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 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, Mohd. Na’im & 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 (Fabini 2017; Sitkin 2014; Leerkes & Engbersen 2012; Vagg 1992)
• Internal checks by using Attrition Through Enforcement is effective in Malaysia (Low & Mokhtar 2017)
### METHODOLOGY

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### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

- Law enforcement
- Agents of socialization

- World view of immigrants towards internal border control
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Bribery

Not committing crime

Not afraid of law enforcement

Agents of Socialization

Employers

Neighbours

Law Enforcement
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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