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### Immigration Issues Present and Future

In the last 4 years, ever since Donald Trump's presidential campaign, immigration has become heavily discussed in politics. With more and more people trying to enter the country new policies have been made to reach compromises. Trump's policies have created outcries, over the past few years, for mistreating detained illegal immigrants and this is why so many politicians want to reform the legislation he has passed while in office. Some politicians view the subject as a problem, while others view it as an opportunity for America to grow culturally and economically. With the influx of democratic candidates in the 2020 election and the possible impeachment of Trump, there will most likely be a major change in policy regarding immigration. This possible change in policy will have a major effect on the immigrants that reside in the U.S. today and on the immigrants who are trying to enter the country.

President Trump has had a very assertive agenda to combat illegal immigration since the beginning of his time in office, and his plan to do this started with the idea of strictly enforcing border security and enforcing new laws that affect illegal immigrants interiorly. In January of 2017, within the first five days of Donald Trump's presidency, he had already made two executive orders that were to increase the number of immigration officers by 10,000 and the amount of border patrol agents by nearly 5,000. Two days after making these executive orders he called for a halt on immigration and suspended admission from refugees coming from Middle

Eastern countries. Another main part of Trump's crackdown on illegal immigration was to deport existing "illegals" living in the United States. To tackle this Trump tripled the amount of ICE agents working under the government to reduce the number of "illegal aliens" in the country. During Trump's stay in office, there has been public outrage regarding immigrants being separated from their families and children and being placed in unlivable environments. These public outrages are a direct result of Trump's administration and going forward in the 2020 election the policies he made will come in to question and most likely be repealed if another president is elected.

As the 2020 election gets closer and closer, and more democratic debates take place, politicians release and make public their policies on all political topics. Because Trump has been so progressive in his policy on immigration and has made so many changes, new candidates look forward to enacting their policy in office. Elizabeth Warren is one candidate who plans to reverse the changes that Trump made and she has a much different outlook on the ongoing problem of illegal immigrants living in the United States. Warren plans to decriminalize illegal border crossing which is a polar opposite of Trump's protocol. Warren also seeks to reform ICE and would limit the detention of illegal immigrants. Warren and most of the Democratic candidates don't support building Trump's wall and prefer more open borders to give immigrants opportunities to thrive in America. Warren also wants to create a government organization called the "Office of New Americans", that will help immigrants transition into American society and culture.

As the presidential election grows nearer, the hot topic of immigration is a priority for many voters on making their decisions. Policy on immigration has changed so much in the last

four years and many candidates look to reverse them or keep the existing laws in place. Only time will tell what happens with immigration in the next election. One major problem, for the Democrats with all of the current policies, is that most of the Senate is Republican and it would be very hard to pass legislation to reform immigration laws even with a Democratic president.

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