SECURITIZATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON THE SOUTH BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES BY PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES

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Abstract

The United States is a country that implements a free and most open immigration foreign policy in the world as evidenced by the acceptance of hundreds of thousands of regional and international immigrants each year. The government that is given the responsibility to lead the country will give priority to immigration issues to be formulated in foreign policy. In the era of President Donald Trump, the issue of immigrants was focused on solving the problem of illegal immigrants at the Southern border with an America First approach and securitization measures. This research will focus on the factors that became the basis for President Donald Trump’s consideration of securitization in order to change United States immigration policies, using the framework of The Politics of Foreign Policy Change, namely the identification of global and domestic conditions with political and economic elements as factors that underlying changes in a country’s foreign policy. This study argues that President Trump’s securitization actions in the context of changing US immigration policy are based on global political conditions, namely the presence of transnational crimes such as identity fraud, drug smuggling, and criminal acts. Global economic conditions, related to immigrants with low wages undermine the standard minimum wage for American workers. Political domestic factors are related to the fulfillment of President Trump’s campaign promise to protect the homeland and people of the United States from the threat of illegal immigrants on the southern border. Domestic economic factors are related to American jobs which are occupied by illegal immigrants by falsifying their identities at companies and impacting the loss of the right to social security for United States citizens.

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INTRODUCTION

Since the late 1800s, the United States has implemented a foreign policy of immigration that is relatively free and the most open in the world by accepting hundreds of thousands of immigrants each year from regional and international origins (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 2020). Immigration laws were formed by the United States Supreme Court in 1875
when Congress began to recognize that there had been an increase in incoming immigrants and had an impact on the economic decline in several areas (SICREMI, 2011, p.2). Thousands of people are trying to find opportunities and protection in the US because it is considered a country that can provide job opportunities, good education, and various economic opportunities that are limited to immigrants in their home countries. The pattern of movement of incoming immigrants causes the US as the host country to have an increase in population every year and the duration of their stay is usually more than one year. The number of immigrants living in the United States based on 2017 US census bureau data shows that there are around 45 million people, at least based on that number of immigrants who settled there have formed fourteen percent of the US population (Migration Policy Institute, 2020).

The United States is also known as a pluralist country and it’s developing every year because of the presence of immigrants who from generation to generation have colored the US’s social, political, and economic life. However, two-thirds of immigrants there are immigrants who come with undocumented circumstances (illegal immigration), who for more than 10 years have lived with their children in the US homeland. The mobility of illegal immigrants is rife in the southern border region of the US, the presence of immigrants in the US is a commitment from the government's actions to providing access to safety and protection related to the conditions of poverty, crime, and conflict violence that occur in their country of origin, but this does not provide adequate reciprocity good for immigrant-receiving countries, because the high movement of immigrants has given rise to social problems in US society, such as drug trafficking, and various acts of violence by some irresponsible immigrant groups. That situation has driven the US government to formulate immigration policy as a response.

The immigration policy is also regulated in the US Constitution of 1891, which contains an expansion of the list of immigrants who can be excluded from entry such as prohibiting immigrants who have moral crimes and suffer from infectious diseases (US Citizenship and Immigration Service, 2020). In
1895 the US government made another immigration policy. It became a peak of tragedy that known as the “big wave” of immigrants thus demanding that Congress implement a new policy regarding the quota system (The Congress of The United States, 2006). The aim of the policy was to limit immigrant movement coming to the US and created a set of requirements for granting citizenship to immigrants, moreover, in 1924 Congress also began to create immigration bureau patrols on the US border. Furthermore, every year policies related to immigration constantly change and even replacements, as was the case in 1965, Congress replaced the system of accepting immigrants based on "preferences" and no longer through the country of origin system. It was designed with the aim that immigrants who come to the US are even more selective based on the preferences of immigrant families who are there and have skills in certain fields.

