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Trafficked in America

Human trafficking is the trade of humans in which they are forced to work as laborers or sexual slaves. They are forced for extraction of their body organs and tissues including ovary removal and surrogacy. According to experts, the United States is ranked as one of the countries where human trafficking is at its peak. As per the report released by the State Department, victims of human tracking are found in three top countries and these countries are the United States, Mexico and the Philippines. Though it seems strange, it is a fact that immigration laws have contributed a lot to the increase in human trafficking of undocumented migrant teenager workers. First of all, there is no protection provided to immigrant teenagers by the immigration laws despite the fact that America has become one of the top countries where human trafficking is at the peak. Immigration laws imposed so many restrictions for the immigrants and especially these laws have created hurdles for those undocumented teenager farmworkers. They are forced to work in farms for helping their families in getting out of debt as immigration laws are imposing strict conditions so that a proper check and balance could be done upon the immigrants. Check and balance on immigrants is increasing the issues of undocumented immigrants (teenage farm workers) who cannot afford deportation. High risk of deportation has forced undocumented teenager farmworkers to bear the unjust as they are working in unsafe unhygienic and hard conditions. Immigration laws and their strictness (risk of deportation) force undocumented teenage farm workers to keep quiet and bear whatever is happening to them as being undocumented immigrants they are not given any protection by immigration laws.

Abuse of undocumented teenage migrant farmworkers has been like a hot button issue and immigration laws have compounded this issue. Immigrations are stricter than ever before. There are several immigrant laws i.e. Homeland security Act of 2002 that demands agencies to share the information of their employees so that national security and border control could be improved. This act of immigrant law also outlines specific requirements for handling children (undocumented teenager farm works) in border and immigration issues. Secondly, immigration laws have changed the policies and have implemented many new things. For example, “Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act” has imposed the compulsion that immigrants need to carry their IDs with biometric technology with them to avoid any hustle. Thirdly “Immigration Act” has increased legal immigration ceilings and prioritized the professional workers due to which undocumented teenage farmworkers are facing more issues and are forced to work at the lowest wages in the worst working conditions.

Companies that hire undocumented teenage farm workers must be held responsible for human trafficking and must be charged with labor trafficking because human trafficking is a crime and the land on which this crime is committed must be blamed. For instance, it has been seen that Trillium farm was in headlines back in 2014, because contracts forced undocumented teenage farmworkers to work at their farms for more than 16 hours a day and were forced to live like slaves where they were not even provided with basic life facilities. Companies that hire undocumented teenagers for work must be blamed for various reasons. Firstly they are directly or indirectly involved in human trafficking that is both illegal and immoral. Secondly, they are the violators of the federal and state laws as it is illegal to hire undocumented teenage workers just for personal benefits as they have to pay less to these farmworkers who lack proper documentation. Companies like Trillium farms must be liable for human trafficking as they are involved in illegal activities. Both documented and undocumented Teenage farmworkers are being abused and mistreated by several companies so they must be liable for taking advantage of the helpless teenagers who are working so that they could pull out their families of debt.

Yes, there must be laws for the teenagers that would protect them from crimes committed against them even if they are documented or undocumented. There are several ways through which they could turn into documented citizens but threats they face are far serious and horrible then this issue of documentation. Human trafficking has become one of the biggest issues that the United States is facing and teenagers are the most vulnerable for this crime. Most of the undocumented teenagers are working on farms and other places are being forced to do labor and sex work against their will but they have to keep silent as they know they would be deported if authorities would come to know that they are undocumented. Lack of documentation is the main factor that forces teenagers to bear pain, oppression, and crime being committed against them. If once they are made to realize that there are laws that would protect them whether they are documented or not, they would feel empowered to break the silence against the crime being committed against them. Law should be made for teenagers to protect them from any exploitation and for giving them basic human rights rather than considering whether they are documented or not. Legislation must be done that would favor teenagers as it would threaten and discourages those who are committing crimes against them. Criminals who abuse teenagers believe that a lack of documentation permits them to mistreat them. Lack of documentation and laws for their protecting teenagers both compel them to bear whatever happens against them which consequently is affecting both teenagers and the United States.

Reports and legal proceedings show that there are several cases in which undocumented farmworkers are being abused by many farm owners. There is a dire need of sorting out this issue by finding the best solution for protecting the undocumented farmworkers. One of the best solutions for protecting undocumented farmworkers from any abuse the government must focus on prioritizing the data collection. When agencies would pay more attention to gathering and maintaining data, they would be able to know more about the living and working conditions of employees (including undocumented farmworkers). It is an easy way of knowing and exploring why undocumented farmworkers come and how they are surviving at their workplaces. It would help authorities in having an effective inspection of the workplace. If this proposed solution is practiced properly and effectively undocumented teenagers would be saved from their exploitation. Policymakers should consider more ways that would help in prioritizing data collection and exchange of data. Undoubtedly, when there would be a proper record of workers (whether documented or undocumented) and their working conditions only then authorities could try to force the owner to provide a better working environment to their workers. Prioritization of data collection would also enable the agencies to benefit the undocumented teenage farmworkers who are forced to work under harsh and unfavorable conditions that threatens their lives as seen in this video farmworkers especially the teenagers found it hard to breathe in such as nasty place where they were living in containers where chickens were kept and that stinking place was threatening their health. .

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