to America. On 2005, president Bush present the strategy for re-enforcing the national security of United states by using an “Unmigratory integral reform”, this will avoid illegal passes by the border and will re-enforce the application of immigrant laws.

This reform has been one of the major concern of American government, that will work under the following means; most of the illegal crossing the frontier, are Mexicans. that are about a 85% of non-documenting people wanting to go to the promising land, this time, a new and effective way is acting to avoid this instead of sending this people back to the frontier, police send them back to their natal land, so it is more difficult for them to trying to come back again.

Another mean used by the government in dealing with this major problem is by ending the method of deporting people and make arrange so they go up to court, because not all the people assisted, now they are send immediately home, so when the illegal immigrants know that they will be captured and sent to their land, it is less probable that they cross the border illegally at the first place.

Another new law implemented in the USA is that, before the government was putting at liberty the illegal immigrants if their native lands were not accepting them back within a certain period of time, and now the government is also ending this law, as well as the government is also increasing the personal aid and improving the technology for the interception of illegal immigrants and drugs in the frontier. The country was ready to take serious decisions, to control the number of immigrants coming to their country, To avoid any massive number of all this, in the United States, other law; that apparently will make better the “chaos”, was applied in 1921, it was called “Emergency quota act”, that was done as an emergency pact, to resolve immigration problems the soonest as possible; The “Emergency quota act” was an immigration quota that limited the annual number of immigrants who could be admitted from any country, to 3% of the number of persons from that country living in the United States, this eventually help to the United state's country, because people who passed over the 3 percent; were deported immediately to their country.

Three years later, things involving immigration weren't great at all, in fact it is true, that immigration in the country get better, but still it wasn't enough. The local government decided to introduce a new law, that was similar to the one just introduced in the past three years, but with slighted changes; this new law was called "The immigration act of 1924", it was simple, it consisted one more in limiting the number of immigrants that were admitted from any country to 2% Of the number of people from that country who were already living in America.

1.2 Type of discrimination towards Mexico

Discrimination towards Mexican has its history, since non document immigrants cross the frontier to the other side, to United States they have enter to a new life; to a life were they are going to be discriminated, they do the most that is in their hands to cross the frontier with the United States; since hiding them selves in false floors of pick-up tracks, or entering in the back of a car, all squished up so the police doesn't notice, they do all this, and they sacrifice their life to get a job and earn money, but, Mexicans that work in the United States have the worse works ever. They sacrifice their life in trying to cross the border, to go to a whole new world, a world where they have to work day and night, to earn some money to then maybe get back to their country and have a better future. But, Mexicans in America aren't treat as the same as citizens with full rights. Mexican workers do jobs that Americans don't want to do; they work all day in the sun during the hot days of summer, as well as all day in winter. And sometimes they have more than one shift of work, where they have to accept the bad treatments of their bosses without compliments. The president of Mexico one said, the Mexicans were doing in The United States the work that "even the American blacks didn't want to do"¹, by this the meant, decent work, but at the time really hard work, that not any person could do it. Between these, there were woks of house keeper, baby sitting, cleaning offices, as well as cleaning houses or factories. They also work at restaurants, by being bar tenders or waiters, in cleaning bathrooms, or as taxi or bus drivers. In America natal citizens have office jobs, where they are well paid, and have full right; they have as well

¹ http://www.americas.org/item_21012

as insurance, vacations and greetings in national parties and Christmas, while Mexican workers can't enjoy all of these things that any worker should have. In addition, Mexican workers do not receive a fair salary, and also they are not paid the extra hours they work, apart of this, this workers didn't had the legal 8-hour work day, because they were forced to work much more, and they were suppress of strikes, prohibiting them to strike and at the same time forbidden them for theirs one day rest per week.

Mexican immigrants in North America are almost always stereotyped. In American people's head, they see Mexicans immigrants, as well as other Latin countries; as non-educated people, who doesn't find any job in their own countries, so they sale away in search of new horizons to a develop country which can offer them a job and money, but not security. These people have to take care of their security, most than any legal human being living in the United States; they are more likely to be deported to their natal country, and loose all the effort they make, to earn some money in search for a new future in America. Many people aren't aware of how these Mexicans do their possible to enter illegal to the United States; generally when scandals are knew, or strikes have happened in middle-class works, the first thing that comes to their mind is that, the cause were Mexicans.

