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Research Question: What are the issues involved in the enforcement and Policies of illegal immigration? Thousands of Southern and Central American Families leave their lives behind and migrate to America in hopes of a better life, those people are just like us nothing separates us from them so why call them "Aliens" why detain them and hold them in cages like animals, why strip their human rights and treat them like less just for wanting a better life something we take for granted, just put yourself in these people's shoes for a second and try to understand why they do what they do they have no other choice doing it legally would simply take years and that's way too long for people seeking asylum due to many reasons such as medical help, domestic violence, people fleeing due to heavy gang violence/ civil wars and corrupt government basically horrible living conditions. I got interested in this topic because I myself am a first-generation American my parents came to the United States from El Salvador after fleeing due to the civil war, My parents are just 2 out of the hundred of thousands of Hispanics that come to the U.S in hopes of a better life so when I see what is happening in the world with ICE detention centers and how they deal with the immigration situation as a whole angers me because under no circumstances should humans be getting treated like that.

Throughout my research I hope to find concrete evidence, reports and findings that support my research question and answer it on how the government immigration policies and enforcements are flawed and are causing more harm than good to everyone.

Wbur, H. N. (2018, June 25). 15 Years After Its Creation, Critics Want To Abolish ICE.
<https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2018/06/25/immigration-abolish-ice>

This Article focuses on immigration policies and how Ice is abusing their power and an example it uses to prove this is in 1996 a immigration law gave the nation's immigration agencies the power to deport a larger number of people more easily. Due to this law being put in place fast forward to now ice is deciding to abuse it by targeting long term permanent residents who have committed minimal crimes and because of that 1996 law we see this huge spike in the deportations. In may of 2018 the ACLU of San Diego published a report on CBP and ICE abuses of children, both reports revealed rampant abuse which inflicted physical, Verbal and even Sexual abuse against these children and nothing is being done about it when complains are filed against these sciences they pay lip service to these complains and in most of the time they're are found not guilty of any wrongdoings which is absolutely not correct and obvious abuse of power. This has been an ongoing pattern.

Reflection: After Reading This Article I felt shocked and surprised at the fact how ICE and CBP blatantly abuse their power to deport hard working long time permanent residents just because they did a minor offense years ago I agree with the article that ice should be abolished or that they're should be new enforcements put in place for immigration laws and how they handle it in

the United States because the way it is now it's doing nothing but causing more harm to everyone. What this article tells me about my research question is that it further supports it and it gives me evidence and reason to why my question should be answered.

"Congress and the courts have traditionally taken a hands-off approach to oversight of the nation's immigration agencies. And the bottom-line reason is because these agencies are dealing with noncitizens. They're dealing with immigrants. That's one reason. The other reason is because oftentimes immigration regulation is seen as a function of national security. And this is particularly the case after 9/11. And so Congress and the courts can say, 'Look, we aren't really going to pay too close attention to these immigration agencies because they're defending our national security. So, in turn, they need a lot of leeway.' " (2)

Source: Watch , MSNBC. *Lawyers: We Can't Find Parents of 545 Migrant Children Separated by Trump Admin.* 21 Oct. 2020, www.msnbc.com/all-in/watch/lawyers-we-can-t-find-parents-of-545-migrant-children-separated-by-trump-admin-94264389906.

Summary:

This Video/ News Report focuses and introduces on brand new reports that shows hundreds of cases in which deported parents who were taken away from their families cannot be found and are being searched for day by day, we are talking about 545 immigrant children who are missing their parents as of October 21 2020 , The video goes on to explain how This has been an ongoing issue since trump's 2017 immigration policy, in 2018 about 2,700 migrant children were separated from their families. These group of children were separated from their families even before they made the “zero tolerance”

policy public which is the policy which allows the government to separate children from their parents and according to American academy of pediatrics this has been categorized as child abuse, after the trump administration was warned by many professional of all the consequences that would happen with this policy and they ignored it and decided to move on with it which has now caused this big issue we are dealing with now, after months of fighting and searching with private law firms and several immigrant advocacy organizations families were tracked down and reunited but in January of 2019 reports confirmed that many more children were separated from their families including under an undisclosed program in 2017 called the “Zero tolerance” act which The Trump administration directed prosecutors to file criminal charges against those who crossed the border without authorization including parents who were than separated from their children. So what the Author is saying is that Now there are many children without parents that are lost to the government because they were most likely deported back to their home countries without any type of records and they cannot find them to reunite the families those kids were initially placed in shelters or foster homes under the supervision of HHS then they were released to sponsors who are typically relatives or family friend about 362 of the children also cannot be located because the contact information provided by their sponsors is no longer current. Many of the children are believed to be in the United States though some may have returned to their home country since they were released from federal custody.

