

An American Dream Deferred: The Border-to-Prison Pipeline.

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Introduction.

- The border-to-prison pipeline is when prison profits from the labor and detention of undocumented immigrants. The detention center is a prison for immigrants and their families.
- It is estimated that around 380,000 to 442,000 immigrants are detention each year. Most of the prisons are owned by a private company that make a profit off the detention of immigrants.
- Government policies like the 1790 Naturalization Act affects the border-to- prison pipeline. This Law required that a person needs to be in the U.S. for a certain amount of year for residency.
- Executive orders: Trump's policies during his first 100 days office was to crack down on immigrants.
- SB 1070: Authorized policies to determine reasonable suspicion on immigrants if they are legal are not legal.

Methodology.

- In order to backup my claims for my research, I looked at various policies enforced by the government intended to exploit undocumented immigrants. Immigrants are being snatched out of homes, workplaces, public areas and then deported into private detention centers. The statistics that I gathered from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) support my evidence that thousands of illegal immigrants and their families are kept in detention centers due to government policies. Around 15,000 undocumented immigrants are being taken each day based on my research. I also examined President Trump's policies on immigration to help me finalize my poster. The research process look significantly more time when than the process of finalizing the poster. On 7/27/17, we called Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to gather information on the average sentence undocumented immigrants are detained, but we were denied an answer.

Results.

- As a result of my research, I found out that it cost the taxpayer \$2 billion to keep detention center running, that approximately \$23,000 per person. Immigrant are placed in a detention center as a work labor under government policies for which they get paid as little as \$3 dollar a day. Many of the detention centers are owned by private company prison that made a profit off labor. Many of job in is lost in the detention center which government and private corporate company funds. The idea of a detention center for the immigrant is too expensive, the family is being locked up in a cage and to many people are being captured on the daily based for the benefit of private business and government. The idea of Detention center is another term for prison for an immigrant family.

Data.

