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The U.S. Congress Should Pass Immigration Reform by Carlos Martinez, El Salvador

The United States of America is a country with a lot of immigrants from around the world. In 2014, President Obama made an executive action in order to help eleven million undocumented people who are waiting for immigration reform to live and work legally in the country [1]. In this order of ideas both, The United States and these people could get economic benefits, increase skilled workforce and family integration.

The economic benefits should come in two ways: First, the government of The United States could get more incomes because these people will pay millions of dollars in order to have their documents according with law. And second, with more people working in a legal way. they will file all their incomes to the Internal Revenue Service, and the country could get more money for taxes.

An increasing skilled workforce could bring new opportunities and jobs. Because in this moment there are many people who are specialized for make different careers but they are not able to work because they do not have documents or licenses to do it. If these people get their documents, they can improve the current workforce with new techniques helping to the country and themselves having a better life style.

Also with the immigration reform there will be an excellent family integration benefiting the welfare of the immigrants, because they would travel to visit their families that they have a lot of time without see them, thus avoiding the negative effects of the immigration, because now they cannot leave the country and returning. And other important and essential factor is that they would have an emotional stability because they are not thinking about deportation or legal problems.

Some organizations against immigrants do not agree with this immigration reform and they are struggling to avoid it with different legal mechanisms in courts. They argue that approving this reform, authorized people are going to lose their chances to get better jobs and cheaper labor and finally the government it is encouraging the immigration to the country. These arguments are not real because in the first case, all employers will be required to use the E-verify system to review the ability to work in the country. On the second argument, the government will make stronger the border and it will campaigns to avoid the illegal immigration in different countries.

Finally we can conclude the this immigration reform, made by President Barack Obama, through an executive action is going to bring a lot of benefits for these eleven million of people who need their documents in order to live and work in this country, because they deserve to have a better life style, safe and happy. And The United States will have remuneration, increasing its wealth, with all these people living and working within its borders.

[1] <https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/immigration/immigration-action#>

Cultural Site

South Luo Gu Alley Is Favorite Place in Beijing...by Ban Yin, China

The "South Luo Gu" Alley is a very famous cultural tourist site in Beijing, China. This is my favorite place not only because there are a wide variety of fun places but also because it contains abundant culture and history. Whenever you walk into this street, the air is full of the flavor of humanity.

The "South Luo Gu" Alley is a narrow alley from north to south between "East Di An Men" Avenue and East Gu Luo Avenue. While you browse on the street, you don't need to worry about cars at all. Moreover, you definitely will see a great many people there because it is a pedestrian street. There are over 300 different stores on both sides of this alley, like bars, quality restaurants, shops, traditional local snack shops, and a lot of traditional Chinese cultural stores, such as tea shops and incense shops. Furthermore, the shops are very stylish and you will never tire of them. However, my favorite store is the incense shop. Every time I browse there, I can feel that mysterious and historical smell. That smell contains the Chinese Zen Buddhism and Taoism cultures.

In addition, there are several famous places. The first one is The Palace of Spring Seng, who was a prince of the Qing dynasty. This building has over 250 years of history. Another famous place is The Central Drama College in China. When you walk by there, you always see a lot of beautiful girls and handsome boys. Sometimes they will create street performances for tourists. It's a big bonus! If you are very lucky, you might see an old man, who is peddling sitting on a little chair making dough figures. His figures are so delicate and as vivid about Chinese culture, you will marvel at this traditional cultural heritage.

I love South Luo Gu Alley. There is a mix of traditions and fashions; at the same time, it is full of history and humanity.



Level Two Students Write

If you visit my country, you have to see...

China: If my classmates visit my country, China, I would like them to see The Great Wall and The Forbidden City. My country has 5000 years of history. I hope my class mates can learn about my country's culture and feel a different experience. The Great Wall is th3e most famous building of China's architecture. it is like a soldier standing across the north to the south of China. The Great Wall was started at the time of the first king in China. Since then The Great Wall protects the people who live inside it.



