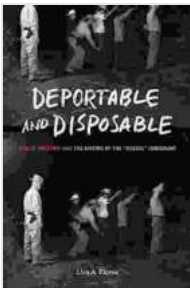


Public Rhetoric and the Making of the Illegal Immigrant: Rhetoric and Democratic Citizenship

This book examines the public rhetoric surrounding illegal immigration in the United States, arguing that this rhetoric has played a key role in shaping the way that illegal immigrants are perceived and treated. The book draws on a variety of sources, including speeches, editorials, and news articles, to show how the rhetoric of illegal immigration has evolved over time and how it has been used to justify increasingly restrictive policies.

The Historical Development of the Rhetoric of Illegal Immigration



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The rhetoric of illegal immigration in the United States has a long and complex history. In the early days of the republic, illegal immigration was

not a major concern. However, as the United States began to experience large-scale immigration from Europe in the 19th and early 20th centuries, concerns about illegal immigration began to grow. These concerns were fueled by a number of factors, including the rise of nativism, the fear of foreign subversion, and the desire to protect American jobs.

In the mid-20th century, the rhetoric of illegal immigration became increasingly harsh. This was due in part to the Cold War, which led to a heightened fear of communism and a crackdown on immigration from communist countries. It was also due to the rise of the civil rights movement, which led to a backlash against immigration from non-white countries.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the rhetoric of illegal immigration became even more polarized. This was due in part to the passage of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which granted amnesty to illegal immigrants who had been living in the United States since 1982. This act led to a backlash from anti-immigrant groups, who argued that it had rewarded illegal behavior and encouraged more people to immigrate illegally.

In the 21st century, the rhetoric of illegal immigration has continued to be polarized. This is due in part to the rise of the Tea Party movement, which has made anti-immigrant rhetoric a central part of its platform. It is also due to the increasing number of illegal immigrants from Latin America, which has led to a backlash from some Americans who believe that these immigrants are taking jobs from native-born Americans.

The Impact of the Rhetoric of Illegal Immigration

The rhetoric of illegal immigration has had a significant impact on the way that illegal immigrants are perceived and treated in the United States. This rhetoric has helped to create a climate of fear and hostility toward illegal immigrants, and it has made it more difficult for them to come out of the shadows and live their lives openly.

The rhetoric of illegal immigration has also led to a number of discriminatory policies against illegal immigrants. These policies include the construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, the increased use of immigration detention centers, and the passage of laws that make it more difficult for illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, attend school, and access healthcare.

The rhetoric of illegal immigration in the United States has played a key role in shaping the way that illegal immigrants are perceived and treated. This rhetoric has helped to create a climate of fear and hostility toward illegal immigrants, and it has led to a number of discriminatory policies against them. It is important to understand the history of this rhetoric and its impact on illegal immigrants in the United States to develop more just and humane policies.

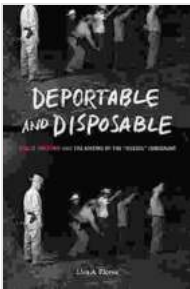
Call to Action

If you are concerned about the rhetoric of illegal immigration and its impact on illegal immigrants, there are a number of things you can do to help. You can contact your elected officials and let them know your views, you can support organizations that are working to reform immigration policy, and you can educate yourself and others about the issue of illegal immigration.

Together, we can create a more just and humane immigration system for all.

Additional Resources

* [The Center for American Progress](https://www.americanprogress.org/) *
[The National Immigration Law Center](https://www.nilc.org/) * [The
American Civil Liberties Union](https://www.aclu.org/)



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