

Creative writing

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Immigration: Is it good or bad for economy and culture.

There are a few kinds of immigrants: political, economical, refugees, or just people looking for a better life. Depending on the type the impact on the host country is differs.

To begin with if an immigrant coming to a country creates a business, this is, without a doubt, very beneficial for a wellbeing of a country. These immigrants create new work places, sometimes introduce new ideas and boost that countries economy. The same pattern takes place when people arrive in search of better life, better opportunities, and better conditions. These people fill in the job gaps where there is a lack of workers, which in its turn helps the companies run a successful business. They don't steal jobs since these place had been vacant for a while.

Furthermore, immigrants also bring new understanding of their culture and religion. They give a chance for the local people to observe them closely, and, perhaps, not only learn new things but also update their own traditions and customs. However, if newcomers start to force their tradition this might end up in a conflict.

Thus, immigration brings bad things as well. Especially if war criminals, refugees, or even tourists take advantage of the possibilities to move freely around the world. In addition, the host country that receives refugees has to provide them with living space, food, and health care. These actions slowly drain the budget of the country. If the immigrants are violent and rude, they will leave a bad impression about their country and culture. In my opinion immigration is both good and bad. Just as the people are good and bad.

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Immigration: is it a threat or opportunity?

Immigration: is it a threat or opportunity? What are the benefits of immigration for a host country? Is it safe for people to welcome newcomers? Or it causes social instability amongst the locals? These are the issues that our global society faces today.

First of all, is it a threat? Do the people immigrating really cause instability? We should take a closer look at the people that are arriving to a host country. For example, criminals or even terrorists may disguise themselves as peaceful immigrants looking for a better life and in this way commit terrible crimes. There is a lot of news reporting about newcomers from the Middle East who are responsible for attacks, destructions or even bombing. Another example of instability that immigration is causing is the fact that families and close relatives are separated. This practice is very common for Lithuania and its residents.

Nevertheless, there are opportunities in these situations as well. I think that it increases the economical rise. A chance to earn money in a foreign, richer country helps families to get back on their feet financially. It is sad that breadwinners are forced to leave their homes, but people will always look for better opportunities even if it is necessary to travel outside their home country.

From all the examples above it is obvious that immigrants are struggling, countries that are left behind are getting poorer and countries that receive immigrants also receive cheap labour force. I think that people should stay at home and help each other to rise the quality of life.

Dmitrij Zhukov 1b

I am immigrant.

I made a decision to move to another country when I had understood that my native country doesn't give me enough opportunities to implement my plans.

Considering Lithuania as a country where I would like to live and work I thought first of its economic growth, stability and security. The adaptation period was very comfortable, because there's little language barrier. I would also like to note the goodwill and tolerance of the Lithuanians, one of their remarkable characteristics is respect for other people.

Regarding my career, I feel confident about my business. Here I can realize my dreams and ideas.

Lithuania has a very caring attitude towards its citizens. Good healthcare and education, all of this gives the best opportunities for everyone.

The nature in Lithuania is very beautiful - forests and lakes are gorgeous. I really like the attitude of Lithuanians to their natural heritage and environment. There are green zones and a lot of greenery in residential areas. In the time when Russian cities cut down parks for construction of buildings, such green areas are pure delight.

I would also mention respect for traditions, historic and cultural values. Old houses with unique authentic elements are still preserved for the public to admire. But contemporary art is also popular in Lithuania as well as street art and installations by avant-garde creators. Surprisingly, the past and the present coexist in harmony, giving cities their unique cultural charm.

But there are also minor drawbacks for me - a lot of rains and little sunshine in the autumn and winter period.

I'm really happy to discover Lithuania, to learn something new and feel belonging to this country.

Nelli Zhangalova 1b

"My life in a foreign country"

I emigrated from Kazakhstan to Lithuania 4 years ago following my husband who has established a successful business in this country. Nowadays my husband, 2 children and I enjoy living in Lithuania, where stability and peaceful life style have a lot of advantages despite the bad weather comparing to Kazakhstan. Overall my family is happy here: my husband is busy developing his business, my older son is studying at the Vilnius university and my younger daughter is studying at M.K. Ciurlionis art school.

The only thing, which I lack is my career. I have studied medicine and wish to continue working in this field in Lithuania. The fact that I don't speak Lithuanian creates a serious obstacle for my professional development here. Therefore I decided to attend Lithuanian classes to master the language and be able to start my career as a medical worker later. I believe, it will contribute to the wellbeing of my family and Lithuania and help me to become a respected member of the local society.

Dmitrij Nesmeev 1b

I am emigrant

I really liked living here - in Lithuania . Here I was able to improve my health, because the environment is clean here, people are in touch with nature, and the air is fresh in this country. I've been living here for one and a half year. I study Lithuanian with pleasure, it is very

interesting. Lithuanians speak very legibly, they pronounce each sound very distinctly. I feel free here.

Oleg Isaeev 1b

Being immigrant

Two year ago our family moved from Russia to Lithuania. Unfortunately, the Russian political system does not improve over years, namely lack of prospects for us and our children caused us changed country. I would like to say I like my country and people. But live in a country I do not want, because I share concepts of the country and the state. Why Lithuania?

In first we chose Lithuania, because this country is close to Russia.

