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Social Justice can be defined as proper and fair administration of laws that conforms to natural law where all people regardless of their gender, religion, possessions, ethnic origin, race, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, age, language, and disability are treated equally whatsoever without any prejudice. In simple words, social justice implies having people in the society having the same equal opportunities. Mostly, it's associated with the distribution of wealth, privileges, and opportunities within a society. Social Justice is also charged with the mandate of assigning duties and rights in the realms of society thus enabling a large number of people to receive or gain burdens of cooperation and basic benefits (Lucena, 2013. p.164). To ensure that social justice is practiced among the different social classes in the society, various things are to be assessed such as the relevant institutions.

To be precise, the different social classes that we have in the society is divided into three that is the Upper Class, the Middle Class, and the Lower Class or the poor. People who belong to the Upper-Class category can afford almost everything the world has to offer while those in the Lower Class struggle even to afford the basic amenities in life such as food, shelter and clothes (Fiske & Markus, 2012). To ensure equal opportunity, distribution of wealth fairly, and equality of income for all in the society, the paper is going to look at various relevant institutions that are vital such as health care, social security, and education

sector. For instance so as to ensure equality regarding income, material inequalities need to be eliminated between individuals by transferring income from wealthy to poor people through the adoption of measures such as regulation of markets and progressive taxation (Michelle, 2003).

The topic Immigration rights/ Immigration policy is controversial and is causing so much discussion where both top politicians and the ordinary citizens are in constant arguments when it comes to the issue of immigration. Reasons behind these arguments are the fact that immigration rights and policies are very complex thus causing confusion on how they work. For instance in the United States, the body that governs or is charged with the mandate of governing current immigration policy is the Immigration and Naturalization Act abbreviated as (INA). This act provides annually the limit of permanent immigrants into the United States, which in this case is 675,000. On the other hand, both the president and the Congress are the ones who determine the number of refugees to admit in the United States. Another reason as to why the topic is so controversial is because of the principles upon which immigrants are allowed access to host countries (American Immigration Council, 2015).

Due to the influx of so many illegal immigrants in various host countries around the world, the here are the reasons to why there must be immigration policies or rights put in place. Among the leading causes of immigration is fleeing war so as to save lives. In this case, these immigrants are often referred to as refugees thus they deserve to be protected by the law in host countries. For example in Burundi, a country in East Africa, people are fighting each other due to political misunderstandings thus forcing ordinary citizens to seek asylum as refugees in neighboring countries such as Rwanda and Uganda (UNHCR, 2015). Freedom of religion which in today's society is counted as one of the basic human rights is denied or not accepted in some countries. For example due to persecution, Christians are

leaving the Middle East and seeking refuge in other countries mostly the developed world as there's freedom of worship.

There are numerous effects associated with drafting various immigration rights and policies as they have opened up a loophole for illegal immigrants. As a result, these immigrants pose a threat to the local ordinary citizens as they contribute greatly to lowering the quality of life. For example in the United States, undocumented immigrants affect the economy negatively as the government is left to cater for all their needs. By immigrating to the United States, these immigrants will need or want to attend public schools and be treated in government hospitals. They will also want to be included into the housing programs thus in the process prompting the government to set aside additional funds that come from taxpayers money. By making resources diminish, this has prompted the local American people to protest on the streets questioning whether the illegal immigrants should be accorded same privileges like the Native Americans (Immigration to the U.S Guide, 2015).

Illegal immigrants have also led to job insecurity in their respective host countries. Reason being that they are willing to work under any condition and that they are willing to accept any salary from their employers a result, this condition has led to jobs being handed over to them as they are willing to work for long hours at a lower salary rate. Immigration policies and rights affect mostly the poor who are at the bottom of the social class. In all societies around the globe, the low-end jobs are usually done by the poor. Having immigrants migrating for instance into the United States means that there will be competition for these jobs as they are willing to work at much lower rates than the local Natives. This way, the poor in the United States have been rendered jobless thus making their situation even worse (Immigration to the U.S Guide, 2015).

Absolutely yes. Immigration in the United States is real for both legal and illegal immigrants. Legal immigrants entail for instance family unification where one is given visas for immediate relatives such as children under the age of 21 years, parents or even spouses. Apart from that, Education based immigration is also considered part of legal immigration. Lastly, we have the refugees who are unable to return to their respective nations as they fear being persecuted due to their political opinion, race, social group or even their religion. The big issue lies with the illegal immigrants who have migrated in large numbers to the United States. These are particular young people in search of greener opportunities such as jobs. A good example is young Mexicans whom for years have been leaving Mexico for the USA all for the overall aim of getting a job so as to uplift their lives (American Immigration Council, 2015).

Several things need to happen so as these issue of having so many illegal immigrants in host countries can change. For example, various governments around the world need to invest in creating awareness to their citizens on how to be independent in life. These young people need to have the knowledge that they can also be able to open up their businesses and be employers instead of relying on the fact that one needs to be employed so as to be successful in life. Governments should also work in ensuring that they maintain good economic opportunities in their respective countries so as to wow investors. Advantages associated with investors is that they can fund any sector ranging from health to education (U.S. Immigration, 2015). As a result, this will compel citizens to stay in their respective countries and help grow the economy as there are better opportunities at home.

What remains a fact and is still considered a crime is, illegal immigration regardless of the host country. However, various governments are beginning to change their

perception on issues revolving immigrants' rights and policies. One of the nations that are leading in spearheading these changes is the United States. Recently, the government is beginning to understand these people and instead of seeing them as a liability, it's seeing them as a valuable asset. In the past, the government used to apprehend these illegal immigrants and deport them to their native countries. With the recent changes, what the government is doing on this issue of illegal immigrants is by issuing them with passes to work like ordinary American citizens. To be vivid, these passes allow them to work on limited contracts so as they too can also be able to pay taxes (Immigration to the U.S Guide, 2015).

Some governments around the world are not ruling in the interest of its people thus doing nothing to stop this issue of immigrants. Instead, they continue to treat other groups poorly because of their political opinions, religion, or ethnicity. For example in Burundi, the local natives are fighting each other due to differences in political opinions thus escalating the issue of immigration to other countries (UNHCR, 2015). Governments are also not creating job opportunities for their people thus making their citizens migrate to nations with better job opportunities. Trying not to reduce environmental pollution is another leading factor causing immigration. Some nations do not engage themselves in activities meant to reduce the amount of pollution they emit thus prompting their citizens to leave in large numbers (U.S. Immigration, 2015). Groups that can have the power to fix this issue of illegal immigration include the government, private investors, the education community and finally environmentalists.

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