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IMAGINE BEING SENT TO A COUNTRY YOU'VE NEVER LIVED IN.



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What if you wanted to attend college, but couldn't?

Steven was barred from attending public universities due to his undocumented status. Steven travelled to the US at a young age with his parents. He had no control over his documentation or citizenship in America at the time of his arrival. However, he was unable to attend any public universities in South Carolina because he was undocumented. He was only able to attend pricier private universities.

What would YOU do?

These situations are not only unideal, but unfair to those only in search of a better life. Due to reactionary and xenophobic legislation, opportunities have been stripped from immigrants just like Paul and Steven.


Migrants in America face discrimination, economic hardship, lack of equal opportunity, and difficulty adjusting to a new environment.

Immigrants are disadvantaged socioeconomically, and face discrimination.


What COULD you do?

America was built on immigrants. Let's get together to help those who need it most.



Please, call, email, or write to senators Jon Ossof, Raphael Warnock, or Barry Loudermilk and encourage them to pass immigrant friendly legislation



Paul Pierrilus was deported to Haiti in early 2021, even though he wasn't even born there. Now he's forced to live in hiding, evading gang violence and civil unrest.



"I hear the gunshots and like a good few minutes afterwards, I see a car with a white truck with a bunch of bullets in it... the windows are shattered and the guy has blood pouring from his face," - Charles, 2023



WHAT IF YOU CAME ALL
THIS WAY JUST FOR
COLLEGE TO TURN YOU
DOWN?



“ More than a decade ago, **three states banned undocumented students from public colleges**. For the post-DACA generation, the toll has been steeper” -Rodrigues, 2022

In his junior year Steven was asked which colleges he wanted to attend, his first choice was Clemson University.

However, this dream was short lived due to Stevens lack of documentation. Unfortunately, in South Carolina, you need have a visa, green card, or be a naturalized citizen to attend public university.

At 16, Steven would've been able to apply for DACA but due to the Trump administration **the program was halted** and no further applications were approved.

as a senior this year, Steven will be part of the first wave of undocumented students to navigate the world of college without the protection provided by DACA.

South Carolina is just one of the first 3 states to gatekeep education from people who could benefit from it greatly.

"This bill is designed to make it difficult for them to live here so they will deport themselves." -Al St Rep.

Micky Hammon

MIGRANTS IN AMERICA ARE....



- MORE LIKELY TO BE LOW INCOME
- MORE LIKELY TO LACK HEALTHCARE
- LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A BACHELORS DEGREE
- VICTIMS OF XENOPHOBIA
- UNABLE TO ATTEND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN SOME STATES
- SOMETIMES FORCED TO RETURN TO COUNTRIES THEY'VE NEVER INHABITED
- FACE DIFFICULTIES ASSIMILATING TO AMERICAN CUTURE

**Put at a socioeconomic disadvantage
compared to natural born American citizens.**

MIGRANTS ARE....



- Those who change their country of residence
 - Fleeing poor economic conditions, war, discrimination, or natural disasters.
 - Facing even more hardship due to reactionary and xenophobic legislation
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**SUBJUGATED TO UNFAIR TREATMENT,
DISADVANTAGED, AND DISCRIMINATED
AGAINST.**

HOW CAN I HELP?

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- **Share this post with migrants who may need it**
- **Donate to NIJC**
- **Contact your state legislators about migrant-friendly legislation**

More access to resources are in the caption



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