

Economic Benefits Brought by Immigrations in the U.S

Immigration in the United States has long been a very controversial issue. Some people may argue that immigration brought more negative effects to the country, such as the rise of crime rate and increase of government spending. However, others think that the immigrants can actually bring in economic prosperity to America. Numbers of people who have wealthy background invest a large amount of money trying to get permanent residency in America, due to the access to better education, health system, and legal protection. Also there are many foreign students coming from all around world studying abroad in America, and provide their services and skills after they graduate. Both cases are beneficial to economical growth in America. This topic is very important for nearly everyone, especially for people like me as an international student studying in America. What I know before researching about this topic is that people from all around world coming to America for jobs, education and business would probably bring in a large number of labors, scholars and wealth to America, and thus encourages the development of domestic economy in the U.S.

The immigration issues and policies are very important to America and the world. Even a slight change of the policies may cause the immigration population to increase or decrease significantly, and thus influence the economy, politics and society in United States. The possible sources could be published newspaper with current information about the effects of immigration, and scholarly analysis of current American society related to immigration. I am planning on finding most of the sources through UIUC library database, and also through website and books. The keywords I will be searching include immigrations, the effect of immigration and American economy. I will mostly use the popular source and scholarly source.

In my research paper, I am going to prove that the immigration has more beneficial effect on America through economical aspect. The difficulty of researching this topic could be that it is hard to find sources that are useful. America has been a “nation of immigrants” since this country was founded, so there could be some outdated sources analyzing the effect of immigration through history that does not fit in my topic. I will exclude these sources by reading the sources carefully before I use it, and choose my searching keywords correctly.

Working Thesis:

Immigrations stimulate American economy by importing more labor forces, appealing business investments, and introducing foreign scholars with technological talents.

Annotated Bibliography

Carey, Galen. “Immigration And The Economy: Beyond The Zero-Sum Game.” *Review Of Faith & International Affairs* 9.1 (2011): 5-9. Academic Search Complete. Web. 11 Oct. 2015.

This source states that people tend to stay in their own home countries, even though they may be affected by war, poverty and prosecutions in their home country. A decision of emigrations is rarely made, because of the fear of leaving their familiar homes and unpredictable future in another foreign country. However, people who decided to emigrate to another unfamiliar country to pursue their dreams show uncommon courage and unyielding spirit, which are crucial for them to succeed in their adopted country. Besides, the source also states that the immigrations would likely to open up new jobs and increase the wages for native-born Americans.

This source is a scholarly source found in library database, and it has been peer reviewed. This source is helpful in analyzing why the immigrants tend to do well in America. It supports my thesis by stating that the courage and spirits the immigrants

possess will likely to ensure their individual success in adopted country, and create economic miracles by starting their own businesses.

Cadei, Emily. "Obama'S Border Disorder." *Newsweek Global* 165.4 (2015):

20-22. Business Source Complete. Web. 2 Oct. 2015.

This source describes that the lawyer who is representing 26 states sued the federal government for blocking the deferral, which will cause economic burdens to the people. One of the representatives who paid attention to those undocumented immigrants, and discovered that those illegal immigrants actually did well after the President Obama deferred the deportation and granted the work permit. There is a chance that the illegal immigrants will boost the economy in America.

This is a popular source found in library database that supports my thesis statement. This source is credible because it is very current and posted in a credible newspaper, in which the author has to be responsible for the accuracy of article. It supports my thesis that immigration will affect economy of America positively by synthesizing the good performance of illegal immigrants in workplaces after granting them work permits, even though the illegal immigrants have always been considered as a potential trouble to America.

Cafaro, Philip, and Winthrop Staples III. "The Environmental Argument For Reducing

Immigration Into The United States." *Environmental Ethics* 31.1 (2009):

5-30. Academic Search Complete. Web. 11 Oct. 2015.

This source evaluates that the increasing of immigrants coming into America is detrimental for the environment through environmental philosophy, since more people generally means more exhaustions of resources and lands as well as more pollutions. In addition to the negative effect to the environment, the government also has to spend more money on fighting the pollutions caused by increasing immigrants.