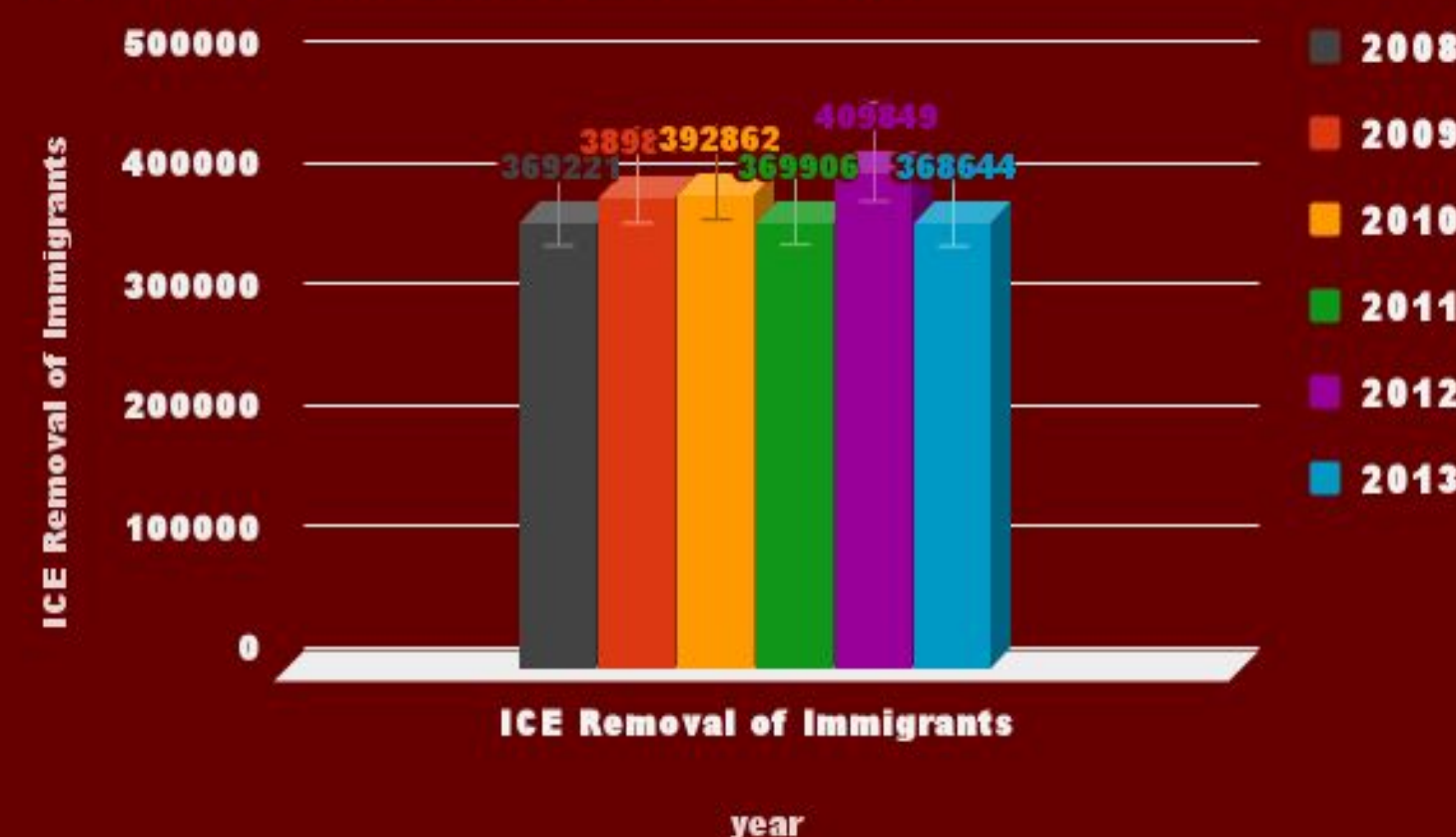
How do various government Immigration policies promote the border to prison pipeline?



Case of immigrants in detention centers...

- Raymond Soeoth is featured above where he was held for two years at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Facility.
- Sarjina Emy was 20 years of age where she spent nearly two years in a Florida lockup because of her father's asylum claim.

ICE Removal of Immigrants vs. year



This graph shows the rise and decline of undocumented immigrants being put in detention centers by Immigration And Custom Enforcement (ICE) from 2008-2013.

Background Information.

- The U.S. holds 19% of the world immigrants. Immigrants are people that come to live permanently in a foreign country..
- In 2016, 11.3 million immigrants were illegal undocumented immigrants in the U.S. (Majority are Mexican).
- Operation Wetback: Donald Trump's policy plan to deport 11 million illegal immigrants.
- Jefferson Sessions: Jefferson Sessions and President Trump, cracking down on undocumented immigrants. He refers to criminals who cross the border as "filth."
- "Sessions told a grim tale of immigrant hordes crossing the border and wreaking havoc on U.S. citizens—a myth that was debunked time and time."
- An illegal immigrant is placed in detained center where they are forced to work.
- Detention systems have grown 75% and cost taxpayers 2 billion dollars.
- Workers gets paid as little as \$3 day.



Conclusion.

In conclusion, an immigrant that crosses the border only to end up in the border-to-prison pipeline due to government policies is because they seek a better life for their families. Immigrants make the journey because they believe that it's all they have. To them the journey may be a chance, a final tickets to a new beginning. Many immigrants that end up in the system usually don't get out of it. Some stay for 10 years, and some don't even get out. Because they can't do anything about it, and because only a few Americans are aware of what is going on, it's really hard to try and set these families free. People should be more aware of what is going on, and do something about it. The government has kept us in silence for far too long. Those immigrant are a great asset to America when they are not placed in detention centers. To further my research, I believe it's best to write a paper on the issue and do more research on the matter at hand.