The Forbidden City is the King's palace. It is very large and serious. Now The Forbidden City is a museum open to people. People can visit inside the palace to see its mysteries. There are 99 rooms in the palace. If you visit all of those rooms, you spend almost one hour. Different countries have different cultures. if you learn about these cultures, you will be a knowledgeable person.

by "Kate" Xue Zhang

Saudi Arabia: If my class mates visited my country, I would like them to see my city, Najran, because it is a very good city. We have many old things that we use from the past. My mother and father use old things like the Tahon, a mill that grinds wheat. You will have to visit the desert because you can ride camels and drink camels' milk, and you can see how we get milk from them. You also have to visit the big park in my city, called King Abdullah Park. In my city we pray five times a day. When it is prayer time, everything is closed. Finally, you will be happy when you visit Najran. by Thamer AlAbbas

If my class mates visited my country, Saudi Arabia, I would like them to see Riyadh. Riyadh is the capital. My capital city has two towers, Kingdome Tower and Alfaisaliya Tower. Also, Riyadh has the Masmak museum. This museum is historical, and it is in downtown Riyadh. It was built in 1895. The Masmak museum has artifacts about the unification of the King of Saudi Arabia. Finally, I want my friends to visit Masmak museum.

by Mryam AlReeheli



If my classmates visit my country, I would like them to see the desert. First, they should go in winter time. Why? Because it is beautiful weather. Also, they can go on a fishing trip. Then at night they can eat BBQ with nice weather. Also they will sleep in a tent. Finally, they can see the moon clearly. by Mugadam

I would like my classmates to see the desert. Also, I would show them how Bedouins live in the desert and how they get milk from camels and how they make yogurt by hand.

by Majed AlMarzuqi

I would like my classmates to see wonderful places in my country, Saudi Arabia. I would like them to go to King Tower and Faisaliah Tower and the Kingdom and Faisaliah Malls. Also there are a lot of beautiful restaurants, like the Steak House and Albeak and Aromnseh. I also would like them to visit the wonderful parks, Qartam and Riyadh parks. by Abdulelah AlBuhayri



Libya: If my classmates visited my country, I would like them to see the beach because it will be a good place to visit in Libya. Also the beach is very big and very clean. (Cont. p. 3)

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In addition, we will see a lot of things, such as people, games, boats, sea birds, blue sky and soft sands. Also, my class mates will enjoy visiting the beach. In addition, they will learn about a new culture when they visit, as well as knowing the traditions and customs. Finally, I suggest visiting my country, especially the beach, because I'm sure you will enjoy it. **by Abdulbasit AlJahawi**

If my classmates visited my country, I would like them to see the desert which is located in the south of Libya. You will find soft sand around us on every side, and we will meet people who live in the desert. They are called Touareq. These Touareq men dress in blue robes and masked faces, and the women are found either without the mask. These people mostly live in tents. Their lives are very ordinary and you will be happy with them where you can eat from the desert itself by hunting animals and using fruit from desert trees. Also you will share Touareq festivities during the night when you cane around the fire, race camels, and ski on the sand. finally, you will know that there is a tough desert experienced by simple people. Please come to my country! **by Abdolmola EIMograbi**

Level One Writes

Marriage and Moving to U.S. Change Our Lives



The change in my life came when I came to the United States from Libya. I had lived in Libya for 20 years and always saw my friends and family every day. Every weekend we would go shopping and to the mosque. Shopping was cheap and so was my housing because I lived with my family, not in a home stay or apartment. So, when I came to Colorado, I didn't have many friends, and I never go shopping because it's expensive. It was difficult at first, but now I love my life here. I have more friends and do fun things on the weekends.

by Mohamed Dawher, Libya

My life changed when I came to the U.S. because life is so different here from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I have been here for just one term, but I have seen a lot of different things like women driving cars, the food is different, and there are people here from all over the world. I love the U.S.! **by Hussain AlYami, Saudi Arabia**

My life changed after I got married three years ago to Nura. Before I was married, I was freer. I would go out with my friends any time, as well as travel any time. Sometimes my friends and I would go on a long journey for several days by car. I didn't neglect my life as I had a lot of fun. I stayed home with my wife after we got married and then we had a son. My wife now organizes my life, so it really has changed! **by Adnan AlBeri, Saudi Arabia**



The big change in my life was when I came to the U.S. it is very different from my country. For example, there are many cars, people from different countries, and snow. I like America, my school, and the restaurants. I have been here just one month, and I don't want to go back to my country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **by Meshari AlMarzuqi, Saudi Arabia**



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This Term's Activities: Skiing, Rodeo, and Basketball



Ski lessons for first-timers and great slopes for boarders and advanced skiers. All at Loveland!

Rocky, the Denver Nuggets mascot, entertains his new Spring International buddies.



Ever seen a bull rider? Nope, I've never even seen a bull. First time at the International Western Stock Show and Rodeo.