The immigration policy that has been formulated is not given a significant impact on the resistance to the high number of immigrants who continue to come over to the United States every year. Public policies were reformulated to regulate the effectiveness of receiving immigrants, Congress passed the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 with two aims first tighten the limits on the length of stay of immigrants, and second create law enforcement to prevent larger numbers of illegal immigrants in the future (Center For Immigration Studies, 2023). However, until the 2000s the cases of illegal immigrants who stay overtime and the implementation of law enforcement is still low. Furthermore, the 9/11 tragedy put the US immigration policy as the main priority, there are 20 foreign terrorists involved in the attacks, and four of them is the immigrants living in the US with entered violating visa conditions and whose status was illegal. In 2006 immigration reform is discussed by Congress and passed the Counter-terrorism Border Protection and Illegal Immigration Control Act (Marc R. Rosenblum, 2011). Hereinafter, the President Barack Obama administration also put the focus on immigrant issues which President’s program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is the protection of deportation and work permits for children of illegal foreign immigrants.
The changes in the United States' foreign policy on immigration have shown the dynamic condition of illegal immigrant issues and also the influence of the actor of making policy and its approaches, however, all the policy was created to protect national security and the public welfare of the people of the United States. The US government under the administration of President Donald Trump is also making the changes in immigration foreign policy by carrying out securitization. President Donald Trump makes foreign policy changes through extraordinary measures, he officially declared a state of emergency on the US Southern border and previously signed a foreign policy draft document related to immigrants for the purpose of building a border wall. President Trump's plan to build a border wall has been through a long process in the government internals and led to the signing of the Executive Order, which is related to border security and evaluation of members of the immigration ranks and continued to the declaration of the National Emergency Act, which is a special law belonging to the President to respond to emergency issues related to immigrants at the border (U.S Department Of Homeland Security, 2017). The action of President Trump is an effort in order to get approval from Congress related to funding and permission to carry out construction on the border.

President Donald Trump stated in his speech that the activation of the National Emergency Act is to protect the security of the US citizens and the homeland that threaten by threats coming from the Southern border region, which is seen as a condition that needs serious concern. Furthermore, based on that reason President Trump believes that the instrument of building a border wall will reduce the inflow of illegal immigrants coming from South American countries (U.S Customs and Border Protection, 2023). The assumption given by the President is that the construction of a wall is considered an effective way to block the entry of criminals, gang members, selling drugs, and smuggling children from South American countries (White House Government, 2018). A fact that is often forgotten by immigrant-receiving countries is the impact it has on the security rights of its own citizens. Therefore, under President Trump the movement of illegal
immigrants was seen as greatly affecting the lives of the US population, from starting to take jobs, lowering wage rates for Native American workers, disrupting public safety, and identity fraud which succeeded in obtaining social assistance from the government but should have been able to be obtained by US families who poor and in dire need.

The need for the US government to carry out the construction of a border wall related to the movement of immigrants is because the state is trying to be responsible to the people for the fulfillment of their basic rights, namely those related to security, freedom, and prosperity in their homeland. Changes in immigrant policy with the instrument of building a border wall by President Trump have two main focuses. The first is to increase security based on a reformed immigration system in terms of its function, operation, and structure by strengthening the development of security infrastructure, second creating justice by protecting citizens' wages and giving priority to providing jobs in the country to Native Americans. The issue of illegal immigrants coming from the border is actually not a new domestic problem in the US, several Presidents have tried to solve this by implementing various foreign policies related to immigrants but the increase in illegal immigrants is still happening. Apart from that, every month the US receives 1,500 to 2,000 immigrants who move and cross the border illegally, even in February 2019 the number reached 76,00, moreover the category of illegal immigrants who come to the US are families who are at risk of being exploited, meaning they come with incomplete documents, people smugglers, unskilled immigrants, gangs, and other actors who try to make profits within the US by violating the law (U.S Department Of Homeland Security, 2019).

The border patrol conducted by the US homeland security stated that in recent years the US has experienced a surge in illegal foreign families coming into the country from the border, the wave of immigrant groups entering is estimated at 54%, then in the last two years the criminal record committed by illegal immigrants in the US through the entry of illegal gangs estimated at 10,000 people, sex crimes, murders of 4,000 people, deaths of US citizens who overdose from illegal drugs as many as 300 people per week,
and human trafficking, children reach 20,000 people (U.S Department Of Homeland Security, 2018). Therefore, seeing a lot of crime in the US because of the illegal immigrant that comes from the Southern border has shown that US society is facing a security and humanitarian crisis related to the transnational crime threats so it requires decisive and extraordinary action to save the safety and security of its citizens, which President Donald Trump is trying to implement by means of securitization in the context of changing US immigration foreign policy.

**Research Method**

This research is focused on the analysis of the factors that led to the United States' immigration foreign policy being changed by President Donald Trump by using securitization as the instrument, and based on the framework used in this research the causes of changes in foreign policy occur because of international and domestic factors which have two elements, namely politics, and economics. As a country that is known as free and most open to implementing a foreign policy of immigration, the United States under President Donald Trump's administration has implemented different approaches on respond to the illegal immigrant issues. The securitization actions are chosen by President Trump as the instrument to make changes in immigration foreign policy according to the threat from illegal immigrants at the Southern border. The issue of illegal immigrants from the Southern border of the US is not a new problem that is considered a dangerous threat because the immigration foreign policy is always the main priority of the US government to formulate and reform. The extraordinary action of President Trump to respond the illegal immigrant from the Southern border is the construction of a border wall along the Southern border as the main agenda in his immigration policy.

