It is important to consider the socio-economic impact of immigrant participation in U.S labor forces, specifically regarding economic effects of immigration on an aging U.S population and the need to end detention of asylum seekers.

**Introduction:**

Much of the debate on immigrant labor is focused on social justice issues, and their economic impact remains largely ignored.

Rachel Vogelstein has suggested that social justice issues can be resolved by presenting them as economic impact issues (Vogelstein, 2018).

This logic can be applied to a variety of social issues, particularly immigration at the Mexican American border.

Those who support immigration have made human rights arguments, however, those who are against immigration, oppose on economic grounds.

Few scholars discuss the benefits of immigration through economic implications, and little to no work has been done to translate social issues to economic impact issues in the way that Vogelstein does, particularly regarding immigrant populations.

**Research Question:**

What is the economic impact of using alternatives to detention of asylum seekers in the U.S and globally, and why is it economically important to end asylee detention?

**Methodology:**

This research deconstructs a set of three (3) social justice concerns under the topic of aging populations in the United States, specifically translating them to economic impact issues. Thus, put in the context of immigrant labor, reflects economic implications of immigration on the aging U.S population. Moreover, this study focuses on caregiving, healthcare, and contributions to Social Security, creating a value-chain of each social process reflecting economic dimensions. Below and to the right is a visual representation of how someone can apply economic dimensions to a social process.

**Results:**

- Each social process enacted by a caregiver, and healthcare worker has a monetization value.
- With a shortage of healthcare, and caregiver workers in the U.S, a refugee integration program can fill the gaps.
- There are alternatives to detention of asylum seekers, and it is essential for economists, human rights activists and policymakers to realize the economic implications of immigrant labor.

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