This source is a popular source found in library database. This is a credible source, because the author is a professor at Colorado State University and has a PhD in environmental philosophy. It talks about the negative effect brought by immigrations through environmental aspect, and argues that the government will have to spend a lot more money to solve the environmental problems caused by the growth of population. This source provides a counter-argument for my research paper.

Hufbauer, Gary C., and Wong Yee. "Security And The Economy In The North American Context: The Road Ahead For Nafta." *Canada-United States Law Journal* 29.(2003): 53-69. Academic Search Complete. Web. 11 Oct. 2015.

This research exemplifies The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) implemented in 1994 brought in a number of business immigrations from Mexico and Canada, and contributed to a sharp economic growth in America. The author also mentions that this agreement not only brought in immigrants with a large monetary investment, but also brought in a considerable number of illegal immigrants, especially from Mexico, due to the higher salaries in working in America.

This source is a scholarly source, and it has been peer reviewed. This source supports my thesis statement that immigrations can bring America economic prosperity by investing their money in American business or corporations. Also the author shows the concern of the increasing illegal immigrations appealed by the NAFTA.

Katz Alex "Immigrants Boost U.S. Economic Vitality through the Housing Market- Partnership for a New American Economy." *Partnership for a New American Economy*. N.p., 20 June 2013. Web. 02 Oct. 2015.

This source describes that the in some area, the immigrants enhance the economy through housing market. Most of the immigrants come to America initially will feel a lack of security that they have nowhere to settle down, so they try to get rid of this

feeling by purchasing houses. Plus some of the immigrants may have wealthy backgrounds, and thus they are not only buying houses for living, but for investment. This may be a big boost for the development of economy in America.

This popular source found in *Partnership for a New American Economy* website also support my thesis statement that the immigration is beneficial to the economy, since lots of immigrants purchase houses to make themselves feel secured, and thus encourages the housing market. This source is credible, because the website is mainly focused on analyzing domestic economy, and provides a lot of number data and graphs to support their point of views.

Martin, Andrew. "Immigrants Are Crucial To Innovation, Study Says." *New York Times* 26 June 2012: 6. Academic Search Complete. Web. 11 Oct. 2015.

The source emphasized the foreign scholars in the U.S, and how they are crucial to the technological innovations. The research has shown that the foreign scholars' contributions are mostly focused on the so-called "STEM" field(science, technology, engineering and math), which is an important driver for growth of jobs. The study also shows that there are nine out of ten patents at University of Illinois had at least one foreign-born contributor.

This source is a popular source found in library database. This source is credible, because it is published in a credible newspaper, in which the author has to be responsible for the accuracy of the article. This source agrees my thesis statement that foreign scholars can not only bring technological innovation, but also create new job opportunities for native-born Americans, and thus stimulate American economy at large.

Nadadur, Ramanujan. "Illegal Immigration: A Positive Economic Contribution To The United States." *Journal Of Ethnic & Migration Studies* 35.6 (2009): 1037-1052. SocINDEX with Full Text. Web. 2 Oct. 2015.

This source emphasized that the immigrants brought in more labor supplies, thus enhanced the capitalistic productivity. America as the receiving country will result in an increase of labor force, and especially for the illegal immigrants who are more willing to take the secondary jobs. This increase of labor force will stimulate the economy.

This is a reliable and detailed scholarly source found in library database, and it has been peer reviewed. This source proves my thesis statement by analyzing how the immigration brought in the labor forces, and thus stimulates the economic prosperity in America.

Wheelan, Charles J. *Naked Economics: Undressing the Dismal Science*. New York: Norton, 2002.

This source addresses how immigrations and global trade ensure people a convenient life. How the immigrants as low-skilled workers provide native-born Americans comfortable lives by taking the low-skilled and harder jobs.

This source is a scholarly source found in FAR library. This book is reliable, because it is written by a credible author who earned a Ph.D. in economics from University of Chicago. This source agrees my thesis statement that the immigrations encourage the economy by taking over the unwanted jobs, and thus leave native-born Americans more high-skilled job opportunities.

Reflections:

For this assignment, I did the analysis of each source I am going to use in my research paper. The revision is mainly focused on the grammar mistakes and formatting errors. The sources are now organized in alphabetic order.