This research uses a qualitative method that emphasizes the importance of understanding descriptively or narratively the socio-political and cultural contexts that interact directly with human behavior. The social phenomena studied in qualitative methods are by looking for causes and
effects of the independent variables and their effects on the dependent variable (Creswell, W, 2014). The methods in this research are used by utilizing qualitative data to analyze the factors that led to the United States’ immigration foreign policy being changed by President Donald Trump by using securitization actions as the instrument. The data collection in this research is conducted through a literature review from various credible sources available on the internet such as journals, article websites, official government websites, and online news. Furthermore, there has been similar previous research such as the journal article with the title *Immigration and The Politics of Security* written by Roxanne Lynn Doty. This research aims to provide arguments related to the formulated policy of the United States government’s handling the illegal immigrant issues on the Southern border with the differences emphasizing the existence of certain factors that underlie President Donald Trump’s implementation of securitization in the context of the changes of the US immigrant foreign policy.

This research explores two factors which are international and domestic factors with politics and economics as indicators that influence President Donald Trump to use securitization action on changes in the US immigration foreign policy. Changes in a country’s foreign policy are conditions for individual decision-makers who have the influence to act based on what they perceive thus they can trigger changes in internal belief and make them approve these changes (Gustavsson Jakob, 1998). The analysis of foreign policy changes is identify a condition that is considered an obstacle to foreign policy that can be implications cause “destruction” thus ultimately creating an opportunity for changes. The indicator of obstacles in foreign policy is related to the interests of individuals, institutions, and groups, moreover, the empirical aim of policy change research is to provide a plausible explanation of changes in a country’s foreign policy. Foreign policy is a set of goals formulated by people who have official positions to pursue national interests in the international environment or outside the nation-states, moreover, change is a new action in certain situations whose actions are associated with previous situations or actions. Furthermore, based on two definitions implies
that changes in foreign policy can be changed based on new goals or the same goals which at the same time there is a change in the entire international orientation based on the new foreign policy.

**DISCUSSION**

**Securitization Process Of President Donald Trump**

Migration is an issue that cannot be separated between the United States and countries on the Southern border of the US, the movement of immigrants who come to the US through the border amounts to nearly 40 million people, and at the same time, it has become very controversial in the US domestic politics and creates tension with Southern border countries, especially Mexico as the largest migrant-sending country (Americas Commission, 2008). The condition overview that has been described becomes a consideration of the US government to formulate the immigration foreign policy which prioritizes national security at the Southern border. The high problem of transnational crime at the Southern border of the US also becomes a concern for Donald Trump as the 45th President Of the United States, according to the US statistical data report in 2017 the number of immigrants reached 321,000, people and several countries as the sending large numbers of immigrants are Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, Venezuela, Mexico, and Colombia, moreover, Some of these immigrants have been legally naturalized, including students and workers who have temporary visas, but majority comes with incomplete document (Jie Zong and Jeanne Batalova, 2018). The immigrant's hope to have a decent quality of life from their life before has an impact on creating a security crisis in the social environment of US society and immigrants who come and live in the US environment are starting to be questioned about their role in the development process within the country. Furthermore, various cases of illegal immigrants related to violence and crime by "gangs", smuggling of illegal drugs, taking jobs from indigenous people, incidents of reducing the wages of indigenous people, falsifying identity, and fraud against the visa program, which gives rise to various forms of instability in the security, social and economic sectors of the country.
The United States government under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump made foreign policy changes regarding cases of illegal immigrants by means of securitization. President Trump assesses illegal immigrants who come from the border and live in the US have degraded and damaged the quality of life for US citizens and President considered that condition as a security crisis that requires concrete emergency action to solve. The ineffectiveness of policies regarding illegal immigrants from the previous government prompted President Trump to implement his new policies by reforming the migration system and building a border wall between the US and South American countries, this action is a form of government response in the era of President Trump to guarantee the safety right and welfare of the US citizen. The reformation of the immigration system is necessary considering the impact on national security and the fact that migration is a domestic issue but have implication for international relations thus important to create synergy between government institution to achieve the goals. However, the plan to reform the immigration system and build a border wall is have rejected by Congress because of the development fund which led to a debate with President Trump. The decision of President Trump to change illegal immigrant policy is not quit because of Congress’s rejection, he signed a special policy and law belonging to the president, namely the Executive Order and the National Emergency Act with the aim of being able to get funding support as the effort for the construction of a large and beautiful wall along the Southern US border (Peter Baker and Jim Tankersley, 2019).

