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Assignment 1

**Bring on More Entrepreneurs**

In Zadeh’s “Bring on More Immigrant Entrepreneurs” he argues against the claim

that immigrants drain the economy. To combat these claims Zadeh tells the story of how he

became an American citizen coming all the way from Iran to start a company. Zadeh ended up

becoming an entrepreneur and created 150 new jobs for citizens. Zadeh even supports his

argument with a statement from the Center for American Progress stating that “granting legal

status to illegal immigrants alone would create 121,000 per year…” (Zadeh 625) He continues

to support his claim with another quote from the Congressional Budget Office stating that “The

U.S. economy would grow by $1.4 trillion over the next 20 years if the Senate’s proposed

immigration-reform legislation was adopted.” (Zadeh 625) Zadeh also makes a point that the

U.S. shouldn’t turn away talented immigrants looking for work when the economy remains

stagnant. Zadeh states that “…many young, educated and ambitious friends of mine decided it

was too difficult here especially when countries like Canada and United Kingdom welcomed

their expertise.” (Zadeh 625)

I have to say that I agree with Zadeh’s argument and point of view. The U.S. should

definitely welcome more immigrants that have a lot of skills or talent. Zadeh himself has

proven that immigrants can help improve the economy by creating 150 new jobs for citizens.

There have also been other immigrants that came to the U.S. and helped the economy like

Derek Cha, Anurag Jain and many others. The U.S. loses a lot of immigrants with skills because

they make it too hard for them to become citizens like Zadeh when he had to spend 13 years in

“immigration limbo.” Zadeh only chose to stay in America because it was the best place to start

his company but knew other immigrants that went to other countries because it was easier to

become a citizen. So the U.S. loses out on a lot immigrants that could help the economy

because they get turned away by certain foreign policies.

Work cited

Zadeh, Shayan. “Bring On More Immigrant Entrepreneurs” *They Say/I Say* 3rd ed. Ed. Gerald Graff. Cathy Birkenstein. Russel Durst. New York: Norton, 2015. 623-626