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Reflections on Revisions

I decided to revise this assignment because I feel like I can get a better grade on it. The changes I made for this assignment was to change one of the citations to a more recent one. I changed it from a 2015 article to a 2019 article. I also changed and fixed the MLA citation form.

Do you know what women go through in immigration detention centers? Well, ever since the Trump administration enforced for immigrants to be deported, ICE has been more cruel on immigrants. Racially profiling everyone who fits the description of an “immigrant.” It is no secret that Trump sexualizes and discriminates against women, he’s been very vocal on where he believes women belong. In immigration detention centers women’s health and rights are constantly being violated. The detention centers tend to discourage females and damage them mentally and emotionally by separating them from their families, not allowing them to nurture, love their children, and even witness seeing their kids growing up. Being neglected of their

medical needs and inflicting new trauma on them. Women migrate from their homes to the U.S for a better life just to end up in facilities that torment them in ways that no one really knows unless they do their research.

Ellman, Nora. Immigration Detention Is Dangerous for Women's Health and Rights, 2019

www.americanprogress.org/issues/women/reports/2019/10/21/475997/immigration-detention-dangerous-womens-health-rights/.

Summary:

The article "Immigration Detention Is Dangerous for Women's Health and Rights" by Nora Ellmann basically states that women's rights are constantly being treated inhumane, have inadequate health care, are abused and neglected. Unfortunately, because of Trump and his administration ICE agents are being expected to detain anybody who fits the profile of being an immigrant. Women of color are being both sexualized, discriminated and degraded. The way ICE agents interact with immigrants is harsh and brutal. Forcefully taking them to detention centers and telling them that they won't ever see their families again. Women have suffered in the hands of immigration detention centers who criminalize, neglect basic medical care and abuse them. Nora Ellmann informed us about an immigrant woman by the name of Teresa. She was pregnant but lost her baby due to a miscarriage because she was neglected of seeing a doctor. Following up to her miscarriage Teresa had serious complications, including heavy bleeding, weight loss, and headaches and informed ICE agents about it and they told her she would be seen by a doctor. That never happened, Teresa was never able to see a doctor due to all her

complications. On top of that transgender women are neglected of receiving the medicines they need making it harder for them on a daily basis.

Reflection:

When I was reading the article, “Immigration Detention Is Dangerous for Women’s Health and Rights” by Nora Ellmann I was extremely upset. How is it possible that ICE agents leave women to just remain in pain. They can help yet they choose not to. I don’t think that ICE agents should be working if they are going to treat women based on their opinions of immigrants. That only comes to show that when they have the opportunity to harm immigrants they will take it. I was upset because no woman should lose their child because of someone else’s ignorant choice. Transgender women already have it hard by being accepted in this society, it is even harder when being in facilities.

Quote: “ it is necessary to understand who the women and girls in detention are, where they are detained, and the systems that they confront when trying to access health care—including preventive and wellness services, reproductive health care, mental health care, disease and pain management, and prescription medications.”

Citation:

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Cortez, Alexia Ocasio. “WATCH: ‘I believe these women,’ Ocasio-Cortez says of migrants in detention centers.” *Youtube*, PBC NewsHour, 12 July 2019, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VquLzA5n_KQ.

Summary:

In the video titled “WATCH: ‘I believe these women’, Ocasio-Cortez speaks of migrants in detention centers”, representative Ocasio-Cortez testified what she witnessed when visiting the detention center at the border. She emphasizes on the fact that the treatment they receive is unnecessary and inhumane. She describes the situation as a “manufactured crisis”, mainly because there is no need for children to be separated from their families whom they arrive with. Many of these people are seeking a safe place to arrive because they are running away from their home countries on the lookout for better opportunities and a better living. The only thing the system does is isolate them in the border, separate them, treat them as if they were not human and then toss them back to Mexico in the middle of dangerous states in which real human traffickers reside. Moving on to when she entered the facility, she was told that she could not speak to the migrants and later on realized that they did not want them to speak out about how badly they were being treated. She spoke about Propublica (a news outlet) leaking a secret Facebook group in which CBP members were encouraging harm into the visitors like herself and even mocking the deaths of migrant children detained. They tried convincing her that nobody in that facility was part of that Facebook group and she later on realized that was a bizarre lie after an officer tried taking a photo of her and other congressional members and used that as a way to get their permission to enter one of the cells. Ocasio-Cortez later on gives us some insight on some of the women that she interviewed in the detention center. Different women testified how they were put in cells in which the sinks did not work and had to drink water off of the toilet bowl, Ocasio-Cortez expresses her discomfort and disgust towards these confessions. These women were mistreated to non- healthy foods and forced to sleep on concrete floors. This representative finishes her testimony by expressing her thoughts about these women and children

being mistreated in front of the American flag, which represents a country founded on equality and basic human rights which were stolen from these innocent people. Overall, she emphasizes the importance of policy change rather than resources for these people which will ultimately make the situation better.

Reflection:

Watching this video as a woman part of the Mexican community, I feel distraught and frustrated knowing that I live in a country who mistreats my people. I have family and friends with an undocumented status which puts them in a position of fear of being not only deported by in detention centers where they can be mistreated as if they were animals. Ocasio-Cortez is shouting the United States for a call to action for a policy change on detention centers and I couldn't agree more. I was absolutely terrorized knowing that a group of people in our country whom we are supposed to look up to and make us feel secure are making children's death into a joke. A reform needs to be made because nobody deserves to be treated as less than a human when they have not committed a crime. Just like anybody that has migrated to this country, they are just seeking a better life for them and their family and that should not be a justification to throw them in cages, make them drink off the toilet bowl and have them sleep in concrete floors.

Quote:

“So when these women tell me that they were put into a cell and that their sink was not working and we tested the sink ourselves, and the sink was not working and they were told to drink out of a toilet bowl I believed them. I believed these women. I believed the canker sores that I saw in their mouths because they were only allowed to be fed innutritious food. I believed them when they said they were sleeping on concrete floors for two months.”

Citation:

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Evelyn, Kenya. "At least 19 women allege medical abuse at Ice detention center in Georgia."

The Guardian, 23 October 2020,

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/oct/23/georgia-ice-detention-center-women-allege-abuse>.

Summary:

The Guardian states how women have been getting procedures without their consent and unconsciously. Doctors who work for the immigration detention centers violate their patients rights by not asking or informing them what will happen. They are committing a crime by doing things to their patients that they have no right in doing so. Many women are always scared when seeing a doctor or undergoing a surgical procedure because they think they are going to also be victims of medical malpractice. 19 women have come forward about being victims of medical abuse while in immigration detention centers.

Reflection:

It was honestly heartbreaking to realize that women are always being abused. It is unbelievable that no one knows what happens behind doors unless they speak about it. It isn't like ICE agents will speak up if they see something. It is quite questionable what goes on behind the door. These doctors should be sued for medical malpractice and get all that they deserve, especially since they are taking necessary things from women.

Quotes:

“The women, who are mostly Black and Latina, allege that they were pressured into “unnecessary” gynecological surgeries, including procedures that affect fertility.” (Paragraph 5)

“The fact that Black and brown immigrant women are held in an extremely vulnerable position at this prison where they have no control over their bodies and no say about what is done to them is sickening,” (Paragraph 15)

In conclusion, it is very saddening how women come to the United States of America for a better life and end up getting discriminated against in this country and abused by immigration detention centers. This issue isn't an issue that has only been going on in this current Trump administration but in past administrations as well. I think it is time we truly put our foot down and help all these women who are being abused. We can't allow them to continue being victims of abuse!