Speech Act

Donald Trump was officially sworn in as the 45th President of the United States, in his first speech the President stated that each of his policy directions was determined by the terms Make America Great Again and American First in politics, economy, security, and social sectors which promote and prioritize the interest of US citizens (White House Government, 2017). One of the sectors that are the main agenda in the President’s work plan is security related to the threat of movement of illegal immigrants at the Southern border of the US. President Trump’s first action was to sign
Executive Order 13767 "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement" on January 25, 2017, namely a special presidential executive order to improve border security and enforce the reformed immigration system. This action was a response to Congress’s rejection and the Executive Order also have rejection and Congress created the resolution by voting with the aim of eliminating the agenda of building a wall along the Southern border, however, President Trump planning to use the veto to that resolution and there are 12 Congress members from the Republic party are support the President even though the resolution is successfully published because of a majority of Congress members are from Democratic party.

President Donald Trump on February 15, 2019, declared the National Emergency Act National Emergency Concerning The Southern Border Of The United States” (Proclamation 9844) is a presidential exclusive law to declare a state crisis and national emergency which is used as a legal basis for carrying out reforms Illegal immigrant policies are primarily related to allocating funds to the US Department of Defense Security for military development (White House Government, 2020). The Declaration of National Emergency (NEA) by President Trump is expected Congress awareness to support by providing funding for the border wall construction, moreover, after the activation of the NEA President Trump gives a statement to the media that “he will stand strong to defend border security with his authority powers to enforce immigration laws and fight security crisis” (White House Government, 2019). The President underlines in his interview that the situation at the Southern border is had a peak and demands immediate action more than 76,000 aliens were arrested because of criminal acts and 40,000 foreign families have arrived at the border without proper documents. Protecting innocent American citizens and saving thousands of American lives from criminal aliens and gang members on the Southern border is the way to bring back America’s greatness, according to President Donald Trump’s statement. The long debate between President Trump and Congress according to the funding of border wall construction is direct to the government shutdown declaration by President Trump which deactivates the US federal
government for 35 days from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019, in his speech, President said that the government would be very proud to do that because it is based on “security of the country’s borders” (White House Government, 2018).

**Referent Object**

The humanitarian and security crisis at the Southern border of the United States is an alarming condition caused by the rampant criminal activity of immigrants illegal without complete documents President Donald Trump said. The activity across national borders by immigrants requires strict control and formulating foreign policy and domestic laws is one of the instruments to maintain stability and security at the borders. The agreement between President Trump and Congress according to the funding for border wall construction is a result of prioritizing the national interest which is the safety of the US people. The construction of the border wall will provide evidence that the government in the era of President Donald Trump places top priority on the US people who are the referent objects threatened by the movement of illegal immigrant activities on the Southern border. President Trump said in his speech that the government is starting to run out of space to restrain the inward movement of illegal immigrants, the extraordinary work being done by border patrol agents to catch aliens for the sake of public safety must be supported by all the country’s resources. American people who are victims of illegal immigrant crime are mostly through acts of murder. In 2017 President Donald Trump met with the families of American victims whose family members were killed, according to his criminal record it turned out that this illegal immigrant had legal records and had repeatedly been in jail (White House Government, 2017). Furthermore, another example case is by Joshua, an eighteen-year-old boy, who was subjected to acts of torture and brutally beaten to death, the President said that the victims' families whom he met urged the passage of a law related to not providing shelter for criminals of illegal immigrants.

The condition of the American family as the referent object that is weak and oppressed by illegal immigrant crimes is a matter that still lacks serious
attention, thus President Donald Trump gathered again in the Southern court auditorium in 2018 with families of victims of illegal immigrant crimes to hear firsthand what the problems are (White House Government, 2018). Permanent separation between one family and another that cause of death is a grief that can never be forgotten according to one of the families of the victims of the murder. The President also said that this happened due to the immigration policy formulated by the Democrats being weak, they tended not to carry out discussions and did not send their agents to come to the homes of the victims and see the reality of what was happening. The victims of illegal immigrants for many years were ignored is getting the response from President Trump he emphasized that since the first day of being elected and inaugurated, under his administration they will be heard and will work hard to overcome this problem so that family members who have passed away will not be in vain. Accordingly based on many reports of losses suffered that faced by the American people because of the existence of illegal immigrants that come from the Southern border, President Trump’s securitization actions as an effort to make changes in immigrant foreign policy by building border walls and reforming the migration system are a form of responsibility as a leader to ensure the security of his people lives.

