

## **Jakob Ivkovič Migrations change society and the world**

Migrations have existed since the dawn of Man. In the past people migrated to find food and today is no different. Due to countries and borders it is harder to migrate but is still essential for many people to survive.

To begin society is created by the people who are a part of it and with migrations people leave and join new societies. This, without a doubt, causes changes, even if they are miniscule. But with refugees there is a spike in migration, so these changes are more noticeable. People bring new traditions and cultural backgrounds, and the ethnic differences, which are the most noticeable. But whether the changes are positive or negative is more important.

Notably the positives and negatives are hard to define and give weight to. Globalists give more weight to the positives than negatives and since there is no objective truth it is hard to define which is right. The positives include a strengthened economy, which has been proven, and more ethnic and cultural diversity, which allows people to be exposed to different ideas and helps them understand others. These can be invaluable to some but an unnecessary to others.

Whereas the negatives usually include the loss of jobs, which has been proven to be false many a times. Additionally, negatives also include the loss its own culture and history, but since history is objective and all currently known events are well written it is a very flimsy argument. The loss of culture is also usually underlined by some xenophobia, since the people who defend it usually defend their own culture but want migrants to confirm to theirs.

Furthermore, the mixture of different cultures and ethnic groups helps prevent racism in future generations. Children that aren't exposed to people of different ethnicities are more likely to become racist, since they have never seen or interacted with them and their outward appearance is different than what they are used to. Less discrimination leads to safer societies and hopefully to a more peaceful world.

Additionally, migration is key to giving people the opportunity to a better, safer life. Many people must migrate due to economic or safety concerns. One such example are Syrian refugees, who wish to create a better life for them and their families in Europe. They travel in horrific conditions and only wish that no harm came to them, but European countries are reluctant to helping them.

For instance, many politicians cite terrorist attacks to frighten people of refugees and illegal migrants, but in many cases legal migration is easier for terrorists than illegal migration or refugees, due to having more funds. Although there must be careful and conduct precise screenings for all migrants, one cannot just let people suffer and die due to circumstances out of their control.

However, this does not mean countries should not assist people who can survive but want a better life. All people are free to try and improve their lives and no matter in which social group they fall. Additionally, many people are not only gifted, but also wish to study and develop their skills, which will later help them, the country they emigrated to, and society as a whole.

To add a big change is in the demographic of workers in Europe, due to the aging population and low birth rates. Many countries populations in the European Union are declining and with many of them having

retirements paid for by the working population, without migrants, there might not be enough workers to be employed in low skill jobs.

To conclude, migration and migrants change society and the world, with some arguing for the better and some for the worse. I believe that most of the negatives are rooted in xenophobia and racism, but this does not mean we can just ignore people's fears, since everyone has the right to an opinion and discussions help everyone as long as both sides are open-minded. And the negatives that are valid are outweighed by the positives of economic development, societal development and the safety provided to migrants fleeing from war or other danger.