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IMMIGRATION POLICIES : A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR A CRUCIAL STEP FOR NATIONAL PROSPERITY

OUTLINE:

1- Introduction.

Thesis statement: Although restrictive immigration policies like border control and detention can lead to ~~erode~~ ^{national} prosperity, but it results in violation of human rights resulting in erosion of their individual liberties.

2- Contemporary Immigration Policies; A Debate.

3- Restrictive Immigration Policies lead to Human Right Violation.

a- Strict Border control delays the assistance required.

b- Forced Detention centers Normalize In-human Treatment.

c- Denial of Access to Basic Necessities to Migrants

d- Migrants Treated as Second Citizens

e- Promotes Human-Trafficking

4- Well-managed Immigration System leads to Important for National Prosperity:

a- Necessary for the Security and Stability of a Country.

b- Favoring Skilled Migrants is necessary for Economic Benefit.

c- Regulated Immigration system can restore

Demographic Balance.

- d- Strict Immigration Rules ~~favours~~ Economic Benefit
 - e- Secures ^{the} ~~a~~ Cultural Identity of the Nation.
- 5- Still Repressive Immigration Rules deny and Violate Basic Human Rights.
- a- Pushing Back and Repatriation incurs a huge Loss of Life.
 - b- Fosters Bonded Labor.
 - c- Immigrating Skilled Workforce creates resentment in Native ~~Public~~ towards them.
 - d- Taints soft image of the country inter-nationally.
- 6- Conclusion.

MAIN ESSAY

In 2023, a horrendous news about the plight of migrants trying to reach Greece illegally shook the whole country. An overcrowded fishing boat carrying many Pakistani migrants was capsized and sank off the shore of Greece, and ~~none~~ came to help them, not even coast guard. This shows the grim reality of restrictive immigration ~~policies~~ being adopted by many European countries for the sake of their national interest. Although restrictive immigration policies like strict border control and detention centers can foster national prosperity but it comes with the cost of ~~violation~~

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of human rights, resulting in discrimination, exploitation, and erosion of individual liberties. Repressive immigration policies violate fundamental basic rights by denying the right to life, inhumane treatment in detention centers, denial of access to basic necessities, and social discrimination. However, this strict monitoring of border and immigration rules is considered necessary for security reasons, fostering competitive workforce, economic prosperity, restoring demographic balance, and securing one's identity as a nation. Still, the contemporary immigration policies bear the flagship of human rights violators as it results in human-trafficking as discussed above. Moreover, it promotes bonded labor, creates a sense of neglect and resentment among immigrants, and stains the image of the country internationally. Hence, restrictive immigration rules do more harm and damage than good.

Early immigration policies were Open-Door policies where there was little restriction and mostly the settlements were pre-planned like colonization. Soon rise of nationalism, economic concerns, racial and ethnic discrimination fueled anti-immigration sentiments leading to a restricted movement across border. This trend was seen reversed during globalization when borders became

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meaningless and the whole world literally turned into a global village. This expansion created challenges of its own like terrorism and economic downturn. In contemporary world, a debate on immigration started to balance globalization on one end and nationalism, protectionism and stable security on the other end. Now, many countries are revising their immigration policies that fit their economic prosperity model, irrespective of paying any attention to protecting and providing basic rights to humans. Strict border control, pre-applying for immigration, pushbacks at border, delayed processing, detention centers, and family separation are few examples where immigration policies are exploiting human rights.

Restrictive border management is an oppressive immigration policy that violates fundamental basic rights of a human. By controlling the movement across border, people belonging to a torn or war ravaged country are intentionally put in danger. For example, there have been numerous cases in the Mexico, who because of threat to their lives, are still being forced to live in Mexico as the border management of United States of America (USA) needs a pre-appointment on an app to enter through 'port of entry'. This policy of USA for border regulation is

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~~causing~~ forcing numerous people at the border to separate from their families at the border. Furthermore, the US's policy of 'Remain in Mexico' till approval of appointment is synonymous to keeping these people in detention centers under abusive conditions. Such settlements across border are vulnerable to criminal activity and lack adequate food, water and other necessities. Hence, strict border regulation for the migrants abuse their right to life, food, water and safety.

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Strict border management leads to human rights abuse, nonetheless, its regulation is necessary for the security and stability of a country. After globalization, the borders fade away and a new threat emerged that has detrimental effects across the border. This threat is terrorism and rise of non-state actors. If border management will be weak, terrorists, militant and other non-state actors can easily infiltrate a state, destroying its security and stability. For example, Pakistan-Afghanistan border was not fenced till 2023 and this unrestricted movement provided Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) an opportunity to attack the citizens and build its sleeper cells in the country. Moreover, whole Middle East can

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seen as war-ravaged. as different militant and terrorist organizations like IS-K, ISIS, Houthis etc were successful in entering the countries and carrying insurgent and terrorist attacks. This brought instability and extreme security concerns for the Middle Eastern countries which are still going on like in Yemen, Libya, Lebanon etc. Thus, if strict rules and protocols for border regulation will not be strict, it will become easier for destructive elements and groups to enter into a country and compromise the security of state.

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In conclusion, it can be said that the immigration policies of contemporary world are more detrimental for human rights than encouraging for economic, social and strategic prosperity of a country. Countries like Australia, Libya and Bahrain, all three of which are strong economies, are considered controversial when it comes to human rights. It is because of their immigration rule for detention centers, deporting asylums and inhumane torturous behavior with migrants. However, Canada and Germany, both are lauded for their well-managed migration system that prioritizes skilled workforce over others. The migrants here are well-paid and

have liberties and rights equal to citizens. Skill, due to economic constraints, people try to immigrate to Canada and Germany plus other European countries through illegal ways. This promotes human happiness, where lives of migrants are put at risk just for the sake of immigration to a better place. Therefore, repressive immigration policies of contemporary world result in human rights abuse for many and there are just a few who benefit from it, but every human life carries equal worth irrespective of its caste, creed and nationality. (Excerpt from United Nations Declaration on Human Rights; Article II).

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