Outline/Research Essay **Name: Sidharth Choudhary** **Student# 300990285** **Introduction (possible ideas)**

Individuals from Mexico, participating in temporary work programs have beneficial outcomes associated with themselves as well as the government. Mexicans enjoy all the benefits, from Canada along with Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAW), until they get sick.

**Thesis Statement**

The pros and cons for the migrant workers in Canada is a strenous argument to address. Even though people are provided with job opportunities along with some medical benefits, similar to the ones provided to the Canadian citizens, yet they are not treated equally.

**Body**

Main supporting point 1.

SAW serves as an important source of hard currency to Mexico: (Amuchastegui, 2006)

Examples/Details/Explanations:

1. According to World Bank, Mexico received $18.1 Billion US in foreign remittances in 2004.
2. 2.5% GDP – making it the third greatest recipient of remittances in absolute terms.
3. Mexican migrant workers grossed about $332 per week which was way more than what they earned back home at $55 US per week.

Main supporting point 2.

A combined benefit to farmers and migrant labour from Mexico. (Amuchastegui, 2006)

Examples/Details/Explanations:

1. Farmers are supplied with cheap labour on whom they can rely for agricultural support.
2. Labourers get well paid jobs which increase their family's living standards.
3. Retired workers can collect CPP.

Main supporting point 3.

The nightmare of getting sick as a temporary worker in Canada: (Amuchastegui, 2006)

Examples/Details/Explanations:

1. The workers are not eligible for EI benefits despite of paying the EI premiums.
2. They are returned to Mexico if they have a long-term illness.
3. The effect of repatriation provisions makes it difficult to enforce rights and provide equal rights to migrant workers with Canadian workers.

Main supporting point 4.

The downside of temporary employment. (Employment Professionals Canada, n.d.)

Examples/Details/Explanations:

1. Increased Uncertainty.
2. Seasonal underemployment.

Main supporting point 5. (Herald Opinions, n.d.)

Obstacles at workplace.

Examples/Details/Explanations:

1. Language Barriers.
2. Racism and harassment.

**Conclusion:**

They're not wanted as citizens by Canada they're wanted as labourers. The disadvantages of being a temporary worker in Canada outweighs the advantages which are provided. The agreement between Mexico and Canada should have strict guidelines, covering the medical aspect, basic labour rights of the workers.

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