Student PSA’s

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MIGRANTS FACING XENOPHOBIA

Background Information

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Women from Central Asia, who are facing Prejudice after they migrate to Russia. Zhibek Turgunbaeva, a 37 years old woman, who moved to Moscow, Russia from Kyrgyzstan. Fast one day while being on the subway a woman told her to stand up. Amazing see that you were sitting here, Immigrants are like sheeps, they are stupid. The woman went on throwing death threats to Zhibek, Telling her that she will find someone that will kill her, and that she is tired of people like her. After that Zhibek comes out crying out of the train a man told her that there are many stupid people around and that she shouldn't let that weaken her.

Tahmina k. A 25 years old lady, she cleans up after guests at a central Tea House in Moscow. She works to send money to her mother in Kyrgyzstan to help her mother who takes care of Tahmina's four years old daughter. The economy of Russia drew newcomers from central asian countries during the two decades.

Vocabulary
What is xenophobia?

Xenophobia—strong fear or dislike of people from other countries

+ what is hostility?

hostility—when someone is unfriendly and full of anger towards another person

+ what is vitriol?

vitriol—very cruel and angry remarks that are intended to hurt someone’s feelings
This story is important because the violence and vitriol leveled against migrants, migrants have been met with xenophobia, hostility, and discrimination. Migrants are denied jobs and apartments. Some have been beaten and killed.

- Talking about the issues spreading information about this issue and making others understand this is not good and should be stopped.
Call to Action

• Talking more about the issue and spreading it.
• The government is the one who is responsible for the good of the people but also ourselves are part of making sure we do good for ourselves.
• The public can share information on social media and spread the issue so it can be seen by others.

What can you do?
What you can do to stop/fight xenophobia?

Report hate incidents when you see them

Gain experience from other races and cultures

Educate yourself and others

Stand up for people cultural diversity

Support organizations that fight for racial equality.

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“ALL HUMAN ARE CREATED EQUAL”

XENOPHOBIA
XENOPHOBIA:
THE FEAR OR HATRED AGAINST PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

#STOPRACISM
RUSSIA IS A AN ATTRACTIVE PROSPECT FOR IMMIGRANTS (MOSTLY, FOR PEOPLE FROM CENTRAL ASIA) SINCE IS A BIG COUNTRY WITH GOOD ECONOMY, IT IS CONVENIENT FOR THOSE IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS AND BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE.

XENOPHOBIA
BUT MANY WOMEN FROM CENTRAL ASIA HAS FACED XENOPHOBIA AFTER THEY MIGRATE TO RUSSIA, SOME RUSSIAN PEOPLE TREAT IMMIGRANTS WITH HATE AND VIOLENCE.

DISCRIMINATION MIGRANTS ARE DENIED JOBS AND APARTMENTS, AND SOME IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN BEATEN AND KILLED BY MARAUDING GANGS (RUSSIA'S CRIMINAL GROUP), APART FROM THIS, SOME PUBLIC WORKERS THINK THAT IMMIGRANTS DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT CITIZENSHIP AND REFUSE TO HELP OR TREAT THEM.
IN ANYWHERE, XENOPHOBIA ACTS ARE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

DON'T LIVE IN SILENT! SOCIAL MEDIA IS A POWERFUL TOOL IN CHANGING SOCIETY.
INFO @STOPRACISM.ORG

XENOPHOBIA

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Hazara Women

Nabhan Shiham

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Farheen is a Hazara, a member of an Afghan ethnic group and Shiite religious minority that has been persecuted and discriminated against by rival ethnic groups such as the Taliban.
She is a woman living in Pakistan where the Hazara culture can be brutally patriarchal. With women being shamed (or worse) for dancing or going on a date with someone. "They talk about honor killing in a very casual way," “It scares me.”
"Honor Killings" refer to the practice of men killing women they believe have shamed the family. It was outlawed in 2004 but due to a legal loophole that allowed perpetrators to be forgiven by a victim's family and set free made it possible for honor killings to persist.
Farheen’s home city is Quetta but due to the violence committed against Shiite Muslim Hazaras by Sunni Muslim militants, it has become unsafe for Hazaras to live there so she migrated to Islamabad to pursue education and safety.
These acts of gender based violence and discrimination is unacceptable and must be brought to light as it is inhumane and effects the lives of so many other women like Farheen as they grow up and live in almost constant fear and oppression.
Things you can do to help:

1. Raise Awareness.

2. Petition the government of Pakistan to amend these laws and ensure that the victims see justice.

3. Donate to people and families that are struggling due to discrimination.
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How the women get the education in Pakistan
Background Information

