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Problem Analysis of Illegal Immigration

Article: Senate Debate Sparks Protests

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This article talks about protest marches over the Senate debate on immigration last year. The protestors felt strongly that illegal immigrants have rights even if they did not follow the proper procedures to enter the United States. They want these rights to be recognized. The Senate takes a different view with their immigration bill. A House bill was passed earlier and has yet another view on immigration rights.

The Senate bill would require illegal immigrants to wait six years to apply for citizenship and learn English. They would need to pay back taxes, have a background check, and pay a fine to become a legal citizen of the United States. Some senators thought this plan was too easy. They want illegal immigrants to return to their homes first and then work on getting legal entry to the US. The House bill wants to build a fence on the border between the US and Mexico. This will make it more difficult for illegal immigrants from Mexico, Central America, and South America to get into the US.

Many illegal immigrants live in the US. They are needed in our economy for unskilled jobs. Our leaders in the Congress need to decide on a plan that will address the problem of illegal immigration and they need to recognize their contribution to our economy. After reading the article, I could see how far apart the two houses of Congress are in making a decision on immigration. A year later, the two houses of Congress still have not agreed on a plan for illegal immigrants. I know that I need to know more about the different aspects of this problem. I want to have an informed opinion on the issue of illegal immigrants in the United States.