



Migration is the movement of people from one locality or country to another whereas immigration is derived from migration and it means the migration of people in a non-native country for the purpose of settlement. Illegal immigration means migrating to a country in such a manner that it violates the immigration laws of the native country (The Free dictionary, 2009).

## Reasons behind Illegal Migration

Several reasons motivate people to migrate to other countries. These driving factors push people towards doing what is illegal and unethical. Several theories related to immigration differentiate between the push and pull factors. Push factors refer to those factors that are responsible for the emigration from one's native country. The most important factor in this regard is the economic factor.

Better wage rates or salaries are the reasons people want to migrate to a particular country. People from poor countries can have better standards of living in developed countries. Escape from poverty is the main motivation of people wanting to migrate towards the developed countries (NIDI/eurostat, 2000). Another reason that can trigger migration is natural hazards and population.

Mostly, immigration under these circumstances is illegal because of the desperation of the people wanting to migrate. Another interesting and new type of immigration is retired people migrating to low-cost countries with suitable climatic conditions such as British people migrating to Spain or Italy and Canadian citizens moving to the state of Florida in USA.

## Justification for Immigration

A number of immigrants justify their desire of wanting to be in a different country for the reasons of better cultural and health standards. A few immigrants also justify the need of immigrating as a form of a protest against the Government in a particular country. However, economic factors are the most important reasons behind people migrating to other countries.

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Sometimes the financial position of a country is so bad that people want to migrate irrespective of the fact that they do it legally or illegally.

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2. [pbs.org](http://pbs.org)

Other factors that push people towards illegal immigration is harassment in whichever form it is Besides harassment, there other reasons such as bullying, domination, ethnic and/or sexual discrimination, war scenarios Political or social unrest in a country is a major driver of refugee flow Other immigrants want to migrate for personal reasons such as desire to be reunited with family or partners

Another personal motivation that may shift a person towards illegal immigration is escape from getting arrested in the native country (Boustan, 2009)

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## Conclusion

As discussed in the paper, economic and social factors are the major reasons pushing people towards illegal immigration. Financial distress in a country and absence of basic necessities of life may drive a person towards a situation where the person doesn't regard illegal immigration as immoral. Similarly, political unrest or civilian war in a country is also an important factor.

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