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It is no surprise that a good number of Americans believe that immigrants migrating to America aren't helping our economy nor being very productive. Nonetheless, Americans are so wrapped up in the notion of the stereotype of immigrants "stealing jobs". One of the points I will like to argue is that immigrants are working jobs in unskillful fields. This has a positive and negative affect. Charles Kenny author of "Why More Immigration, Not Less, Is key to U.S Economic Growth" argues and urges that our programs of allowing and supporting immigrants to come into the United States become stricter. With the election right around the corner politicians should propose a solution to this problem. Kenny states, "Our refusal to let more migrants into America is delaying the recovery. It's costing Americans jobs. It's damaging our long-term prospects as a nation of innovation and entrepreneurship, putting at greater risk the sustainability of such programs as Social Security and Medicare, and concentrating the burden of U.S. debt on a declining number of working-age people. It's time for America's politicians to do more than merely duck this issue and actually lead on it."

In my opinion, I believe there has been a misunderstanding of what exactly immigrants

do in America and why they come here. The idea of immigrants stealing jobs has been misconstrued. I believe non-residents come to the United States to experience the American dream and to provide for their families what they can't provide back in their country. With this being said, families need someone to be able to provide certain essentials for the household. However, immigrants do not have the credentials or qualifications to get a job that does not require skill and knowledge on the field. For example, the farming jobs In California are the type of jobs that attract immigrants or cleaning jobs such as maid service. Similar to myself, and many of us that come from non-United States residents our families came to America to provide a better way of living. Of course, that having this large percentage of illegal residents impacts our economy this is when the negative effect impacts our financial crises because immigrants are taking the jobs in unskilled fields it is preventing potential Americans from doing the job. Realistically speaking, what American will mow the lawn, pull the weeds, clean a house or work in a farm? That is what the problem with citizens in America is, that Americans automatically assume that the reason we don't have jobs or are in a recessions is because illegal residents enter the country. But truthfully, we need immigrants we may not think that we depend on them very highly more then we think. They are the reason we are able to have fresh fruits and vegetables and a well home cooked dinner. At one point or another immigrants will make up a large part of the population of the United States. "By 2030, nearly 70 percent of Latinos who came to the U.S. during the 1990s are expected to own a home, according to John Pitkin," Why? Because, seventy-eight million baby boomers will be downsizing when their children leave home. This statement reinforces the concept that immigrants coming to America have positive effects.

There are three main factors that are making immigration restructuring more crucial. The increasing restrictions on undocumented workers, which are already hurting farming and are likely to spread to other sectors, including construction.

Regardless, the opinion that people have on migrants, the government's procedure and policy of allowing immigrants in the country are strict. They make sure to research why you are coming, for how long, and if your intentions of staying are long term or short term. As time goes on I have come to realize that the immigrants coming to the U.S is an ongoing issue. People's main concern is that the immigrants are stealing jobs from U.S citizens. It's important for society to understand that immigrants are not the reason why we are in a financial crisis, which always seems to be misunderstood the reason I believe very strongly on this is because there are many other factors that impact our economy for example, inflation and supply and demand. Immigrants working in these fields make up a part of or crises but it is not the total.

My stance on this issue is that immigrants migrating to the United States have a negative and positive influence. While it can impact our society and economy, I am a strong believer in giving others opportunities, hope and honestly there is nothing to fear times have changes the "American Dream" is not what it was back in the 80's. Although, some people do still believe they can come to America and provide a better life style others believe what are they putting at stake? Is it worth it to live in fear for a couple of extra dollars? From personal observations I can say the answer is no.