**Ordinary and Extraordinary Measure**

The changes in President Donald Trump's foreign policy regarding the problem of illegal immigrants at the Southern border were formulated to restore the integrity of the United States immigration system which was previously considered damaged and ineffective in preventing the entry of transnational crimes, this is an ordinary measure or an act of support for President Trump in carrying out the securitization of reforms to the US immigration policy system from a functional, operational, and structural perspective. President Trump stated that his action will be a turning point in the United States’ safety by prioritizing the security and welfare of the American people. The policy reform of the US immigration system carried out by President Trump's administration includes two parts, first, making changes in the strict immigration system, and restoring the rule of law in the
process of accepting immigrants, called ordinary measures, and second, ensuring that border security is created safely based on infrastructure development which the construction of a wall along the southern US border is called an extraordinary measure.

The ordinary measure of the process of securitization of illegal immigrants by President Donald Trump is to emphasize the restoration of the rule of US immigration law which the immigrant's constitution should impose stricter sanctions on immigrants who come with incomplete documents. The first step of President Trump's action is implemented by The House Of Representatives which passed the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act which law designed to abolish previous immigrant policies that provided protection to immigrants who have or currently committing crimes. The other regulation by President Donald Trump is related to the requirements for immigrants who want to enter the US to have some skills not just rely on family relationships and random granting of visas. Moreover, President Trump also implemented a policy of reducing the immigration quota by 49% in all categories of immigrants, especially those entering through the Southern border, and restrictions on granting guest-worker visas. The entire change in the US immigration foreign policy especially in the agenda of work of the immigration system is formulated to protect the US society from transnational crimes and American workers and families who had difficulties accessing jobs and have decreased wages (White House Government, 2020).

The security crisis on the Southern border of the United States because of the problem of illegal immigrants that have declared by President Donald Trump is followed by the action called the extraordinary measure. President Trump has made a foreign policy change on immigrant issues which he does the reformation of the immigration system another action to response to the national emergency of illegal immigrants is plans to build a large, tall, and beautiful wall along the border between the United States and the Southern border countries (White House Government, 2017). The action is an extraordinary measure from President Trump who tried to improve security through the infrastructure sector and maximize all the state's capabilities to
create safe borders and prevent the rise of criminal activity from the movement of illegal immigrants. President Trump’s strategy to stop the activities of illegal immigrants from the Southern border countries is to build a border wall along 450-500 miles or the equivalent of 720-800 km and the government work together with some of the best companies in the US in designing which will be proposed to the public through the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) (Julia Edwards Ainsley, 2017). The border wall construction will be equipped with sophisticated technology such as motion sensors and CCTV cameras which can detect and arrest immigrants who are trying to smuggle illegal drugs which is difficult for security personnel to reach and directly will deport the immigrants who are detected as having committed a crime. Furthermore, as a result of the immigrant foreign policy change is from the report of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in September 2020 stated that 341 miles of new walls were completed, 240 miles of walls were under construction, and 157 miles were in the pre-construction process (U.S Department Of Homeland Security, 2020).

Factors Of Immigrant Foreign Policy Changes

The immigrant foreign policy change of the United States through securitization measures has certain factors that become the basis for President Trump’s consideration in dealing with the security crisis on the Southern border. The factors being considered are based on the framework by Jakob Gustavsson, which is The Politics Of Foreign Policy Change. It describes that international and domestic factors include elements of politics and economics that become basic considerations of individual decision-makers to make strategic changes in their foreign policy. This change in foreign policy is a consideration of a country’s leader, which is President Trump, in optimizing negative risks such as transnational crimes and economic losses to immigrant-receiving countries, which experience an increase in population every year.

Global Politics Factors

Foreign policy and global politics are two elements that influence one another, the condition of international politics such as global events could
influence the formulated foreign policy of a country they usually evaluate the international environment to be synchronous with its national interest. One of the issues that becomes an important issue in foreign policy is security which is related to the sustainability of the country itself, national interest, and the welfare of the people. Transnational crimes become one of the important issues of security that countries should face, in the era of globalization has provided new opportunities for transnational crimes to develop and operate at the international level. The situation that is being described is to encourage the country's government to formulate effective foreign policy including the United States which has a wide territory with a huge potential for transnational crimes. Thus, the US administration under President Donald Trump also has focused on solving the transnational crimes issues related to illegal immigrants from the Southern border countries by implementing securitization actions to change immigration foreign policy.

