Hot Topic- Illegal Immigration Funding

The state should fund financial aid, access to California’s public universities and colleges to undocumented immigrants. Illegal immigrants need the opportunity to succeed in this world or in other words to obtain the “American Dream”. Almost every young immigrant that comes to this country has the same dream of graduating from high school and college. People in general argue that illegal immigrants are here to invade or take away opportunities of people that have been here since they were born. On the one hand, I agree that people that are legal in this country are afraid of also losing their dream of being someone in this world, but before judging anyone, people should have in mind that “we are a land of immigrants” (Powell 185). People should be admired towards illegal immigrant or so called upcoming students are fighting to have a better life, not only for themselves but for their families. Even though there might be many people against the idea of helping out illegal immigrants there is also a positive benefit for funding them and that is economic gains.

Everyone in this world should have an opportunity for almost anything maybe for a job, to enter a university, or just a second chance. Illegal immigrants need an opportunity to achieve their goals and have an American Dream like anyone else. For example a child that comes as an illegal immigrant with their family to this country has no choice to either stay or leave. But since that child is here, they should have the same opportunity as any other person if they really believe in being a high achieving student. Only because they don’t have any legal documents, it does not mean that they are not the same as everyone else. People have to keep in mind that students that keep on with their studies should have the chance to progress in their education as
well as in their careers. And for this to happen there should be more bills like the Dream act signed by Governor Jerry Brown, which “granted illegal immigrants access to financial aid” meaning that they will also have the privilege to “attend college regardless of their immigration status” (LA Times). With this bill more illegal immigrants will be able to pursue their dream and maybe one day is saving life’s as a doctor or building peoples homes.

People in general argue that illegal immigrants are here to invade or take away opportunities of people that have been here since they were born. But what people do not realize when it comes towards education is that illegal immigrant students that will be receiving government funding will not affect much because there are not that many people that are going to school and at the same time having a legal process for receiving documents. Most of the people that received or are receiving legal documents are through the process of getting married or a family member that has submitted a petition. In the article UCLA “Undocumented Students Unfulfilled Dreams” states that “65,000 undocumented students graduate from U.S. high schools each year and about 40 percent or 26,000 undocumented youth reside in the state of California” (Amaya, ET, AL 3). That small amount of students that reside in the state of California does not count the number of students that drop out, for the fact that they cannot pay or the amount of students that are not legally able to obtain employment for not having legal documents and even though they have proof graduating from college.

One of the benefits that an immigrant brings to this country is that they all pay taxes. Taxes are paid when they receive their check from their job, even though they are immigrants. They can actually buy a “fake social security which is easily available from counterfeiters for a couple hundred dollars” (Roy Germano). Paying taxes to the government can be also paid when
you are buying groceries or even clothing. Social Security is also one of the major programs that
the government brings out to the people. One way that money goes into that program is when it
comes out of everyone’s pay check. But in the case of an immigrant they do not “receive money
back from social security because they do not file in for the fear of deportation” (Roy Germano).
For example when an illegal student is around campus and buys books or food, that money is
going straight to the school or when they are applying for a university there is money in between
like tuition a parking pass and maybe even a car for transportation.

Undocumented immigrant students have the right and should also have same equal access
to a higher education as anyone else in this country. Higher education is very important for every
child in this world, to expand better knowledge for themselves and for the people that surround
them. Being able to make this true the State should funded, financial aid, access to California’s
public universities to undocumented immigrants, not only for the benefit of illegal immigrant but
also for the people around us. Economic gains is one of the benefits out of this whole
controversy because that is what people concentrate the most for the fact that almost everything
in this world has a price.

