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Let Illegal Legal

More than 2000 years ago, the northern Chinese started to build several fortification systems to defend their home lands from the invasion of Nomads. Due to shortage of food and necessary goods during winter, Nomads must plunder many things: food, fur, and women from Chinese villages around the north borders of China. This country with farming civilization does not have ability to form many armies to protect their long northern borders. Therefore, building walls is the best solution to protect their food and people. The first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang fixed and connected these walls together to create a 13,171 miles-long wall that is called: The Great Wall of China (). 2000 years later, the President Donald Trump released a plan to build out the border along the country’s southern border to block millions of illegal immigration. Americans have similar troubles as Chinese had around 2000 years ago. The President’s proposal causes a huge and deep controversy of illegal immigration. Many supporters believes that building a wall will provide a best solution to stop undocumented people to cross the border of country. Conversely, many opponents think the illegal immigration should not be totally stopped because it will hurt the economy of the country and violate the human’s rights. The issue of Illegal immigration is there and must be solved. The government should announce more rules include building a wall to stop the illegal immigrants but advocates legal immigrants.

In the United States, illegal immigration has been one of the most eye-catching political debate topic. Pew research center estimate the unauthorized immigrant population in the U.S. was 10.5 million in 2017, which represents 3.2% of the total population (2). Trump hopes to decrease this number and his campaign promises were supported by a lot of American based on several main reasons. The first reasons is illegal immigrants make American citizen lose their jobs. In addition, illegal immigrants increase the crime rates and they brought illegal drugs and guns to the country. Therefore, Trump and his supporters think illegal immigration hurt the American economy and security.

Many opposite voices exists in the society as well. Some economist stated that illegal immigrants do not harm the U.S. economy, but contribute to economic growth. Francine et al. said that most illegal immigrants have low-income jobs and they help to reduce the price of goods and service to benefit consumers (3). Francine explained that illegal immigration increases the welfare of natives: “Though immigrants compete with natives for these additional jobs, the overall number of new positions employers choose to create is larger than the number of additional entrants to the labor market. The effect is to lower the unemployment rate and to strengthen the bargaining position of workers” (147). This concept treated the illegal immigrants as a cheap labor force and wealth for the country.

Two completely different voices reflect that American’s complicated feeling towards to illegal immigrants. Lao-Tzu, the author of Dao De Jing, was a great Chinese philosophers over 2000 years ago, before the construction of the Great Wall. If Lao-Tzu still live in Qin Dynasty, he will definitely stop the emperor to spend huge resources to create a wall. Lao-Tzu believed that a great leader should let all things take their course. Based on his opinion, no action can stop illegal immigrants because people like to move a place that have more opportunities and good quality life. That is nature of human. Therefore, building the wall to against illegal immigrants is to against with human’s natures and that will never work as your wish.

Lao-Tzu believed more prohibitions in our society stated that do not try to control ssaid: “Stop trying to control. Let go of fixed plans and concepts, and the world will govern itself”

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