The process of immigration foreign policy change was securitized by President Trump with the implementation of extraordinary measures to build a border wall with the aim to maintain national security from the threat of transnational crime that comes from illegal immigration at the Southern border of the US. The movement of illegal immigrants at the Southern border of the US for many years becomes a priority in the government's work plan because it created a domestic problem such as drugs, identity fraud, manipulation of the investment market, theft of money in the market penetration system or in an aggressive manner, terrorism, illegal arms sales, and human trafficking (Homeland Security Digital Library, 2015). The report from the US Department Of Homeland Security related to the number of arrests of illegal immigrants at the Southern border in 2015 462,388 people, in 2016 530,250 people, and in 2017 461,540 people (Homeland Security Digital Library, 2015).

The security border of the United States is a work agenda that has big challenges in the process of solving and the Southern border is a vulnerable area for illegal immigrants. Mexico is one of the countries that identify carrying out the largest smuggling of illegal drugs, human trafficking,
illegal immigration to the US. The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reports that the number of illegal migrants caught by border patrol agents wishing to cross along the border was 310,531 people and cases not registered in official documents were 216,370 people (US Department Of Homeland Security, 2017). Moreover, another case that becomes worried at the border is the presence of children without being accompanied by their parents or legal guardians with 104,997 children also found children without being detected or recorded by border patrol agents in 2017 with a number of 48,681 children. The CBP does the investigation the children and found a result that they are exploited by a transnational criminal organization that helps illegal foreigners come to the US territory, besides that border officers also found individuals who mostly came from countries other than Mexico namely El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras with a number of 162,891 people and 127,938 from Mexico (US Department Of Homeland Security, 2017).

President Trump’s actions to change policies related to illegal immigrants by building a wall on the Southern border are influenced by international political factors which refer to the international political phenomenon that is aggressive and egocentric so that every country must be able to fight for national interests, territorial integrity, and state sovereignty, moreover, the condition of international political factors emphasizes the importance of national security. Accordingly, securitization action by President Trump to the illegal immigrant issues at the Southern border of the US has shown how the US as a sovereign country is trying to fight for its national security from the presence of transnational crimes that comes from the border with the instrument is the construction border wall and reform immigration system to increase the security border capability with the aim to serve and protect the US citizen and homeland from transnational criminal organizations threat.

**Global Economic Factors**

The number of foreign births that immigrants often bring to receiving countries of immigrants is still much debated and the issue is related to
economic aspects. Immigrants who come because they want to get better economic opportunities compared to when they were in their home country have shown how they dream of being able to get a decent job and income in their new country. However, this actually creates a dilemma for decision-making leaders in immigrant-receiving countries which leaders must be able to ensure that the acceptance of immigrants for work must have the potential to provide economic benefits for a county (Ethan Lewis and Giovanni Peri, 2020). In line with this President Donald Trump as a leader of the United States which is known as the open county to receiving immigrants sees that the high number of immigrants born in the US, especially from Southern border countries, must be responded to with a strict policy and must be built on the basis of the welfare of the American people and not harm the economy of the recipient country.

The immigrant population in the United States that has grown over time has colored the dynamics of the national economy. The US Southern border is the most active region bringing in low-skilled immigrant workers and has an impact on reducing the minimum wage for native US workers. The US administration under President Donald Trump sees the phenomenon of low-skilled immigrants as a priority agenda that must be taken seriously and he plans to place priority on Native American workers and restore a better national economy (White House Government, 2020). The state's obligation to create an immigration system based on the protection of life, including employment for every citizen, has become the background for President Donald Trump to make changes to the foreign migration policy. The foreign policy change made by President Donald Trump regarding the problem of low wages due to low-skilled immigrants is by reforming the H-1B immigration program which is one of the visas in the US for employers who want to employ foreigners or immigrants in their companies, the President formulated a new policy by implementing a rule that workers who are granted visa permits must have work skills. According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), this act of tightening visa requirements is a standard rule that requires foreign workers to show their achievements as a condition of eligibility for
employment (White House Government, 2020). In addition, DHS will also limit the validity period of the H-1B visa program and will oversee "third parties" who have a role in assisting these foreign workers in obtaining the H-B1 visa program by carrying out strict and routine checks on the required documents submitted to control the presence of illegal immigrants in the H-B1 visa program.

