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Identifying the Target Population

The Governor of Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott, signed a law that banned “so-called sanctuary cities and the law threatens non-compliant law enforcement officers that refuse to report them with fines, jail time and removal from office.” The governor ratified a law that mandated local law enforcement officers to hold suspected undocumented immigrants for deportations authorized by ICE.

Peter L. Berger and Thomas Luckman, Social Construction Theorists, wrote the Social Construction of Reality and spoke of the process by which society conjures ideological systems that are designed to keep particular people out. In the year 2020, I watched such heinous unethical leadership that I at times wondered when the comet would strike on this side of the earth.

I will never forget a raid broadcasted on the newscast of the captured children of the arrested immigrants caught in Texas last year. I personally held President Trump responsible for the child and her father floating face down and deceased in the Gulf. The news story focused on the children. After viewing the child floating dead beside her father, the scene changed to the children’s jail. The story cut to the caged children, some in small cages while others were in larger cages that resembled jails. I worried about their psychological health, food, and water. I wondered how long the average stay was for each child, considering their parents were jailed and deported without them. The children appeared to be between the ages of two to twelve. I knew that some of the parents and children were transported to the sanctuary cities hidden in trucks, but others never made it and lost their children indefinitely. Latino people are the most violated people of our century, outside of Black male Americans. There is a need to provide Sanctuary Cities in key places with close proximities to the nation’s entryways such as the Gulf of Mexico bordering Texas to ensure the safety of the Latino people.

During Biden’s final days of campaigning, I wanted to speak on the present status of the children ICE incarcerated for illegal entry in the nation. To my surprise, many were still living in the cages. I decided to take action and sent the article on the children who were held because their parents could not reach them, being deported, so that the Latino community could begin pairing the children with their deported parents to save them from a life of neglect and turned into orphans (Time Magazine, US Immigration, 120 Children Remain in ICE Detention Despite Court Order for Them to Be Released Due to COVID-19 Concerns).

This is the purpose of my correspondence today. As most turn a blind eye to the immigrants entering our borders along the waterfronts, we media and politicians must consider the ramifications of ignoring the treatment of those seeking shelter. Ignoring the influx of people from neighboring nations brings the United States a detrimental set of problems. Without a doubt there is a need for asylums and Sanctuary cities that provide safe havens for temporary overnight stays. Today, immigrants that arrive with children that are caught are deported without their children. This effort or federal penalty falls against most American's views and standards.

Social Construction Theory of the United States has painted the immigrants from Mexico entering the United States illegally as economic thieves, job stealers, and let us not forget President Donald Trump's description, ... Rapists. "Hispanic/Latino men hold the highest number of marriages, children, and economic stability in the nation. These depictions and stalking of police seeking out immigrants by facial and racial features became lawful to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), so that all Americans taunted and pointed to them for investigation, violating the rights of Latino natural citizens. President Trump's depiction of Latino and Hispanic men being the rapists of America was false, with White males having substantially higher numbers of rapes in comparison to all other races of people in all the integrated nations (Arellano, G., Politico, June 2015, Donald Trump's Wrong. Mexicans Aren't Going to Rape You. White Americans are far more rape-y than Mexicans can ever hope to become.) These depictions are socially constructed and cause Latino's unearned economic challenges.

"In 2019, 79.5 million individuals were forcibly displaced — a term the United Nations (U.N.) defines as being displaced as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations. Of those, 45.7 million were people internally displaced in their country of origin, 4.2 million were asylum-seekers, and 26 million were registered refugees. Of the refugees, only 107,800 were resettled worldwide in 2019.4 It is the highest level of displacement on record. These high levels of displacement, if unaddressed, can lead to increased national security risks. (Robust Refugee Programs Aid National Security, p. 2)"

The possible consequences of the policy and how it may affect the general population of Bordertown.

Bordertown's population will diminish, and the town could potentially close due to the new law. The penalty of \$25,000 per week will close them down within a period of 10 weeks according to the town's \$250,000. When I enter the Senate, my proposals will focus re-examining on the Social Construction of our perspectives of the people from nations that border the southern areas of our nation. We don't have an issue with Canadians pouring into our nation through Michigan and Washington State, but it is the Social Construction of our views of the Latino and Hispanic immigrants that influences lawmakers to create barriers instead of win-win scenarios that benefit the citizens of both nations economically.

How the policy will affect Bordertown's demographics.

If Bordertown survives after the restrictions are put into place, there will be fewer Latino's and Hispanics. The town may become empty because of the barrage of immigrant inspections and harassments endured as permanent citizens. The laws allowing police officers to target people of diverse cultures for immigration purposes is intimidation, stalking, and violent.

Research to assess the experience of sanctuary cities in metropolitan areas such as San Francisco, Miami, and Chicago. Provide examples from already established sanctuary cities to support your statement

In New York I experienced the hostels. I sought to spread my money as far and wide as I could, so I found a list of the most elegant hostels and met the most interesting international visitors. In large cities hostels house immigrants that have found job opportunities from China, Mexico, Germany, Korea, all over the world. I thought I would not survive the hostels because of the bunkbeds, but I settled in. The first group of women were from Korea. Two arrived at the same time. They were wonderfully intelligent, wealthy, and were visiting for two weeks to train for an American company that provided services online. They were warm and we often shared meals. I found it be the best way to integrate cultures with ease to grow respectability.

I cannot imagine a police officer arriving to harass the women I met in New York, a popular sanctuary city. Because most were Asian, they were allowed to visit America in peace, to view the landmark sites they had always wanted to see without being questioned or having to be interrogated. The social construction we have created for the women I met was of a peaceful accepting nature. We believe Asian and German women are kind, lawful, and wealthy.

Is this the answer ... hostels along the boarder owned by entrepreneurs instead of sanctuary cities or should we design the boarder towns as sanctuary cities with beautiful hostels with a cost associated with them? There is a win-win economic opportunity waiting to construct.

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