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**Topic:** Does illegal immigration hurt American workers?

- About five percent of the American workforce is made up of illegal immigrants.
- In fact these immigrants illegal’s help businesses thrive. They are low paid workers which helps out business once these businesses are thriving they hire native born or legal workers.
- Illegal workers are consumers in turn they too help boost our economy. They don’t really hurt our economy they help increase it.
- Illegal immigrant workers take the jobs that legal workers don’t want to take due to their poor working conditions, low compensations, and low wage, but what if we didn’t have these illegal immigrants, maybe the legal workers would take these jobs. Some of the job qualities would probably improve too.

**Topic:** Immigration Reform

- More than 80 percent of the more than 10 million undocumented immigrants in the United States were from Latin America including 57 percent from Mexico.
- Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) in October 1986. IRCA would give amnesty to all of those undocumented people who were here in the United States before 1982 and those who knowingly hire undocumented people they
could go to prison. This act allowed 3.1 million undocumented aliens to attain legal status.

- The bracer program was terminated in December of 1964, this no longer allowed Mexican workers to come and work in the United States legally and work for short periods of time.

Assessment:

In the article illegal immigration there are many important details that were discussed throughout the article. Some of the strength in this article is the amount of detail and information given. Peter Katel author of the article answers the question ‘does illegal immigration hurt American workers?’ Katel states that these illegal aliens don’t hurt our economy; in fact they help boost it these immigrants are workers taking job that Americans don’t want to take. Americans don’t want these jobs because of their poor working conditions, these illegal workers come from countries that provide little to no money to them that is why they are pushed to find a better living here in the United States. There are little weaknesses in the article, it provides a lot of information on various topics.

Katel talk about immigrants coming into the states and finding jobs. Many of the class narratives were about immigrants coming into the states and finding a job. They talked about the struggles and how for some finding a job was difficult due to language barrier. This is a good article that provides a lot of useful information regarding illegal immigrants, with different points of view.