In addition, President Trump also created a partnership between The US Department of Justice and US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) by releasing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) extending its collaboration in detecting and eliminating crimes from company or company agencies that traffic immigrant workers through fake visas with the aim to protect US workers from wage discrimination and fraudulent work visa applications by illegal immigrants (US Department Of Labour, 2018). The international economic factors of President Donald Trump's securitization in making changes in immigration foreign policy is refer to economic globalization has led to reforms in domestic economic policies, where this is related to the struggle to increase worker productivity so that it can lead to increases in workers' wages, but in fact, its success depends on how domestic institutions formulate the right policies that prioritize the protection of workers. Accordingly the changes in immigration foreign policy by President Trump is becomes a response to the rise of workers originating from illegal immigrants in companies in America with low skills and impact to lowering the minimum wage standard for native US workers. Illegal immigrants usually receive lower wages than legal workers thus creating unfair competition and lowering wage standards for local workers the company prefers to employ illegal immigrants with low skills than US workers who have merit and employability to gain personal benefit. Thus, the action by President Trump with the new immigration policy is an effort to protect the minimum wage standard of American workers from illegal immigrants and American company crime in manipulating low wages in the national economy of the US.
Domestic Politics Factor

Foreign policy rhetoric included in a campaign by one of the election candidates is assumed to be a criticism of the government’s incumbent leader, the criticism conveyed is usually a strategy proposed to solve problems that the previous government considered failed to make a change in some issues and at the same times the candidates can build their credibility on that issues to be compared with previous administrations. The strategy that included foreign policy in political campaigns is the common measure to get material support from the citizen to win the election. Furthermore, the issue of immigrant foreign policy change is becoming one of the strategy ideas of President Donald Trump during his campaign period in 2016 with the phenomenal approach called American First and Make America Great Again (White House Government, 2017). The instrument for implementing the plan of immigrant foreign policy change is the construction of a long border wall in Southern America, this agenda becomes the main focus of the campaign with the aim of providing fair law enforcement to illegal immigrants who have lived for years inside the US homeland.

The problem with immigrants at the US Southern border is worried will unstable the national security and the national economic growth of a country because the movement of immigrants illegal is very dangerous and unpredictable. Thus, during the campaign, President Trump said that some leaders may lack attention to formulating effective immigration foreign policy, whereas the movements of illegal immigrants that occur bring many problems such as drug smuggling, gang violence, and people smuggling are the main factors that make the country insecure and damaged (White House Government, 2017). A speech campaign in 2016 by President Trump stated that on the first day he was elected as President of the United States he would immediately carry out reforms in foreign policy related to immigration, especially the problem of illegal immigrants on the Southern border. The program that will be formulated is related to a deportation system that has never been carried out by the previous government and the construction of a large, beautiful wall along the southern border that will never be penetrated
by illegal immigrants (Noland D. McCaskill, 2016). President Trump promised to construct the wall border using the best technology, one of which is with sensors at the top and bottom of the wall, and the construction time period will be carried out in a short period at a reasonable cost.

President Trump has criticized the previous immigrant foreign policy by President Barack Obama, he stated that Obama Care, visa extensions, and the release of immigrants caught in criminal cases are considered to have made the US an asylum country for criminal immigrants and violated the federal budget so that when he is elected President he will ensure increased security by air and land routes by increasing the number of patrol agent personnel on the Southern border. Furthermore, President Trump stated that he only has one interest which is to protect national security from any domestic problem caused by illegal immigrants he promised will take extraordinary measures to control the movement of illegal immigrants and will take deportation action against immigrants who are proven to have committed crimes to immigration laws with zero-tolerance. The domestic political factors is refers to a strategy to gain support from voters during elections, political parties, and important actors in society with the aim of being able to formulate certain foreign policies through opinion polls, general election results, and the formation of coalitions between several main political actors. This factor has supported President Trump to make a foreign policy change related to the issue of illegal immigrants on the Southern border of the US with the aim of fulfilling his promise to restore American national security and make America great again.

**Domestic Economic Factors**

The national economy and the phenomenon of immigration have complex relations whose the movement of immigrants has been shaped by the condition that increases the population in recipient countries and at the same time affect to economic stability. The movement of immigrants on a large scale has made recipient countries increase their economic agenda through foreign policy formulations, namely long-term national economic programs, which are triggered by competition in the job market and usually become a public
burden when many jobs are of native has occupied by immigrants. The number of immigrant workers must be considered for its productivity effects and in this case, the company is one of the actors besides the government which has an important role in maintaining the balance between the local economy and the presence of immigrants in the job market (Peri Geovanni and Lewis Ethan, 2015). The opportunity to get a job in the United States is considered a way to change one’s life for the better and the high migration movement every year proves that everyone wants to enter and get a decent job. In addition, the condition is the motivating factor for President Donald Trump’s administration to make changes to immigration foreign policy in order to shape a better economy by protecting jobs for US people.

