

THE WORLDVIEW OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TOWARDS INTERNAL BORDER CONTROL IN MALAYSIA

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INTRODUCTION

- The number of illegal immigrants has proliferated significantly in Malaysia since 1970s due to the high demand of aggressive industrialization.
- Malaysia government then had spoken to reduce the number of illegal immigrants due to economic recession.
- Nonetheless, the statistic shows the otherwise. 1.91 million of illegal immigrants on 2005 has increased to 3.43 million on 2019 in that most of them are the Indonesians (Hirschmann, 2020).
- Once they slip into the territory, border enforcement can no longer be executed on them but internal border control.
- Thus, the main purpose of this study is to broaden the national border concept and to go beyond the traditional definition by inserting the worldview from specific groups on internal border control

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND CRIME

- 14, 809 out of 37 466 prisoners in Malaysia are illegal immigrants (Rusniah, Mohamed Wa'eim & Saadon 2014)
 - Falsifying documents
- Victims of unscrupulous agents, manipulated with job opportunities and higher wages
- Prostitution industry

MIGRATION AND NATIONAL BORDER CONTROL

- The internal checks are not effective to reduce the number of illegal immigrants (Fabian 2017; Sitkin 2014; Leerkes & Engbersen 2012; Vagg 1992)
- Internal checks by using Detrition Through Enforcement is effective in Malaysia (Lpw & Mohdhar 2017)

METHODOLOGY



FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION



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CONCLUSION

- The study suggests that the internal border control in Malaysia is not effective to curb the illegal immigrants due to two factors which are law enforcement and agents of socialization.

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