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### Reading Reflection

DACA stands for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and is a very prominent issue in the news and a hot topic on college campus around America right now including BGSU. Some specifics of the DACA policy as outlined by the Undocumented Student Program at the University of California Berkeley include that you were under 31 years old as of June 15, 2012, you first came to the United States before your 16th birthday, you have lived continuously in the United States from June 15, 2007 until the present, you were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012 and at the time you apply, you came to the United States without documents before June 15, 2012, or your lawful status expired as of June 15, 2012, you are currently studying, or you graduated from high school or earned a certificate of completion of high school or GED, or have been honorably discharged from the Coast Guard or military (technical and trade school completion also qualifies); and, you have NOT been convicted of a felony, certain significant misdemeanors (including a single DUI), or three or more misdemeanors of any kind. Basically these rules point to the fact that these students are not here on accident and they cannot in any way be criminals. They have lived, learned, and been part of this country prior to being accepted into the program. These students jumped through many administrative hoops in order to take up this opportunity and now it is being taken away from them because of the choices of their parents.

Critics of the DACA program all refer back to the idea that DACA is rewarding illegal behavior. Basically, the opposition believes that DACA is an incentive program that causes more illegal immigrants to flock to America. In my opinion, DACA is more reactive than proactive. It does not reward anyone, but instead protects the children that were forced into these situations by the dreams, aspirations, and choices of their parents. President Obama

**Commented [LS1]:** --, remember to use either MLA or APA format for these reflections. If you need a refresher on either formatting system there are some resources available on Canvas in the Resources module.

**Commented [LS2]:** For future reflections you might think about how you could create a title that addresses your content in a unique way.

**Commented [LS3]:** --, I like that you chose a specific issue to focus on in this reflection and are addressing the way it impacts our local community at BGSU as well.

How might you make clearer your claim/perspective that you're using to discuss this issue in your opening paragraph? Even though this is a reflection, including some sort of driving claim or focus can help you deepen your discussion and stay on track.

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proposed DACA as a way of ending the gridlock in congress caused by the Dreamers bill which would basically protect the citizenship of illegal immigrants under the age of 30, DACA was a compromise. The Obama administration realized that instead of focusing on citizenship itself which is controversial to more conservative politicians, they turned their focus to education. DACA guarantees education to these children. DACA is the least America can do to help this minority of people who did not choose to be in this country to still give them a shot at opportunity.

One of the positive pieces to come out of the DACA controversy is the support that these children are getting from the rest of the United States. An example of an amazing effort of philanthropy to save these students right to education is that of the hundreds of CEOs of major tech companies such as Apple, Google, Amazon, and Uber lead by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. These companies came together very quickly after the announcement by Jeff Sessions to start dismantling the DACA program within the next 60 days. Hopefully the efforts of these tech giants can at the very least delay the end of the program with the broad goal of saving DACA all together. This is just one example of the many groups and unions that are coming together to help these students keep their right to education in America.

In my role on campus I serve as an advocate and one of the main lines of defense for these students. Even though BGSU houses approximately six DACA students at this time it is still vital to those people that we as a student body take this issue seriously. I know personally, if I was in that position I would want people to be there to support and help me in my time of need. On college campuses there seems to be a consensus that we all support DACA including the administration and we especially support our international students. I can't imagine what it would be like to feel like Diane Guerrero felt living in America when America had taken so much from her. It's very similar for these students. They have a fear now that their education that they most likely worked very hard to receive is going to be taken from them before they can finish their degrees. A burden like that should never be faced by anyone for it is so stressful to feel like

**Commented [LS5]:** I appreciate the way that you're exploring this topic in depth and considering the political climate/context as well in this paragraph. Are there any conversations from class/texts we read that you might bring in here and/or additional sources/narratives that could help you develop these thoughts? Remember that beyond just facts/your perspective, you want to consider how other perspectives and experiences inform you on this topic.

**Commented [LS6]:** I'd like to see you further develop this connection between DACA/your discussion of DACA and Guerrero here. How do you see them as related/intertwined?

you have no control over something you've worked so hard to have. In my work as USG President I will continue to stand as an advocate for these students and support them in any way that I can. Additionally, BGSU along with all of the public universities in Ohio have come together to fund a lobbying effort in support of DACA in order to get Ohio's senators to do what they can to save it. The issue is that it is not even in the hands of democracy, this is in the hands of the current leader of America, someone who lost the popular vote, and does not condemn the actions of white supremacists and that is why personally I am **worried**.

**Commented [LS7]:** Don't forget to include a Works Cited page with at least the book but also any outside sources you might want to include to help you deepen your analysis and reflection.