The new immigrant foreign policy by President Trump is an effort to advocate for the American people to have priority access to employment opportunities that illegal immigrants have occupied. President Donald Trump signed a document called Buy American and Hire American Executive Order which is an effort by the President to create higher jobs for US workers and manage the immigration laws stringent. The new US immigration law, which is Buy American and Hire American Executive Order, has a focus on promoting national economic security with the aim of helping economic growth based on the creation of many jobs and decent wages for American workers with the purpose of strengthening support for the American workforce and reducing the flow of illegal immigrant workers (U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, 2020). The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) implemented this new policy by encouraging increased verification of eligibility for all employees who want to work in the country. The instrument used in this program is an electronic verification system called E-VERIFY which is a web-based system where employers can register their employees to confirm eligibility conditions to work in the US as well as eligibility to obtain social security programs provided for foreign workers by the government (Department of Homeland Security and U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, 2020).
President Trump also reformed policies in the H-2B visa program, namely granting access to employers to allow non-migrant workers in non-agricultural services on a temporary, seasonal, and as-needed basis. This action was taken by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to protect the integrity of the H2B visa program which provides 35,000 visas for non-migrant workers or American workers from crimes of fraud and abuse by illegal immigrants (US Department Of Labor, 2020). The reform agenda for foreign policy changes related to illegal immigration carried out by President Donald Trump on the southern border is a domestic economic factor that refers to the general economic development of the country which can be observed through statistical indicators such as the unemployment rate. American workers who have lost their jobs related to the presence of illegal immigrants are a form of weak policy on immigrant controls, thus President Trump is trying to increase again the jobs opportunity for US workers with the aim to fulfill their basic needs.

CONCLUSION

Since the 1800s the United States has implemented a foreign policy of immigration that is relatively free and the most open in the world by accepting hundreds of thousands of immigrants each year from regional and international origins. The movement of incoming immigrants causes the US as the host country to experience an increase in population every year and the duration of their stay is usually more than one year. Immigration foreign policy has always been a priority for every leader who has authority in formulating policies in the US, especially the issue of security on the Southern border of the US. Reform laws and effective programs have been tried to solve the problem of immigrants illegal on the Southern border but based on US Census Bureau in 2017 the amount of immigrants that come is about 45 million people and the domination by illegal immigrants is not fully documented. President Donald Trump after officially taking office as President of the United States, also has a focus on immigration issues at the Southern border.
Since the campaign period, President Trump has seen that the southern border of the United States is in a state of security and humanitarian crisis. Securitization is President Trump’s instrument to make changes to US immigration foreign policy and the approach of this new policy is based on an American First orientation, which is an approach that stresses the protection of the economic and security interests of United States citizens and prioritizing prosperity of American people. Furthermore, various action has been done by President Trump from signing the Executive Order until declared a National Emergency Act to obtain permission from Congress regarding the new immigration policy on establishing security infrastructure that is the construction of a wall along the Southern border.

The securitization actions carried out by President Donald Trump in the context of changing US immigration foreign policy are influenced by two factors, namely international and domestic which have political and economic elements in them. The international political factor is the presence of illegal immigrants that threatens transnational crimes such as smuggling of illegal drugs or drugs, identity theft or illegal immigrants, acts of manipulation of the investment market, theft of money in a market penetration system or in an aggressive manner, terrorism, illegal arms sales, and trade. human beings that impact the national security of the US. The international economic factor is related to the condition of the wage crisis felt by American workers, where low-skilled illegal immigrants have been employed by many American companies with small salaries that has had an impact on reducing the standard of the minimum wage for American workers so that it has hampered American workers who have skills in finding jobs in their homeland.

The political domestic factor is related to fulfilling President Trump’s 2016 campaign promises. The main focus in his work strategy agenda, if he were elected, becomes as President of the United States is the formulated a foreign policy based on the American First approach which prioritizes national security and economic growth, and the immigrants illegal at the Southern border is considered as a trigger in created a security and humanitarian crises at the homeland, thus the construction of border wall is necessary. The
economic domestic factor is related to the presence of illegal immigrants with low skills in the US job market has had an impact on taking jobs from US workers, where the wage rates given to them have directly lowered the standard minimum wage for US workers and American companies also prefer to employ these undocumented immigrants to gain their personal interests thus hampering access for American workers to get jobs in its homeland. Therefore, based on the explanation above, it is clear that international and domestic factors with political and economic elements are the basis for President Donald Trump’s consideration of carrying out securitization to make changes to US immigration foreign policy.

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