

Education is it a Privilege or Right?

Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act also known as the Dream Act allows undocumented immigrants (aliens or illegal immigrants), people who enter United States without permission, the opportunity to enlist or go to college by giving them access to financial aid but the states decide which aid is access to them. This bill may seem like a leaning hand to misfortunate people but not everyone sees this bill as a solution.

The bill will probably cause more immigrants to enter this country, an over-population that can lead to survival issues, as Assemblyman Tim Donnelly point out in his statement, "We have just created a new entitlement that is going to cause tens of thousands of people to come here illegally from all over the world"(*Los Angeles Times*). Also some may think the bill applies to everyone as Assemblyman Curt Hagman believes it "sends the wrong message' a message that said, 'if you violate the law, it's OK"(*Los Angeles Times*), but the bill has requirements, not every immigrant is qualify. They had to migrate here before age 16, resident in United States 5 years before this bill, apply for this bill between 12 and 35 years old, have good moral characters and has graduated from the U.S. high school or received a GED or been accept to a college in the U.S. so as much everyone would like help from us not all would be allow only past generation or young kids.

Since the Dream Act only allows certain people to apply, people who had "no choice" to come here as councilmember of Stanislaus Kristen Olsen described their reason for migrating here. They lived their life in this country, lived in this culture that allows freedom. This government that encourages opinions and ideas that can change people lives either from health to

technology. Yet to achieve these goals we have to be educated, further our knowledge so we can expand the ideas and make it real. The U.S. is based on immigrants that took this land from the Natives because they wanted freedom, to have a choice to live a life they wanted. Denying access to education because they have no paper is understandable but this United States of America is based on freedom and immigrants, who help keep this country running by taking dirty jobs. Jobs, no one else would take because its low pay and hard labor, but immigrants take these jobs so they can feed their family and prove a better home also give their children an opportunity to survive.

California Governor Jerry Brown approved a bill that allows illegal immigrants access to Cal Grants in the beginning of 2013. Cal Grants has a limited amount of money as Edward Krigbaum author of book *Relentless: The Socialist Attack on American Freedom*, points out “if you give an illegal money, your taking money from some one who is a citizen”. This is a problem but the solution can be simple because Cal Grants is not the only financial aid, there are school loans. Loans that have interest and will be paid back once a student graduate. Even if we do only give access to Cal Grants “about 1%” (*Los Angeles Times*) could be affected, those people who can use loan would have to take out loans. Some people think the bill is too much or "a reckless use of taxpayer money" (*Los Angeles Times*) but in the longer run the government will receive twice the amount of money they lend to these students. Another problem “illegal didn’t put money in the pocket [financial aid, taxes and etc.]” (Krigbaum), but immigrants take any job that is available to them and jobs has taxes on them because they are living in America and to feed family they have to buy food which also has taxes. Every thing we buy or sale and everything we do has taxes that contribute to this country.

At a young age adults told me that education is a right, a way to succeed in this life. Also that education is the key to fix the economy, environment and your life statuses. I have been told that education should not be wasted but cherished and yet we are willingly take that opportunity away from another person, an outsider and our excuse is that they are undocumented. Even though they are undocumented immigrants and as Krigbaum points out “the law said they [undocumented immigrants] can’t get this money or it did” that might have been true but this country is evolving and either we stay in the past or grow to be the most powerful and number one country because we are best know for our diversity. United State competes with every other country; we want to be number one yet we denied every one access to our resource. We should allow and help out the immigrant achieve a high level of education not just because it’s a right thing to do and their freedom but in the long run we will all benefit.

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