

## English rhetorical essay

In the article “Why Cities Should Open Their Gates to the Children of Migrants” , the author Nie Riming talked about floating children in China. They are a group of children who migrate to a new place because of their parents need to work there. They are facing some problems because of some schools do not want to accept them as students, also the government does not supply enough help for these children. The author wants to persuade schools, government and all other citizens in China stand out and supply these children extra help. To make the article work persuasively, the author uses facts, policy and data to show his understanding in China’s policy, leading audiences think both logically and emotionally about the situation and finally inspire more people to help migrant children in China.

To show author’s credibility, the author uses a few policy to prove it. Here's a policy posted in China. “These parents — many of whom are hardworking rural migrants — were required to show proof of legal residence and employment for at least three consecutive years, up from the previous requirement of only one year.” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone ) By using specific words such as “ proof of legal residence and employment”, “consecutive”, ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone )the author shows that he is really clear about the policy the government listed out. People will trust him more through this intrinsic ethos, they will think that he is trustworthy because he knows some true background information which are policies. For the extrinsic ethos, it’s that he is a Chinese, as a Chinese he might be more trustworthy than a foreigner talk about China’s situation on migrant children.

To leading the audiences think both emotionally and logically about the situation these migrant children have to face and the author uses some specific policies, some data and facts in China. “These parents — many of whom are hardworking rural migrants — were required to show proof of legal residence and employment for at least three

consecutive years, up from the previous requirement of only one year.” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone )For a rural family, who just decided to move to a big city to find more chances for a job can earn more, they can handed none of these documents. To have a “legal residence and employment for at least three consecutive years” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone ) this means to approach the standard of getting the document to go to school, the migrant family need to live and work in the city for three years without their children. Children in the migrant family have to stay at their home town, can’t go to the big city with their parents because they can’t go to school there. Three years, children need to live with their grand parents. How weak the relationship between their parents and them will be! Can you imagine you live without your parents for entire three years? How cruel it is!This policy makes people think logical about how hard it is for them to stay there ( their situation) and how sad it is to have this policy. Make people feel empathy about what these migrant family have to face after they decide to migrate to a new city to have a better job. The author also listed out facts and datas to demonstrate their situations, how difficult it is for them to study at the city they migrate too. “In 2014, according to the Beijing Municipal Commission of Education, school-age children without a Beijing household registration would not only be required to provide five pieces of documentation.” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone ) In 2014, Beijing migrant children need more than five documents to get into there. Five! This is a large amount for these migrant families. “would not only” means there will still be possibility to ask more documents for them. If migrant families can’t hand them out, their family needs to be separated, their children can’t live with them! The truth that a family will separate because of migrate to another city will reminds the audiences how will they feel if this happens to them. They will feel sympathy through the whole process, this makes them think emotionally. “In 2014, of the 168 million rural laborers who flooded the cities in search of work, only 20 percent were able to bring their families. Most must leave their children behind in their home villages.” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone )The author uses “20 percent out of

168million rural labors flooded into the cities” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone )to let audience know how large is the amount of flooded rural labors are and only a few of them can bring their family. In terms of this, the author lead the audiences with a logic that many people are flooded to the cities but 80 percent of them need to go alone and their children cannot live with them anymore. This emphasize the consequences of not helping these migrant children. Emphasize the truth that they can only meet a few times a year and the fact that children who are still growing up cannot live with their family because of their parents have to leave to earn money to maintain the whole family. How tragedy this is! The audiences will feel pity and compassion that migrant children can't live together. The author successfully made the audiences think logically and emotionally in order to persuade them to help the migrant children.

To persuade more people to join the group of helping migrate children the author uses some facts and datas. “Trends in elementary school admissions reveal how cities have taken steps to push migrant children away.”( Nie Riming Sixth Tone ) In the article, the author mentioned the fact that schools in some big cities do not want to accept them as students. This is using pathos to make people feel sad and angry about the fact that they need our help to live with their families, but people do not want to help. This will also make schools who are not willing to help feel guilty about what they did—which is not help floating these children in order to let them fix their mistake. After this the author mentioned an example of shanghai doing it, “Enrollment rates in the city rose quickly, with the majority of migrant students able to attend higher- quality state-run schools.” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone )These are showing the benefit of accepting these migrant workers children to schools in the city they move in. “There are more and more students in the state-run schools. For the non state schools there are also benefits. ‘Per-capita student support for non-state-run schools also increased from 2,000 yuan (\$300) in 2008 to 6,000 yuan in

2016.” ( Nie Riming Sixth Tone )They can get more money supporting by the government by letting these people in. These are both using logic to make people feel like by doing this they can get many benefits, they can earn more. To encourage more and more schools, governments and people to supply more help.

The author uses data, and facts successful make proved his credibility through illustrate his understanding on the policy in China, make audiences think in a way with logic and emotions and persuade more people to help migrate children .

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