Candidate 1 evidence

Illegal immigration in the UK

Introduction

The problem I have been researching is the rise in illegal immigration from different countries around into the United Kingdom. In the past couple of years there has been a rise in people from different countries trying to enter the UK illegally. This could be because of many reasons such as a war going on in their home country, looking for better opportunities or fleeing danger in their country. To get into the UK legally you need to have gained a B2 level English speaking, and you would need the sufficient documents like a visa and passport/legal ID. But some people arrive to the UK via France normally on small boats with zero documentation. This can in fact harm the environment and can harm the people due to the unsafety of the little rubber boats. These boats are normally supplied by illegal trafficking gangs that would "help" people have a better life with a large cost. In a survey I put out, i asked if illegal immigration was a major problem, 7/10 people said that they believe that illegal immigration is not a major problem and is just a normal thing of life, but 3/10 people said that they believe it is a major problem and that it needs to be controlled more. Ever since the United Kingdom decided to leave the EU, illegal immigration has taken a major rise in numbers, this is shown in the line chart on my source sheet

Options

The 3 options I have come up with to try help combat the problem of illegal immigration are the more usage of the men and women that serve this country and place some people along the border, the use of our great alliance with France to try combat the problem from the source, and the use of advanced AI to help us combat this problem in a more modern way. These examples have worked for many over countries and I don't know why we wouldn't put it into place in our great country. For example, the USA have decided to deploy more guards along the borders of Mexico and the USA and has seen a massive decrease in its illegal immigration stats.

Option 1 – deploy more people along the border

In the UK, the main way people can illegally immigrate is to come on small boats and cross the English channel. This can easily be stopped if we were just to place more people that serve our country along all the main documented travel routes. This has already started being put into place as there has been a new border security command

put into place with more enhanced capabilities. This was introduced a while back through and many people believe it has not helped and in fact made it worse due to the rise in immigration over the past couple of years. But actually has in fact worked, you may think that once a guard spots a boat it will get shot at or maybe turned away, but in fact they are sending to countries such as Rwanda to make sure they arent going back to their home such as countries in war like Iran. This could also help us increase our national security with their more people along our border at any point of a possible strike from countries that we are at war with.

Option 2 – better border relations with France

Another way of combating the major problem of illegal immigration is to try gain better border relations with the country that most of these immigrants are coming from, France. This could be achieved by offering something to the French such as more troops to help train their army or maybe give them access to 1 or 2 of our bases to help them widen their defence and finally, maybe give them some sort of exclusive trade route to show that we are allies. A better partnership with France can easily address some of the major problems with the immigration. Gaining a better relationship with France could also help us gain an equal number of immigrants.

Option 3 – Advanced AI usage

Advanced AI can handle major amounts of documents and visas application and can easily screen them for discrepancies and perform automated document verification to check for fraud 8in the matter of seconds due to there being no needed human imputes for the process. AI could also be used to help detect boats before they even get close to hep so people can be there waiting to know to catch these people and make sure they are not harmed

Option 1 – arguments for

One of the best reasons why we should use this way to help enforce our rule on illegal immigration is that it will increase our national security. The way this works is that deploy people along the borders can create jobs in many places such as, the army, the border control units and radar. With the current amounts of members of the UK border force and army, there would be not enough people to secure our borders, this then

gives the UK a chance to give out more jobs which solve another major problem of the UKs which is unemployment.

Argument against

If the UK were to pick this option, there would be a large amount of money thrown into it for facilities, wages and the actual relocation of the immigrants and possibly the workers because they would need to live in a coastal town along the English which they may not already. This strategy could also put a bad name on the police due to the overcrowding of police in these coastal towns. This could put the police in danger and even the citizens of the towns themselves due to it making the town a sort of hostile environment

Option 2 – argument for

Gaining better relations with France could boost out economy, relations with the EU in whole and gain us a better ally, if a war were to break out. France could help us in many ways like giving us better trading routes or giving the UK more workers which could help our economy and even theirs. Due to the rising tensions in the Russia and Ukraine war, gaining an ally to support us is the best thing we can do, and this could easily help the UK gain better relations with France they can support us if anything were to break out between Russia and the UK or Russia and France

Argument against

If we were to gain better relations in France and they would help the UK with its problem, this could also lead to the UK having to give away something like Information on something, trading routes or a military base. If we were to give info away to France, this could turn bad on use because if they were to say no to the idea of helping us, then they would have that secret info and could turn it against the UK. And if we were to give away a trading route, this could decrease the economy or make it so we would no longer be able to get some stuff in the UK. And if we had to give a base to them, this could hinder our own defence against countries that could attack

Option 3 – argument for

If we were to use advanced AI in our border control it could help the UK detect inconsistencies in people's applications to gain a visa better and more efficiently than a

human can. AI is already used in many airports around the world such as Heathrow, Edinburgh and many more to help speed up the process of border control and help big lines go down quicker, just like the wait for a visa application to go through, there is a big line for that, so AI can help the line go down quicker and make it so people don't feel tempted to come to the UK illegally

Argument against

One of the main factors that can relate to every other option is the financial factor. But this is mostly found in this option the use and creation of AI like this can cost lots of money, some of it the country doesn't even have. Also, AI is known for using lots of water every minute which we don't have the money to supply. In Scotland, water would not be a problem as that is our main power source and we have the best in the world. But i southern England where illegal immigration occurs the most, the amount of natural water bodies is slim and the main source they would have is the sea.

Sources

The source I decided to mainly use was the government website which is very reliable because of all the data that the government has stored and all the primary research that they have put out in the past. I also sent out a survey so I could ask people on their opinions on the problem and help me decide on what the best solution could be for the country. All the bullet points on the source sheet were taken straight from the website to help me understand more about each option and what their pros and cons are.

Conclusion and final decision

In conclusion, all the options that I have went over have their pros and their cons. To deploy more people along the border to try combat illegal immigration is good because it can give people jobs and can decrease number of immigrants sneaking in, but it could also cost a lot and could create a hostile environment in many coastal towns. Gaining better border relations with France could help us boost economy and gain a trusted ally but could also make us lose things in return like trading routes and bases. Advanced AI usage could be good by helping people gain visas quickly and more efficient but could also cost a lot and use up lots of water. So, I believe that gaining better border relations with France would be the best option for the country due toit having the most perks and gaining us a trusted ally in a time where the UK is at most risk of being attacked

Solution 1 = Deploy people along the main travel routes

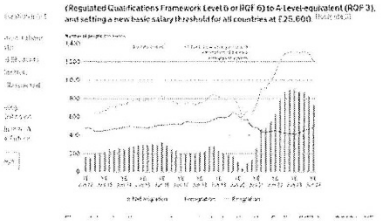
- A new Border Security Command has been established with enhanced powers
- disrupt organised immigration crime (OIC) and human smuggling gangs
- Increase national security

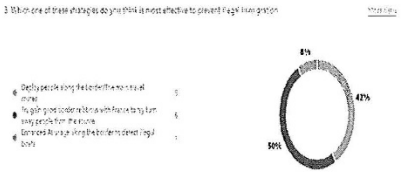
Solution 2 = Border relations with France

- A partnership with France aims to address illegal Channel crossings
- an equal number of documented migrants
- a new legal route.

Solution 3 = Advanced ai usage

- AI handles large volumes of applications, screen for discrepancies, and perform automated document verification to check for fraud 8
- Deterrent factor – for can stop inconsistencies
- Financial factor – against





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B2 English

Visas