



6.2.3 Practice: Should European Countries Limit Immigration?

Practice Assignment

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Several European countries have passed laws limiting immigration. Choose one Western nation and explore how immigration has affected it in recent years and how the nation has responded.

Use the Web resources below to learn more about the topic. Be sure to take notes as you explore the Web.

Western country	Reasons for immigration	Consequences of immigration
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More skilled workers • Economy benefits • Greater cultural diversity • Half of population is open to highly-skilled immigrants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural splits • Economic toll of low-skill workers • Higher unemployment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9% overall • 18% in eastern part of country • Over half of Germany thinks there is too many many immigrants

After you have gathered your data, construct a three-paragraph essay that communicates your findings.

Web resources:

- http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/static/in_depth/world/2002/europe_and_immigration/
This 2002 special from the BBC presents data on Europe and Immigration.
- <http://www.nationmaster.com/cat/imm-immigration>
Nationmaster.org gives detailed statistics about immigrants to Europe.

Greater immigration is both a solution and a problem in Germany. Allowing widespread immigration has the potential to increase unemployment, but ~~it~~ also Germany is in desperate need of more highly skilled workers. As of 2002, ~~the~~ Parliament has been pushing

immigration reform.

Despite gaining greater cultural diversity, ^{it is estimated that} over half of German citizens ~~are~~ ~~also~~ believe that there are too many immigrants. One of the primary concerns is ~~that immigrants~~ increased unemployment. As of 2002, unemployment is at 9% and in the eastern part of the country, it is 18%. Allowing more low-skill immigrants into the country will only increase it.

In spite of over half of Germany thinking that there are too many immigrants, a similar number is open to accepting more highly-skilled immigrants into the country. ~~Accept~~ Accepting more highly-skilled immigrants will be a very valuable asset to the country as a whole.

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