Challenging Modern Segregation in Higher Education: The Role of Educators in Advancing Justice and Access for Undocumented Students

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Undocumented Student Voices
(Click link to play video from Freedom University)
Presentation Overview

Freedom University Classroom

Small Group Case Studies

Sharing of Resources

Questions

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Who is in the room?

High School/College Counselor
Community Based Organization
Admissions Professional
Independent Consultant
Level of Experience with Undocumented Students

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The Freedom University Classroom
Early Immigration History
100

The United States began regulating immigration in this year.

Answer: 1890
In 1924, this immigration act was passed, implementing a race-based national origins quota system, prioritizing immigrants from Europe and limiting annual immigration from African and Asian countries to 100 persons per year.

Answer: Johnson-Reed Act
This labor program was created as a special wartime measure in 1942 to supply workers for the US agricultural industry. It worked by granting temporary seasonal contracts to workers from Mexico, who could not unionize. The program was not terminated until 1965, twenty years after the end of World War II, after more than 4 million contracts had been fulfilled.

Answer: The Bracero Program
In 1965, this Act replaced the national origins quota system and created illegal immigration from Mexico and Central America for the first time.

Answer: The Immigration & Nationality Act
It is estimated that this many people die each year from hypothermia, dehydration, and drowning in attempt to cross the U.S./Mexico border.

Answer: 300
Coming to America
200

The current Visa Waiver program allows most citizens from countries on this continent to enter the United States as tourists without a visa.

Answer: Europe
This landmark 1947 court case desegregated the California public school system and set the stage for the Brown v. Board decision seven years later.

Answer: Mendez v. Westminster
In June 1982, a landmark decision of this Supreme Court case held that states cannot constitutionally deny students a K-12 public education on account of their immigration status. By a 5-4 vote, the Court found that any resources which might be saved from excluding undocumented children from public schools were far outweighed by the harms imposed on society at large from denying them an education.

Answer: Plyler v. Doe
These three states have some type of admissions ban against undocumented students in its public university system.

Answer: Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina
This state passed the first and only Anti-Sanctuary Campus bill in the United States, which threatens to take away the tax exempt status from any private university that declares itself a sanctuary campus.

Answer: Georgia
The DREAM Act provides a pathway to citizenship for certain undocumented youth. It was first introduced in U.S. Congress in this year.

Answer: 2001
In June 2012, the Obama Administration announced the creation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. While it does not create a pathway to citizenship, it does provide qualified undocumented students with these three primary benefits or protections.

Answers: Prosecutorial Discretion, Work Permit, Driver’s License
Victories
100

This student initiative successfully pressured Emory University to accept and provide full financial aid to qualified DACA students in 2015.

Answer: The Freedom at Emory Initiative
In February 2019, this university became the first institution in the South to partner with the Dream.US Scholarship to offer full scholarships to DACA and DACA eligible students.

Answer: Oglethorpe University
FINAL JEOPARDY

What did we learn?
Let's Break into Small Groups for Studies

Group 1: Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina & Arkansas

Group 2: North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi & Louisiana
SWITCH!
Helpful Resources

Immigrants Rising: www.Immigrantsrising.org

My Undocumented Life: https://mydocumentedlife.org/for-educatorscounselors/

United We Dream Toolbox: https://unitedwedream.org/toolbox/

UndocuBlack Network: http://undocublack.org/

NACAC Knowledge Center Resource: https://www.nacacnet.org/knowledge-center/marginalized-populations/undocumented-students/


Golden Door Scholarship: https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/

Dream.US Scholarship: https://www.thedream.us/
Questions?
Thank You!