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1. Target

The target of this report is counter the rumors towards immigrants with significant arguments.

2. Definition of rumors

Unverified information of uncertain origin usually spread by word of mouth. False rumors about immigrants were something pretty widespread, that they harmed conviviality, and that it is something we had to address.

3. List of rumors towards immigrants and arguments against them

Immigrants take our jobs.

They are taking only low income jobs that local people they are not willing to perform and jobs that local people considered that are of low social status. For example in the agricultural sector there is an increased demand for land workers.

Immigrants send everything they earn back to their country of origin.

In any case this is not something negative, because is reasonable for anybody to will to support his family, especially if they live under difficult economic conditions. Also the EU policies are oriented to support poor countries

Immigrants drive down wages for local workers.

This is not real. The wages are diminished because of the economic crisis and the general problems of the National Economy. In the long term the work of the immigrants will contribute to the broad development of the region.

Immigrants come here to get free Health Services.

It is a unhuman to discuss about the cost that is given to the Health Services in order to support somebody who is needed emergent health care.

Immigrants don't pay taxes.

This is something that happens also with many local citizens. This is an economic and social problem and is not connected with the ethnic background of each one.

Immigrant students lower the level of public schools.

There is no any proof about that rumor. The problems of the educational system have many and different causes and is not objective to consider them in relation with the school behavior of a particular students group.

Immigrants are responsible for the delinquency.

The delinquency that mostly is charged to immigrants has to do with problems of asylum and residential permissions, the entrance and exit rights in country. In all other delinquency cases there are not statistics that prove different criminal rates.

4. List of literature

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