CHAPTER 2

REASONS FOR THE WALL BEING BUILD

2.1- United states reasons: fear, racism, money

America, consider the Mexicans invasion, as a harmful matter to the North American people,² they see immigration as a silence invasion, which they are victims of; they see them, as a national threat, where they are the causes of multitude of public calamities as examples, the lose of control of the frontiers, as well as the causes of unemployment in their own people in America. Why is that? Well, the answer for this, in their point of view, is that Mexican people abuse of governmental assistance, as well as other public benefits, causing legal people in America supposedly to lose their employement, etc.

The American government, wanted to reduce this entrance of illegal people i their country for three major reasons. Fear was the first one; the government was sure they wanted to reduce the immigrants incoming number of every year to a much lower number, there wasn't a vast percentage of incoming drug, or other illegal products to the country, but generally there were Mexicans that brought that kind of products to the United States. These, were all reasons to accumulate fear in the countries people, but the main reasons the government declare, immigration was to fear, was that in recent years, immigration of Mexican workers had negative effects on native-born Americans. And it also contributed in the decreasing of political power considering immigration groups. The increasing support for immigration restrictions also made, people living in the United States thinking that Mexicans did more damage to their country that they were really doing, becoming fearful of them. What as said before, America didn't take into account, was that Mexicans were already establishing a habit of immigrating to America since the construction of the railroad between Mexico and the USA between 1880 and

² california sociologist, 5, 1982, pp1-26

1890. Since these dates, grand quantities of Mexican workers, who found more work possibilities in South Eastern North America, got jobs as railworkers, which was the first job a Mexican immigrant got in immigrating to the New Land. By this time 60 percent of the crews which worked in the western railways were Mexicans. Since these dates, immigration as mentioned before started to rise, but not only because of the will of Mexicans in finding a new life, but also because of the demand America offers to them. By the 1850s the incorporation of Mexican workers into the US economy was sufficiently important in the heading of commercial agriculture.

Taking in terms racism, these Mexican workers were mistreated, the working conditions and salaries they had, were more than deficient, inasmuch the exploitation was intense and the wages very low.

Immigration intensified with the Mexican revolution of 1910, which estimated that between 1910 and 1917, 53 thousand workers per year migrated to the USA, and the other factor that contributed to the migration of Mexican workers to the EEUU was World War I, in which by this period Mexican workers performed very well in agricultural and industrial services, helping with the prosperity of the United States.

Having said this, American people can't complain because of increasing immigration in the last few Years. Since the beginning of immigration, Americas demanded more labor workers, to be paid in law prices, which became very important in the development of their economy.

years later, in 1929, after the Great Depression, the United States suffered, and a new method of control was implemented on the Mexican immigrant workers: a visa was denied to all of those which fail to prove in having secure employment in the U.S., in pretext of it not being seen as a public charge.

With the implementation of the Visas, in united state; obviously, immigration became an issue less important, but still, as Enterprisers in the USA demanded workers with low prices, which make also more workers with stable and secure employment in the United States. Another reason for the USA to start the construction of the wall in their frontier was actually because of the relationship between both countries; The immigration of non-document people in the USA has grown in the last century, and the relationship between the USA and Mexico hasn't been good. For mutual comprehension between both countries, different ideologies in the countries hasn't allowed the relationship between them improve, this lack of understanding between them is in a way a cause of the wall being build, so non not-document foreign can pass the frontiers without any

assigned permission. Immigration In the USA has raised up every year, one explanation for this, is because of America's demand of a cheap workforce, and the offer that the Mexicans have. Mexican immigration intensified, and after trying various solutions, a very important event took place. This event occurred in 1924, when the "US Border Patrol" was created; this event had a significant impact on the life of Mexican workers. Though the citizens did not immediately view Mexicans as "Illegal aliens" and the law then stated that undocumented workers were fugitives. With the context of the Border Patrol, the definition "Illegal aliens" was born and many Mexicans non-immigrants were stereotypes with that symbol.

