

Impacts of President Donald Trump's Immigration Reforms

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Abstract

The immigration policy of the United States has undergone many significant changes after Donald Trump was appointed as the president. President Trump claimed in his maiden speech that he would make America great again. Thus, his idea is to increase economic patriotism while reconstructing the immigration policy. He points out that the current immigration policy in United States acts as a barrier against reaching the great America he wanted to create. Thus, he has brought forth major reforms in the immigration policy. These reforms are centered around six major curriculums. Building a border wall with Mexico, deport child migrants who arrive United States, ban travel and work visas from eight countries, reducing the staff needed to screen the refugees while increasing the screening, revisionism of the H-1B visa program and control legal immigration are the six major curriculums. Though there have been some setbacks from congress and the court it is still in motion stronger than ever. It has been a very critical problem in the United States, affecting Mexicans, Muslim countries, migrant children and their parents in particular. Nevertheless, it has its own positive and negative impacts on both the United States and migrants as well. In that case the objective of this study is to explore the positive and negative impacts on migrants and negative impacts on citizens. This research paper is purely based on qualitative research method while foreign policy theories would be the theoretical framework. What is obvious is that substantial reforms are needed in U.S. immigration policies, but what one needs to be informed of is the degree and implementation of these reforms. There are critical foreign as well as domestic policies that could undermine the U.S. national economic security and would impact on the United States as a country.

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