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The United States of America has always attracted people from all over the world. Millions of people have chosen the USA as a country they call home. Their contribution to the USA has made it one of the most progressive and the most popular nations all over the world. Despite this, immigration process has a complicated nature. If the immigration issue is treated indifferently, it may lead to dangers in the economic system of the whole country. Today's immigration reform bill 2013 is trying to resolve such a sensitive vital challenge. However, it is complicated. It was a great action that same sex spouses could immigrate to the USA after the Supreme Court decision reversed endowment in the bill that identified marriage between a woman and man (Immigration reform bill, 2013). However, the bigger challenge is whether the bill will respond the target of immigrants and the U.S. economy as it was advertised before. According to immigration reform, it will approximately take thirteen years for an undocumented employee to receive a legal status after he/she pays fines, taxes, and passes a background check (Immigration reform bill, 2013).

The immigration reform bill offers the following clause: the legalized undocumented employees who have a social security number of deceased relatives or a fake one will not receive any advantages on the payroll taxes they paid earlier (Immigration reform bill, 2013). This is where undocumented employees will lose their benefits. From the other side, the legislation on the bill would put forty-six billion dollars aside in order to strengthen security at the American-Mexican border. It is an essential step to prevent millions of other illegal workers from coming to the USA in hope to get legalized. As a result, it would badly impact the whole economy and complicate the immigration issue much more.

Additionally, the immigration reform will help create new working visas for the tech

industry, unskillful workers, and agricultural laborers. The tech industry has tried hard to get skilled and qualified immigrants on board. However, critics dispute that today's bill mostly accommodates and responds the demands of huge corporations like Google or Microsoft much more than the needs of an average small business ("The Pros and Cons of the Immigration Reform Bill", 2013).

The opponents of immigration reform claim that if amnesty is provided to the immigrants who are illegally in the USA, it will suppose that if more individuals cross the border illegally, they will finally receive this amnesty. Immigrant flow will eventually lead to overpopulation in America (as it was in the end of the nineteenth century), and illegal immigration will continue to increase. It should be noted that in the 19th century the result of the overpopulation was the restriction of immigration. First passed by Congress in 1882, the law prohibited the legal entry for permanent residence in the United States to immigrants of Chinese origin, then the rules of immigration law in 1917 extended this restriction in almost all Asian people, and the law of 1921 introduced temporary quotas on the entry of the majority of European countries, which only three years later, in 1924, was significantly reduced and since then took a permanent nature. All of these measures were the forerunners of a new stage of the U.S. immigration policy, which lasted until the 1970s, the difference of this phase from the preceding were striking: for example, if for 1901-1910 8.8 million immigrants arrived to the USA, in 1931-1940 these values dropped to 528 million people (LeMay, 2012). Nowadays, the job industry observes a struggle because of the high rate of employment. If the reform passes, the job competition as well as employment will be obvious. One of the basic rules of reform is to know English. Still, there is a language barrier emerged between English-speakers and those people who come from other countries.

The supporters of immigration reform note that the enforcement on the borders is one of the most significant regulations that should be followed since it will bring advantages and

abilities in order to diminish the amount of illegal acts. A guest worker program will be also

improved. It involves providing working permissions to foreign citizens who come to work, but

should leave the country after a specified period. Following this way, the labor is legal, and it can

be also monitored. However, immigrants who are applying for the immigrant reform will be

charged for the necessary forms sent for verification and evaluation. They will have to pay a fine

for being in the USA illegally. If they are legal employees, they will have to report about their

paid taxes like an ordinary American citizen does. The proponents of the immigration reform

require a fair and human approach to the American immigration policy that respects and protects

the dignity of immigrants.

 In addition, the American legislation also calls for reformation of the legal immigration

system, creating new immigration opportunities for millions of low- and high- skilled workers, as

well as new programs strived at bringing people with outstanding talents in spheres like business,

education, science, etc. to the USA (Schappacher, 2013).

 In conclusion, it should be said that as a result of this reform the quantity of illegal

immigrants will fall, while the chronic budget deficit will be reduced. The logic of illegal

immigrants is clear too. If they live comfortably, they have no problems with work and a roof

over the head. So, it is convenient for thousands of illegal immigrants to be in the shadow, and

they do not need any reform. Whether a new immigration reform will work effectively or not -

the issue is quite complex and rhetorical yet.

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