2.2- Meaning of the wall and consequences

There are many opinions about the effect of the wall going to be building in America, but almost all coincide in that the Wall encloses us all. Not only Mexicans and American people, this affects us all as a community. Every time, more and more countries are being discriminated or separated by racism or economical means, there are diverse examples of different countries images in other countries; for example, Ecuador and Peruvian people are almost seen in Europe as the delinquents or people have images of them, as Peruvians like Incas, etc. Apart for discrimination, the countries in the world are being separated for this other mean that generally is money. The construction of the frontier wall, may also be anticipation that they will soon build northern and southern notes? By this, America is now closing itself off from the rest of the rest of its American neighbors and making enemies of potentially natural friends.³

By taking action of this act, it is building barriers to keep out the "hungry and tired" exploited migrant masses of Mexicans, that once were welcome into the country and that actually those, the capitalism are creating daily. More than a century has passed of migration in the country, of exploitation to those middle class Mexicans, of destabilizing national economies in the workers country and of creating poverty and desperation that was one of the first reasons on causing the massive migration, the wall is build blaming actually the victims; the Mexicans, those persons who wanted a better life.

³ <http://www.tlaxcala.es/pp.asp?reference=3058&lg=en>

The USA is now denying its own immigrant traditions as it builds barriers against their closest neighbors, as it is Mexico. Building this wall, is contradicting the words that are written at the base of the status of liberty, that was a French gift to America because at that time, the United States was unique; And it was the one major country that didn't embroil itself in the endless wars the European people were so used to. Unfortunately, the times have changed people all over the world looked to America for inspiration; it was possible to have a relatively free and peaceful country. No income tax, no foreign wars, no welfare state, no intrusions on civil liberties. Of course, that's no longer the case; And as said before, this construction of the wall does the opposite as what the words at the base of the statue say, at first; "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these — the homeless, tempest-tossed — to me; I lift my lamp beside the Golden Door."⁴ As we can see, the USA has betrayed its own believes, and are starting to construct this barrier, this new World division; destroying the employment of millions of Mexican and other Latin American people. The construction of the "Wall of shame" or also called as the "Wall of death" is in fact incrementing this, the separation and division of the world.

⁴ <http://www.harrybrowne.org/articles/StatueOfLiberty.htm>

CONCLUSION

In conclusions, after analyzing diverse areas of the topic such as the type of discrimination in the USA, the laws implemented because of the immigration in the country; taking in account we have only analyze a part of them; the different reasons, United States think they have in order to construct the wall, such as “fear”, money and racism and the consequences and what actually the construction will mean. In my opinion, discrimination is the major problem. The wall going to be build demonstrates it, as because America don’t want more undocumented people in their country, people who they use to mistreat paying them less than a natal-citizen, not giving them full rights and insurance as well as holidays. Ironically now, the state wants to prohibit the entrance of this people, of these workers that before and now the only thing they have done was contribute to the countries economy, making the country run and succeed, not by its own means and people, but with the help of this Mexican migrant workers. Whit the “Wall of shame”, America is now demonstrating that they are not taking care of the consequences of their own acts when they at first demanded more and more Mexican workers. What people now have to search for, is for integrity, for union and the United States by constructing this barrier, this “wall of death” isn’t doing this, in fact; they are separating the world, by constructing walls between their own neighbor, they are clearly discriminating this people, and that’s why, they don’t want more of them in their country; no more “aliens”, no more Mexicans.

In my opinion, the construction of the wall isn’t a good call; America that is a country with a great economy a super power country should help countries like Mexico, or other countries that aren’t as big as them. This is the same case as in people; there are poor and rich people, but not because they choose of being that, is because of luck, and maybe mistakes people do, so the rich people should help the poorest; but in fact there is many rich people that one more and more and doesn’t care about others. In these countries case; America as the Statue of Liberty says, has always be seen as the “land of the free”, as a country in which people go and where their dreams became truth, but by building this barrier it is demonstrated the opposite.

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