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Watch: Clint Smith’s *Memoir*

As you’re watching, think about the following:
What comes to mind when you think of *undocumented immigrants*?
Why are we having this conversation today?
This is not a “Latino issue.”
Who is Undocumented?

People who lack documentation to lawfully reside in the United States

About 40% are individuals who **overstay their visas** by not returning to their country of origin after their visa has expired.

About 60% are individuals who **enter the country without proper authorization** or verification of entry.
Undocumented by the Numbers

12,000,000: Undocumented immigrants live in the US
1,800,000: Are children under the age of 18
65,000: Undocumented students graduate from high school each year
13,000: Undocumented students enroll in college each year
Building Common Language
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We use the word “Undocumented” (NOT illegal) and the word “Immigrant” (NOT alien)

**DACAmmented**: individuals who have DACA status

**Unaccompanied Minor**: children who lack lawful immigration status, are under the age of 18 and are without a parent or legal guardian in the U.S.

**UndocuQueer**: undocumented youth who identify as LGBTQ
Policies and Legislation
Failed attempts for Immigration Reform

Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM Act) 2010

The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013
Policies & Legislation: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

DACA grants eligible individuals a 2-year work permit, social security number, and protection from deportation.

1.2 million undocumented immigrants are eligible for DACA, but only 741,000 have applied.

Deferred Action passed by President Obama in 2012 and expanded in 2014 (NOT A LAW)

Who is eligible?

• Have come to the United States before your sixteenth birthday
• Have continuously lived in the U.S. since January 1, 2007.
• Have graduated or currently attending school
• Clear criminal background
Executive Orders signed by the President on January 25, 2017

Enforcement of the Immigration Laws to serve the National Interest

Implementing the President’s Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvement policies
Memorandums presented by The Department of Homeland Security

Key information you need know:

➢ The Establishment of Programs to collect civil fines and penalties for immigrants and for people facilitating unauthorized presence

➢ Expedited removal of undocumented immigrants (easier to be removed without seeing a judge)

➢ Empowerment of 287(g) which give police departments the freedom to act as immigration enforcement's
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➢ Enforcement Criteria and the Criminalization of undocumented immigrants:
  - Be convicted of any criminal offence
  - Any criminal offence that has not been resolved (not convicted but charged)
  - Have committed acts which are not chargeable
  - Engage in fraud or willful misrepresentation
  - Have abused any program related to receive program benefits
  - Subject to final order of removal
  - Judgement of an immigration officer, otherwise to pose a risk to public safety or national security
Identifying and Overcoming Challenges
While being dropped off at school with her sisters, 13-year-old “Elena” witnesses her undocumented father being picked up by agents with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). A wave of anxiety has followed after the incident and children across all schools within the district have absorbed that concern.
Creating a Safe Space for ALL a students

Moving Forward:

What can you do at your site to support undocumented students and families at your school and in our community?
One of the best ways of enslaving a people is to keep them from education... The second way of enslaving a people is to suppress the sources of information, not only by burning books but by controlling all the other ways in which ideas are transmitted.

(Eleanor Roosevelt)
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