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“The American Dream”

On behalf of the immigrants in this country and all that we stand for in this pluralistic society, Today, I hope to enlighten you on the true life of an illegal U.S. Immigrant. This country has been known as a place of diversity. Diversity has been achieved due to the acts of our fellow immigrants.

We have viewed America as the place to pursue opportunity and happiness and settling for living out what they called the “American Dream.” It was a society that helped people seek freedom, both personal and economical, while providing relief from religious and political execution.

We as Americans should be shameful as a society. Our young fellow citizens that were born and raised in our great country, are being separated with their fathers, with their mothers, with their brothers and sisters, family and friends. We Americans, what are we doing? Nothing at all. We continue to watch the government hold these loved ones in prison like facilities.

Our Immigrants came to our country to live that “American Dream.” That dream is now more of a reality. It consists of these hardworking men and women working every single day. For who? Their children. Your fellow American citizens. Can we as a country just show some support and dignity for our young

citizens. When our time is up, it's their time to step up and continue to fight for this great country and only make it better for generations to come.

Our children-citizens are too young to raise themselves on their own. They still need mom to pick out their outfits for school each morning. They still need mom to cook them breakfast and lunch and dinner. They still need mom to help them with homework each and every night while dad is still working to provide income for their home and pay the utility bills and other expenses. They do not bother, interfere with others or commit any sort of crime. They mind their business and work hard for their families.

Something our citizens are good at

“minding our business.” It is time to step in and fight for our immigrants. They have one only one wish; to not separate their beautiful families. This is all they are asking for nothing more!

Instead, our immigrant mothers and fathers are being tortured mentally, physically and emotionally in series of cages. Are we meant to be locked in cages? Do immigrants attack and hurt others in a physical manner, must they need to be locked in a cage, that bad?

This has created a series of major problems and only hurting our future generations of this great nation. Living under the threat of deportation will only hurt our citizen-children in the long run. Their undocumented siblings already live in poverty and suffer from poor physical and mental health. If our young citizens get separated, they will only suffer more from anxiety, stress and depression.

More stress, more anxiety, more depression. No home to live in, no food to eat, nothing to drink.

Uncertainty looms about their lives and their futures. Is this the “American Dream” the parents of our citizen-children envisioned? Is this how we want our beautiful country to be viewed as?

Our country is dependent on so many immigrants each and every day. Whether it is those that are educated from other countries and come here to the U.S. to provide health care for our citizens. Whether it is those that work in the food chain and provide food for our citizens each and every day. Whether it is the ones that are building homes, maintaining the landscaping for our fellow citizens. They do so much, however, their actions, their jobs still get unnoticed.

The bottom line is; We need them and our citizen-children. They are the future of our great country.

This is not who we are as a nation. This country has been built upon and has flourished due to its diversification.

In America people don't only co-exist, they live alongside one another. In order for this society to prosper, it is essential for Americans to be tolerant of groups that branch away from dominate society. Dominate society does not always represent the majority. So many subgroups under the dominate group have a loud voice which are heard due to this acceptance.

Some Americans have come to terms of understanding others and their backgrounds while still being able to hold onto their cultures. People not only look at the world from their own standpoints and experiences, they are able to learn from the way's others see the world.

Americans have used these differences to their benefit. These differences within people have offered new perspectives and new opinions on issues regarding this country. People who hold power along with average citizens can combine and build upon ideas that different people bring to the table.

It is beneficial for policy and decision makers to view situations from multiple lenses and not only through their own, narrow lens. The only way to take other perspectives into account when making a decision is to be tolerant of opinions that differ from your own, which is what a diverse society enables.

The officers that go door to door to search for undocumented individuals they must have strong emotions or no heart at all. To hear a young toddler crying and yelling for his or her parent, to just separate a child from its mother... You must have had a rough miserable childhood to not feel any type of way. To take away your citizen-child away from their parents, and then to lock them in a cage, is just a disgrace.

We understand you have a job to protect the borders of our beautiful country and great nation. However, our hard-working immigrants have made this nation so great. To go door to door, home after home to separate families each and every day for committing no major crime in the states. That is the definition of no morality.

Why aren't you going after the real bad guys? Do the job you actually signed up for: to protect our borders. Not to separate families that don't commit crime. Go and catch the drug dealers that are out loose. What about the ones that harass and abuse citizens. Why are we not shifting our focus to punishing the actual bad "immigrants?" The ones that migrate illegally and continue to break the law. Why the ones that migrate to our country to create a better life for their family to live that "American Dream?"

Why do we live in a time period where we work so hard to raise our kids and to live a decent life where then in a matter of seconds, it's taken all away. Everything is gone like nothing ever happened before.

So many questions, but not as many answers. This pluralistic reputation is what separates this country from the rest. These pluralistic traits that are embodied by America, having everlasting effects on the overall society. Whether or not we see it as positive or negative, it is safe to say that these mixed values that are shared amongst every last one of us, is what makes our country the “American Dream” a place that we can proudly call home.