

The Forgotten Generation

DACA is the deferred action of childhood arrivals. With this information, let's first establish the fact that DACA was in no means an implementation that would grant amnesty or citizenship. It was simply the temporary relief from deportation regarding those who sufficiently meet the qualifications issued by the government. This list of required qualifications are relatively obnoxious. Essentially, you have to act in the manner of an exemplary citizen, without ever obtaining citizenship. With all these harsh restrictions and low-tolerance for deviance, it is not abnormal to question the purpose for the implementation of the executive order.

A current DACA recipient speaks on the driving forces behind the establishment of DACA. In 2012, a demand from the latino community urged congress to pass the DREAM act. This act differs from DACA since the DREAM Act offers a directly available path to citizenship. With re-election around the corner, Obama felt pressure to act on the topic of immigration. Although this was not the presidential administrations primary purpose of the establishment of DACA, it is the reason that the Obama administration efficiently constructed DACA on the days leading up to the announcement (June 15, 2012). With this announcement, it is clear why the latino community still experienced distress and exclusion. The implementation of DACA itself simply extends the inevitable. The inevitable being that hardworking and beneficial immigrants, that have entered the United States illegally (through no fault of their own), are still uncertain on their future as an American citizen. This resurrects the question, "What does it mean to be an American citizen?". Most, if not all, DACA recipients

replicate the actions of an exemplary citizen, without ever gaining “citizenship”. DACA recipients have numerous beneficial impacts on the economy.

First lets start off by reviewing the applications process’ effect on the national economy. Over 800,000 illegal immigrants have been granted temporary relief through their application and obtainment of DACA status. Previously mentioned above, the list of traits and characteristics required to qualify for DACA status are nearly impossible to meet. Therefore, it is very difficult for a DACA recipient to be anything short of outstanding. On top of this, the application fee for DACA status is 465 dollars. In the podcast, the interviewee equated a total of 372 million dollars received by the national government from DACA applications. This equation lacks the other million DACA applicants who paid the application fee, and were rejected status. Therefore, it is credible to declare that the government could have obtained 1 billion dollars from an application process that grants “temporary relief”. Second, those who are being granted “temporary relief” through DACA status are contributing to social security taxes with limited government services being bestowed upon them. Lastly, I want to discuss the jobs that the DACA recipient community makes up. However, I do not want to discuss the mainstream topic that DACA recipients and illegal immigrants fulfill jobs that the average working American does not want any part of. This topic deviates from the subject of latino roles. The point I want to bring up is that DACA recipients roughly make up 1 million people presently engaged in economic jobs. My point is simply the fact that with the rescinding of DACA, and deportation of over 1 million immigrants, these jobs will not be readily filled and will create a large stunt for the

national economy. These three reasons above provide adequate information regarding the latino community's contribution to the economy.

The situation that DACA recipients are finding themselves in (the national announcement of the ending of the deferred action of childhood arrivals) is (excuse my language) fucked up. When children, adolescence, and even young adults encounter an issue, parental guidance and support is expected. However, in the case of DACAmented immigrants, more than half of their parental guardians are illegal immigrants themselves. Ultimately, parental action creates the risk of their own deportation, which would render them useless when testifying on behalf of the child. Therefore, the government, is now expecting children who are still developing to deal with their sense of national identity, and confront the issue of citizenship on their own. Please reread that sentence if it hasn't sunk in. Children ages and adolescence ages from 5 to 31 are responsible for their own social identity.

In conclusion, everything and anything can be done to insert or rescind temporary relief to undocumented immigrants. However, in order to actually resolve immigration matters we must look to congress to pass a law that will legalize all illegal immigrants searching for rights of speech, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I could go on and on about the heroic actions of DACA recipients and the effects that the rescinding of DACA has on them. But in the end, we need action, not the display of cowardliness from our President. We need action, not unending arguments stemming from personal motivations of Congress. We need action, not lack of it.