Reflection: This is a brand new article Published today 10/21/2020 so that saddens me that during this pandemic the government are still committing this hideous acts of separating children as young as 6 years old from their families causing them long term trauma, hundreds of these families have endured years of separation, no matter what that shouldn't be an option why would you separate families what good does that do it just causes damage as proven in the article separating families did nothing but cause more problems for the government and the families 545 children are lost in foster homes, with sponsor who are relatives and friends of the families but let's be honest no one knows the well being of these kids and the trauma and fear they are experiencing not being with their parents who are lost and cannot be tracked and found to be reunited.

Quotation: “When H.H.S. case workers began their efforts to track down the families of children they encountered, as is customary for any child in federal custody, they discovered that the immigration authorities had not, in many cases, kept record of who each child's parents were or how to reach them.”

Source:

U.S Commission , Civil Rights. “Trauma at The Border the Human Cost of Inhumane Immigration Policies .” *USCCR*, 24 Oct. 2019,
<https://www.usccr.gov/pubs/2019/10-24-Trauma-at-the-Border.pdf>

Summary:

According to this 2019 report from the U.S commission of civil rights. it shows us proof of testimonies , media reports that the trump administration has implemented immigration policies that appear to violate constitutional due procure rights and basic standards of medical and mental health care and seemingly target migrants based in demographics including natijoanorfijis l, language status and gender Ice has been abusing and neglecting immigrants being held at detention centers, “ abolish ice” a common phrase heard every time a new abuse is reported, , Ice has an history of treating immigrants as criminals and so they subject them to humiliation and brutality, It’s shown that Migrants who had been coming from Mexico for generations to work were now being treated as suspected criminals.

Reflection: After reading this report I agree with the author's views on how ice and the government are taking the wrong steps and procedures on how they are handling and treating immigrants being held at detention centers. This article supports my main research questions because it shows the wrongdoings ice is doing with their immigration law and its shocking to learn of the human rights violation taking place and no one is doing anything about it. The purpose of this report is to expose and show the public the real problem with how ice and the border patrol are dealing with the immigrants coming in

Quotation: “ Functionally, what has resulted from the Administration’s policies is the separation of more than 2,700 migrant families and children (including the separation of infants and toddlers from their parents), massive overcrowding of poorly run detention facilities that lack resources and fail to uphold basic standards of medical and mental health care, the forced return to Mexico of over 11,000 migrants waiting to be heard on asylum claims, and other conditions

that give rise to concerns of civil and human rights violations.⁵ These policies put the lives of migrants and their families in danger and at times resulted in their needless deaths. (6) “

Quotes: “There have been some very recent investigations into both ICE and CBP handling of adults and child immigrants. So, for example, in April, The Intercept published a report on ICE treatment of children. In May of 2018, the ACLU of San Diego published a report on CBP abuses of children.”

In Conclusion After doing research on my research question and general topic on immigration policies and enforcement i found more than enough evidence to answer and support my question as to why and how the government are handling the immigration situation in the united states, we have to keep in mind these are innocent people, families, mother, father, daughters and sons doing nothing but escaping their troubled lives in hopes for something better, the promise land these are not criminals, covicts or psychopaths to be treated and stripped of basic human rights such as my sources show there are families being separated with children never being reunited with their families due to lost records and them being deported back, migrants are captured and held at detention centers that resembles a dog pound more than anything, kids, adults are locked in small cages with little to no supplies or care including medical, This surprised me so much because before doing research i didn't know the actual extent and abuse going on in the detention centers and the border. I believe people should do their own research and get informed instead of relying on tv because it doesn't get the coverage it deserves. the general public needs to get informed more about this issue i don't see worldwide news coverage, breaking news topics,

politicians, famous people speak up for us minorities speak up for those immigrants whose voices are unheard who have no support from no one who are being targeted for no reason, the public needs to know what is happening and how wrong it is and we need to stand up and speak up to stop the abuse being inflicted towards the hispanic immigration community.