The title of my story is New Choices by Aurora Almendral. I chose this particular story because it is so interesting how the women from Pakistan who move to a new city to pursue their education. Farheen 22 years old from Quetta she moved to Islamabad to study literature at the university and Farheen’s family migrated because they were persecuted and they were subjected to violence.
A group of Pakistani women experienced persecution and violence and decided to leave their city. They choose to pursue an education in Islamabad, this is called new options and they choose to pursue education, despite all the circumstances. Education is socially desirable and it is a lifelong endeavor for women and men, and this issue is important because we have to complete education, whatever the circumstances and change the place to complete the education.
Actions to be taken to help immigrants use social media to share the news and videos with family and friends to educate people about the immigrants.
DID YOU EVER GET UP LATE AND YOU COULDN'T HAVE BREAKFAST BEFORE GOING TO THE SCHOOL OR WORK AND YOU WERE HUNGRY ALL MORNING?

HAVE YOU EVER THROWN FOOD AWAY JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LIKE SOMETHING ON YOUR PLATE?

WELL...
THESE PEOPLE COULD BE EATING THE FOOD THAT YOU PUT IN THE TRASH, AND THEY FEEL MUCH MORE HUNGRY PER DAY THAN YOU FEEL IN A MONTH.
THIS IS HOW RAXMA’S CASE LOOKS, DUE TO THE BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS IN HER COUNTRY, SHE LOST HER JOB ALONG WITH MANY PEOPLE, NOT ONLY THIS, THEY ALSO LOST LIVESTOCK AND DUE TO THE FEW RAINS, WATER, WITHOUT HAVING TO EAT OR DRINK, WAS FORCED TO MIGRATE, I END UP IN A CAPO FOR DISPATCHES DEPENDING ON HUMANITARIAN AID, DESPITE THIS THERE ARE STILL DAYS THAT THERE IS NO FOOD FOR EVERYONE
DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN, IF YOU HAVE THE POSSIBILITY DONATE, AND REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE LUCKY WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, AND REMEMBER NOT TO WASTE YOUR FOOD
GENDER MIGRATION

Did you know according to national geographic, in 2019, nearly 48% of international migrants were women?

That’s around 130 million women who have chosen to migrate to a different country for the sake of themselves and their loved ones. Women mostly migrate for family reasons, while men migrate mainly to work, as they are responsible for their families. Women, especially those who are married, migrate mainly to join their families or their husbands.

Are you also looking to migrate to a different country? Lucky for you there are a couple of ways to do so. Here is what you can do in order to legally migrate:

1. Fill in a green card lottery and wait to win
2. Marry a legal citizen
3. Have a job “sponsor” you

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Disclaimer: Not all countries are easy to relocate to. Some nations would take longer to obtain a visa/green card, while some would be much simpler.
Aurora Almendral tells us about a 36-year-old Somaliland woman who is attempting to relocate to another country. Severe droughts used to happen every ten years or so in her lifetime, but a punishing drought in 2016-2017 wiped out an estimated 70% of Somaliland's pastoral economy, the primary industry. The climate change was so bad, all the animals started growing thin and listless before dying. Raxma explains about how her family raised 300 sheep and goats along with 20 camels but sadly within four weeks of drought, they as well all died. She started appreciating everything she and the other villagers had like meat and milk. Raxma and around 600,000 people were left in an abandoned camp in Somaliland. With all that included, she didn't lose hope, not yet. Her youngest daughter, Barwaaqo, who was born in the camp, was named after a word that brings to mind of wealth, and the joy experienced when the herds are healthy, and the lands are green. She says, her daughter’s name is an expression of gratitude that her family’s survival is its own kind of wealth.

Does Raxmas’ story make you wonder what actions you can take to help people in similar situations? Here is what you can do about it:

1) Get informed and speak out about the problems
2) Volunteer - become a court watcher in immigration court
3) Share on social media
4) Support helping organizations - donate

This topic is important to be shared since people migrate and struggle with their countries’ rules and ways of handling things, every day.

The idea of sharing this story around would extremely help educate others about people's immigration experiences for assistance.
THEY NEED OUR HELP
severe droughts used to occur about twice a decade, but punishing drought in 2016 and 2017 destroyed an estimated 70 percent of Somaliland’s pastoral economy, the primary industry. Rain-fed rivers and lakes that had sustained generations of pastoralists disappeared. In Haya in 2016, the wells went dry for the second time in five years.

The World Bank estimates that by 2050, 143 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America will be forced to move within their own countries because of climate conditions.
CLIMATE CHANGE!

In Somalia, not just humans are being affected by climate change.

Many animals are dying and suffering from not having food and water.
HOW CAN YOU HELP

Please try yo help in any way you can, share this with your friends, there are many ways to help not only by just donating money.

Check out the links in the comments to donate and to stay informed.
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