Secondly, a well-developed economy and favorable natural conditions. But the biggest plus it is able to communicate in Russian, learning Lithuanian. So adaptation is going easier here. It is very important for emigrants. We do not idealize Lithuania how fantastic and magic place. The level of living in this country may be different. But in the presence of documents and opportunity, we can actively develop documents and our business. In other words, all everything for comfortable life modern man is here, which find Europe modern existence.

Emigration give us opportunity to make our life better, to give children greater prospects.

Be emigrant it is not easy. Another country, language, culture. I am from Russia. I like my birthplace, where I was born, where live and buried most of dear and folks. But to be stooge in the hands of the power, which to lead to destruction politics in a relationship people, I do not want. Hypocrisy, boorishness, corruption, indifference, obedience for me it is not normal. When I moved to Lithuania, I felt free. Not everything perfect here. But for me important, that Lithuania is full member Europe society.

In my opinion Lithuania one of the developed countries. What bothers me? When I received residence permit as an emigrant for business on subject to conditions, which were acceptable for me on that moment and for these two year, what I live here, I pay not little taxes for company and my family. But Polity there are many times changed conditions for business and increased financial load. I think is not fair. But I am sure that Lithuania are do not want to lose people and business which bring a contribution in economy and culture life of country. But If is not so, I will have search another country, which appreciate my desire to be member of Europe society. But I like Lithuania, people, culture and respects for nature. I found good friends here. And I hope to continue to live, work.

Jana Kriuchkova 3j

I am immigrant

I am emigrant to Lithuania. I never thought that I would live in a foreign country, far from the familiar cities, far away from relatives.

What is it to be an emigrant? Nothing special, I think, even interesting. In emigration I gained new contacts, friends, and stories about life, new habits and hobbies are appearing.

I never sang in the choir and I do here. I am very happy that I can sing old Russian songs. It is incredibly beautiful!

I never thought, I would learn the Lithuanian language. And now, I feel great pleasure learning rules of spelling and pronunciation of the Lithuanian language. I enjoy speaking and understand that old Baltic language. Wherever I go I try to speak the language, try to practice it. Perhaps I make mistakes, but I speak with great pleasure.

I like to travel. From Lithuania we can always go on a trip for relatively little money. There are always interesting offers to the countries. And no borders as such. I do not spend time on the issue of visas and other documents for the visiting another country.

New Year is soon. Friends from Russia, Iran, Germany are coming to visit us. We will celebrate the feast internationally. It also seems to me to be the merits of emigration.

Viktorija Velichko 1b

I am emigrant

I think it is too early to speak about my life as an emigrant, because I have lived in Vilnius for too short a period. However, I can tell about my first acquaintance with Lithuania, which I will never forget.

We first visited Lithuania a few years ago on a tourist trip. We were travelling together with children by car through several countries. We had been on the road for a rather long time and felt really tired. Suddenly the stork flock approached our car just the moment we crossed the Latvian-Lithuanian border. And these magnificent birds were accompanying us for many kilometres at a very close distance. This was the first time I get to see these beautiful birds in details. Children were exhilarated. We also enjoyed good-looking, well-cared for, and clean landscape. We observed roe walking the fields without fear, and foxes were crossing the road.

I love nature and animals. And I was amazed by this kind of unity of human and nature, and how much people care about the nature. This so great. I wish everybody on Earth lived like this, cherished what they have.

Polina Kostina 1b

I am an emigrant.

My name is Polina Kostina and I am an emigrant. In May, 2015 I and my husband moved from St. Petersburg, Russia to Vilnius. For me personally, it was the most difficult thing to be all alone in a foreign country. But I must say that in Lithuania, especially in Vilnius, there are all conditions for the adaptation of immigrants: people around are very polite, they try to understand your problems as much as possible and help solve them. However, the most important is they speak English sometimes using "Google Translator", but I was never refused of help because of my nationality or because of not knowing the state language.

I moved to Lithuania, having never been here before. I followed blindly my fiancé towards new horizons. We were supported in Russia, we were said to be desperate, but we did everything correctly. In Lithuania we are often questioned, how we could leave so many opportunities and such a large market. It took me almost a year of life in Lithuania to understand, why we moved and we are not going to return.

There is much of logic here, the whole system works for people. Every citizen is sure that his government will be on his side. There is no commonly rampant corruption. If you wish, it is banally cleaner here. It is useless to compare Lithuania and Russia in everything, because of the sizes and different mentalities – there will be too many differences. And I know that Lithuania is not an ideal country, it has its disadvantages and shortcomings. But it is quite enough for me to know, that the news of the day was an article about the carjacking in one of the news resources. It was a simple car, parked in the yard of a small town in Lithuania. I like to live in the country where carjacking is nonsense. I am glad to know that if I am stopped by the police because, I had foolishly forgotten to switch on the headlights in my car, I will be pointed at this fact and will go my way further on. It is very important when the police brings about a sense of security, not fear. It is great to know, when an ambulance with enabled siren is stuck in a traffic jam, all the drivers will find the place to move their cars and the ambulance will rush further without delay, to save someone's life.

Such things should not be surprising, because they are right, because it should be so.

I really like the fact that my family and I can feel safe here and the leadership of this country and the people living in it will help us become equal members of the Lithuanian society.