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The research article found in *The Boston Globe* talks about how many migrant children have been separated from their families at the border. After Donald Trump got elected as the new President of the United States, his primary focus has been fixated towards building a wall on the U.S. – Mexico border. This decision has led to much social instability along with economic depression as much of the resources are being spent on building the wall. The science of sociology teaches human fundamentals through interaction and communication. As lenient as it may seem, the methods of social sciences illustrate independency and fundamental rights. The author of this article discusses these issues with emphasizing severe concern over the government's decision to separate families and children over at the border (Chavez, & Menjívar, 2017). However, later on, the federal judge ordered the reunification of the children with there families. With over two thousand children not been identified, serious concerns have been raised.

The research based on this article is useful because it provides the readers with awareness about social issues along with concerns that are being highlighted by the newspaper agency or the media. The author emphasizes on the concern being shared with the people in her article as the government’s inaccurate effort to provide the details about the missing children over the border stays hidden. The Trump administration places “zero tolerance” for anyone who crosses the border to enter the U.S. illegally, which is yet another social issue that is being highlighted a lot. Regardless of any potential challenges, the government tries to push congressional Democrats into providing trump administration with 5.7 billion dollars for a border wall. The unwillingness to provide these vast figures have dragged the matter for over a month along with the government being shut down. This author uses case studies and non-participant observation methods to accumulate the research over this issue.

This research over the social issue of the illegal Mexicans entry in the United States has become a serious matter for the government along with the people in the country. However, to some extent, a lot of people are supporting Mexican rights due to liberalism and global approach. Most of the people living in the U.S. demand entry of Mexicans in the United States because their country is underdeveloped and they have low standards of living. Providing them with opportunities would be a way to improve there living standards and future perspectives. It would also strengthen relationships between the Mexican and American governments. However, due to the current discretion, the only thing being noticed right now is the feud over the Mexican American wall. The Trump administration are doing everything in their power to build the wall and separate Mexicans from Americans, and during this pursuit, many children are being separated from there families.

The aforementioned critique over the social concern is the very reason why I think this research matters. It would create awareness and provide the knowledge that is needed for people to understand the whole situation. Moreover, I find this research very interesting as it provided me with some learning about the social attributes and concerns over at the Mexican wall. Furthermore, the research helped to learn about a more critical concern, and that is the separation of children from families, and furthermore, children not being found for reunification. This response to the article presents the overall reflections about the article. It defines the social issues while highlighting the concerns. The research method used in the article helped me with identifying the social context of this article and what the author is trying to emphasize upon.

First Response

Rebeca Bianchi discusses the change in food preference for Britons after the opening of American coffee shops. Going from puddings, tea cakes, and biscuits, the Britons now prefer having cookies, brownies, and muffins as there morning meals. Through research, it has become the fact that observational traits are being used in the article she is summarizing. She emphasizes the influence that is being made by the American chains on the Britons. The statistical context based on the British coffee shops and grocery stores seems to be losing sales with the opening of American franchises. The research methods being discussed by Rebeca are the interview and the participant or non-participant methods. The comparison made by Rebeca between the American and British dessert goods represents the quantity that is purchased. Based on that quantity, it is easy to analyze that British products represent a decline in overall consumption.

Second Response

The second summary made by Justin Mascioli discusses the negative impact of a government shutdown. Due to the externalities such as the diversion towards the funding needed to build the Mexican wall, the article explains that it may be a tactic. Justin mentions the negative aspects of a government shutdown, such as less economic growth, lack of funding for federal employees, lower spending rates, etc. The border security plan is obstructing the economy to an inconsiderable extent which the Trump administration is well aware of. This research is an interesting one as it involves all the negative externalities which come from the shutdown along with the effects on the government employees and small businesses. Justin summarizes that the article he talks about includes an emphasize towards the inadvertent effects and the role of federal government in all of this matter. The importance of people is undermined and left unsafe during this process to extract funding.

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