

The Dream

Where has the “American Dream” for the undocumented immigrants gone? Did they always have an “American Dream?” Their “American Dream” was taken away when they weren’t allowed to attend a higher education. But California Governor Jerry Brown gave the undocumented immigrants a chance to attend a higher education by signing in favor of the “Dream Act.” I attended a forum and Kristin Olsen agreed with the “Dream Act.” Now that the undocumented immigrants have a chance to attend a higher education, they face the problem of tuition going higher than before. Undocumented immigrants should be allowed to attend a higher education and receive financial aid.

Mostly everyone that migrates to the United States comes to conquer their “American Dream.” The majority of all undocumented immigrants want to have a chance to have their own “American Dream,” and they want to keep going to school, but they can’t because they are undocumented students. Their dreams are crushed; they feel like a big ice cream truck fell on top of them. They come here for a reason, and that reason is to have a better future. In an internet article Susan Sippelle interviewed people and one of her interviewers said “I remember when people could send their kids to college; they could buy a home. We certainly didn’t have one in four children living in poverty, the way we do now, and that’s a disgrace,” Maitre said. “Bring back the American Dream; give people hope” (Susan Sippelle par

5). Maitre had her children attending college; they had the chance to live their dreams. But undocumented immigrants don't have the chance to attend a higher education school.

What is the "Dream Act?" The "Dream Act" allows undocumented immigrants permanent citizenship and complete time in college. California Governor Jerry Brown gave the undocumented immigrants a chance to attend a higher education and a chance to apply for Cal-Grants by signing in favor of the "Dream Act." Governor Jerry Brown did a good thing by signing in favor of the "Dream Act"; he gave them a chance to accomplish their "American Dream." Governor Jerry Brown and Assemblyman Bill Cedillo both stated the same thing, that they should let undocumented students to have the chance to attend a higher education school. Not everybody agrees with Jerry Brown, Bill Cedillo, and other that are in favor of the "Dream Act." Assemblyman Tim Donnelly stated "It's morally wrong," said Assemblyman Tim Donnelly (R-San Bernardino). "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" (McGreevy Patrick par14). It's not going to affect him in any single way, it's not like the undocumented immigrants are going to live in his house. They are just coming here to have a better future they will never have in their country where born in.

I had the chance to attend an open forum, many topics were discussed. Kristin Olsen was a speaker at the forum I attended. Olsen stated that "all students should go to college." Olsen wants equality for every student. She doesn't want any students to not be able to live their dream. Olsen also stated that the "Dream Act" gives undocumented students Cal-Grants. Cal-Grants are a small amount of money, she voted against the "Dream Act" because she believes that the Cal-Grant are being taking away from someone else that needs it. She is not saying that she undocumented students shouldn't be allowed to attend a higher education. I agree with Olsen

because the Cal-Grants are small amount of money, they need more help than just a small Cal-Grant (Olsen).

Before the “Dream Act” was signed, many states didn’t let undocumented immigrants attend college. Some states made their campus not allow undocumented immigrants to enroll to their campuses, because it violates the federal law (Marklein). How cruel could they be to the undocumented immigrants. They rip their wings of their backs, now they can’t fly to reach their dreams. Some didn’t have a choice when they came to the United States; their own parents made them come with them. Thinking that by coming they will have a lot of dream to grasp on to. But they never would have thought of the troubles they would have gone through.

That was the past now some states allow undocumented immigrants to attend college. Now the problem is that tuition has increased again. They have to find a way to pay for tuition. With the Cal-Grant that the “Dream Act” said they would give them won’t be enough. It won’t be enough to pay the rest of tuition. Enrollments in college will shrink and fewer people will be able to attend college (Keller).

The “American Dream” of some undocumented immigrants is to attend a higher education school. Many obstacles were put in their way. Few opportunities were offered to them; they would take the opportunities but were later crushed with another problem. With some states not letting undocumented immigrants attend college, to tuition cost increasing, and know they have a chance to live their dream, their dream to have a better future by attending a higher education. With the “Dream Act” they could accomplish their dreams, some people may be in favor with it and some may be against it. Let the undocumented immigrants have a chance to

make their dreams come real. Don't crush their dreams like I don't like anybody tearing my dreams apart.

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