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Did you know that some Hispanic and Latino families are being killed and hurt because some people think that all Latinos and Hispanic families are illegal immigrants? According to the DACA program, 'There is a 57% rate of illegal immigrants getting hurt and judged because of how they look.' Let's stop judging illegal immigrants. Some of my friends have been judged just because they are of Hispanic or Latino descent. They are often watched and stared at. It makes me uncomfortable to see my friends being judged by something that they can't control just because of how they look. People shouldn't have to worry about how others would think about them just because they are from a different racial and religious group.

Originally created in 2012 under Barack Obama, the DACA program "allows people brought to the US unlawfully as children the temporary right to legally live, study, and work in America, rather than living in fear of deportation." Most illegal immigrants are in fear of deportation and don't know what to do. Most families are separated from each other when they are deporting people. "Trump wanted to stop the DACA program." The outcome of that would be that individuals would lose both protection from deportation and their work authorization. The loss of the latter would likely have a substantial impact on the U.S. economy.

Another thing that immigrants do is a lot of hard work and manual labor for less money than other US citizens. Immigration fuels the economy. When immigrants enter the labor force, "they increase the productive capacity of the economy and raise GDP [gross domestic product]". Immigrants are known for working manual labor jobs for cheaper than the average US citizen. They work jobs that most US citizens don't even think about. "Some worked in factories and mostly 79% of immigrants have to work harshly and crucially, hours were mostly long, typically ten to twelve hours a day". Their working conditions were frequently unsafe and led to deadly accidents.

In conclusion you should think about how your life would be if you were an illegal immigrant or just a Hispanic or Latino being judged. People should stop judging people before they get to even know the person you're judging. I truly think that if people would stop judging others before they even get to know them, a lot of the world's problems would have never even begun.

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