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If People Could Immigrate Anywhere, Would Poverty Be Eliminated?

In his article, *"If People Could Immigrate Anywhere, Would Poverty Be Eliminated?"* ^{no italics}

Shaun Raviv adequately explores the socioeconomic advantages of having a world that has no borders. Essentially, Raviv abundantly describes the advantages of removing either the existing or prospected border restrictions. According to this author, increased movement of people remains to be the leading discounted opening in development, hence, people should be allowed to move between countries freely. Vipul Naik is identified as the advocate of open borders on the internet; he is renowned for launching a website that was dedicated to the concept of open borders in March 2012. The theory ^{WC} braced here suggests that border restrictions are not only wrong but also hostile to the basic self-determination human right (Raviv 309). In order to clearly illustrate this point, Raviv presents an example of an American living in rural Mississippi who is unfortunately made aware that she cannot travel to New York City in search of a decent job and a good life. In this regard, he compares this example to what the US and other developed economies are treating the immigrants barred from settling in these rich labor nations.

Furthermore, the article proceeds to provide another example dubbed the moral case of open borders. A ^{who?} philosopher designates the story of a young boy who is quite hungry, and as a result, he is forced to ^{WC} assume a journey to the market to purchase food. Subtly, another person ^{WC} we

Clarify this.
What do people
stand to gain
if borders are
opened?

is this your
thesis?

^{we - it isn't about convincing, rather he's stopped by threat of violence}
 decides to coerce the boy with the aim of stopping him from reaching the market. The young boy
^{we of his choice because of the borders that stop him?}
 ends up not going to the market, and as a result, he starves. Thus, a question stems in, did the
^{why?}
 other man kill the boy? Were his rights violated? Most people would answer yes. The
 philosopher compares this with the US and the other developed countries' immigration policies.

The immigrants want to access these countries marketplace, but the governments stop
 them using force. Therefore, as will be noted in this essay, while open borders debate remains to
 be both economic and even ethical or moral, I agree with Raviv that people should not be caged
 by these arbitrary lines classified as borders; every individual should be free to move freely
 anywhere he or she admires without restriction; a phenomenon coupled with diverse
 advantages.

^{What do you mean by this? simplify!}
^{indent} First of all, I agree with economists like Raviv that demographically, the world is not equally
 compatible with mass economic activity since the abundance provided by nature is randomly
 divided (311). ^{which source are you citing?} Wealth, as well as income variations that are designed by these disparities, has for
 years been observed to be driven by several governments that exercise suppression of
 entrepreneurship alongside promoting societal vices such as gender discrimination and religious
 intolerance amongst other bigotry. Thus, it is indisputable to state that the presence of closed
 borders among nations plays a critical role in compounding the aforementioned injustices,
 therefore, bolstering inequality in the societies alongside penalizing their victims to a
 pennilessness life.

^{we?}
 In addition, the irresistible and ever-increasing number of people anticipating moving and
^{are}
 settle in developed nations, will only be looking for better living standards for themselves or for
 their families; an outcome that may only be made possible by migrating to economic
 opportunities together with taking place in peaceable and voluntary trade (Raviv 310). On the

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what perpetuates poverty
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to your thesis

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contrary, the contemporary society continues to witness policymakers and diverse heads of state who unrelentingly quash these individuals' dreams. Evidently, ^{these don't fit together} it is obvious that many nations carry out these inhumane acts by the use of primitive measures and policies such as state-sanctioned violence that is usually attributed with aspects like forced repatriation and involuntary detention.

^{transition} A complete rebuttal of the practice of closing borders cannot be adequately presented without the exploration of the wage disparities evident all over the world. The key revealing border discrimination metric is the obvious presence of wage differences. Research has it that once a worker whose origin is from a less stable nation moves or gets a job in a more stable nation, there is always a possibility of his/her wages elevating by a significant margin (Ho 74).

^{How is this relevant to your position under argument?} The implications of these extreme wage disparities are that these restrictions are not different while compared with the apartheid laws that separated the whites and South Africans during the pre-colonial era. Moreover, it is apparent that geographical wage distinctions play a crucial role in signaling opportunity that is financially applied in order to empower the migrants, on top of increasing the total output of the world. Conversely, there is an untapped potential on the other ^{What do you mean by this?} discrimination side; in other words, economists and scholars have currently approximated that the world has a potential of doubling the global GDP if there were no closed borders (Raviv 310).

^{who specifically?} According to economists, even if the world witnessed a comparatively small immigration ^{what would the benefits be?} flows increases, the respective benefits would be extremely large (Harris 59). In order to adequately support this argument, it is important to acknowledge the fact that in case the developed nations accepted a significant number of immigrants in their nations and sufficiently utilized just a single percent of its labor force, ^{clarify} survey prospects that the extra value that will be

generated would be more to these migrants compared to the entire globe's official foreign collective aid. Sufficiently, just like manifold scholars, I agree with the assumption that immigration will forever be the greatest program aimed at discarding poverty that has ever been designed.

It will be critical to realizing that cross-border movements are not only beneficial to the immigrants only, but are also quite imperative to those of the host country. In this sense, scholars like Raviv have affirmed that immigration has the capacity to unleash diverse economic forces, which augment real wages all through an economy (310). These novel immigrants are expected to have critical and distinctive skills attained back in their home countries, which vary with those of the host nation. Therefore, this form of diversity is quite significant for any nation's prowess and development as the workers from both sides are entitled to efficiently exploiting their specific talents alongside leveraging their respective comparative advantage for the benefit of the host nation (Ho 76). The impact of such incidence remains to be an improvement of the foreigners' welfare together with that of the natives.

Suffice to say, while the freedom of movement remains to be a basic human right, it is quite imperative that every individual and nation to bear in mind that the borders of every nation do not mark the end of any form of human right. Therefore, in the contemporary society, we should stop treating governments refusing to allow their citizens to exit as outsiders and begin treating the ones refusing to allow immigrants to enter as outsiders. Again, it is undeniable that embracing closed borders is a tremendous moral failure in the world whilst the practice of opening borders will forever be the most significant economic opportunity in the globe.

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Nicely done, Abdullah. You had an interesting discussion! Clarifying your thesis and simplifying some of your paragraphs will strengthen your paper.

simplify this statement for clarity

why is this important to your argument?

rephrase - maybe this form of welcoming diversity?

clarify

simplify

What about it?
How many?

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