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ROUND 2 – March- May, 2006

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- Geoge Cosbuc Bilingual College (RO)
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- Holstebro Friskole (DK)
- Juelsminde Skole (DK)
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- Scoala Centrala (RO)
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- Ocean (Security)
- Midas (Consumption)
- Orion (Immigrants)
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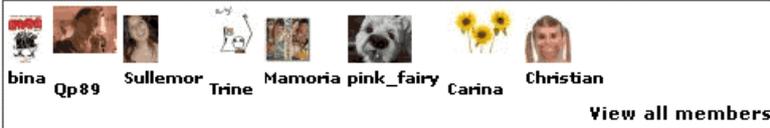
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APOLO – SECURITY

Participating high schools:

- Geoge Cosbuc Bilingual College (RO)
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Articles on country profiles (selection):

Health

Created by: Carina

Editors: Char

In the past starvation was one of the most serious health problems. Today there is still starvation in the poor countries, but in Europe it has turned to the opposite; obesity.

This is what you mostly think of when you hear the word "health", but we would rather talk about the mental health, because it touches the main topic (Security and freedom) better.

Today's Denmark is under a strong influence of the media. This affects the way we think and judge each other. Sometimes it feels like the media is trying to control our minds. It is a big problem, because sometimes the media does not think about the consequences of their comments. They have found out that bad news are selling more than good news, and this have the effect that people are getting scared about things they never were afraid of before.

We hope you will give us a note, so we are possible to hear your opinion too, and that someone will discuss it with us at the forum under "health"

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: Char

Comments on this article:**health ~ education***Written by krokodil on 2006-04-06 20:32:40*

I must add the fact that both AIDS and obesity and many other diseases are the results of a lower interest of the authorities regarding education in schools and public campaigns that will eventual encourage a proper hygiene and nutrition. I, for example, would be glad to work as a volunteer teaching young generation and teenagers how to prevent this illnesses. What do you think girls?

my opinion*Written by Corinutza on 2006-03-28 16:56:39*

My theme is not health, but in my opinion there is more to health problems in Europe than obesity. People in Central and Eastern Europe don't automatically think of obesity when they hear the word "health". No. When I first heard it, AIDS was what first came into my mind, because it is an atrocious disease caused by poverty and inadequate education. Then the bird flu. to my mind it is a worrying aspect which is already affecting Europe, and of which we should be aware, so that we can better protect ourselves from it. Anyway, I liked your article a lot :-)

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE GMF*Created by: vlad*

i somehow knew something about genetically modified food, but i didn't care much about it. to be reasonable and frank, i'm not interested in this, not even after i read something that is considered to be very important. i think that the Americans or any other nations that produce these GMFs are not to blame for the large sale of their products. warnings such as "GMFs produce liver cancer", exactly the way it is done with the cigarettes, are not important. the company knows that smokers or GMF consumers need their products, they label them only to escape suing issues. if they labeled the GMF market, only a small number of buyers would give up eating the elevate mcdonald's, a number too small to take into account. so none of these options would work really good.

i think that education plays a very important role in consuming nouritures of such production. if parents taught their children not to eat mutants, children would know and would apply the same knowledge to their kids and so on. but Americans, the ones that produce the biggest amount of GMF, are a nation to pity, because they not only produce them, but also sell them to other countries. and we all know how other nations react to a new American product, after its advertisement looks so well. they buy the trend and adopt it. the Americans adopted it, too. they are on this constant search for things that would make their lives easier. standing in front of the TV set is too important to argue with. so why not buy a 3 kg tomatoes and not go out for the rest of the week to buy some more natural 70 grams tomatoes ?! it's so true. but the fact that we all adopt the lifestyles of other nations is not to beneficial after all... i hope you got my message. some nations are smarter, some other are too dumb to think for themselves. and they live with this stigmat still.

*Last edited 29.03.2006 by: vlad***Media, media and more media***Created by: Corinutza*

Media in Romania? Well, there are a couple of issues with this. The Romanian media is to my mind subjected to a series of problems. I strongly doubt whether the media not only in Romania, but worldwide as well is totally free as it ought to. It is supposed to objectively inform the individual and to play a major role in the society, but how often does this really happen?

Firstly, we are more often than not bombed with useless information regarding scandals and overnight born celebrities, which do us no good. In my opinion they do nothing but keep us busy and distract us from the real problems of the society. What does it concern me if I don't know what obscure singer or actor/actress married I don't know who or suffered I don't know what implant? It really is none of my business, nor that of the other readers/viewers.

In addition to this, when writing or showing real disasters going on in the world, the media exaggerates in their dramatism, all

in search of audience, and of course money. They play too much on the psychological effect on the target consumer. They know exactly how the people will react and they take advantage of it. I think this is a regrettable aspect of the media nowadays, because it leads to its most important flaw: manipulation.

So, we've come to the core of the problem. Anyone having sufficient money and influence can "buy" the media. There are too few journalists who would actually refuse offers from the wealthy people of the moment, too few who place greater importance on ethics than on money, on the righteous information of the masses than on their own wallet.

So, despite the fact that we do need the media to keep us in touch with what is going on around us, and though information is one of the most important merchandises of our day, I strongly believe that the media is in many respects flawed and has gone a long way from its initial purpose.

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: Corinutza

education or maybe not

Created by: letmibimi

it seems that it gets harder and harder to evolve in a certain society without the luxury of a proper education. society looks at us as pawns on a board and treats us accordingly. we are like a second rate smoke from a cheap cigar... all we do is make people turn their heads away.

i mean, sure, just because you don't have a piece of paper that shows clearly that you attended a university or something like that it's hell trying to find a job or even get someone to listen to you. i'm not saying that education isn't important but, and there is a but, the world doesn't revolve around it. there are many people who made something of their lives without education and they're all dandy. take our beloved president for example, a simple redneck that through hard work and perseverance became the president of a country. not many people can achieve that. everyone says things about him because he didn't attend a higher education than the 10th grade but i mean he went through the school of life.

education is important, but don't let it change the way you think or see the world.

that's about all i have to say, i just hope you got my drift and that you don't think i'm a complete idiot

:)

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: letmibimi

how to get the best out of religion

Created by: bushman

Considering the events that happened in the last few years... when a conversation is started about security in the shadow of religion.. just about everybody starts thinking about terrorism, muslims and of course the 9 11 attack. whereas it is true that those actions are weighing heavily on today's times... the issue that I want to discuss is the political profit out of religion in connection with security.

For the more educated people, religion is a great fountain of profit. And everybody is taking a sip from it. Looking back in history, we can easily see that wars were started on religious grounds. Nations declared war to: "protect the true religion, the weak and the oppressed". it has stopped being a system of values and beliefs and mutated into a weapon..a reason for evil. it is quite interesting, if i may say so, that humanity has taken its greatest weapon against immorality and turned it into the greatest motive to start a war. in which the real motives are far from noble...nothing but greed can be found.

It is true that by natural instincts humans tend to fight and leaders can't afford to be kind to other countries when entire nations are at stake. They must be ruthless and greedy. the only way in which a nation can rise above the others is only by stepping on the weaker ones.

Out of all systems of governing tried by all countries in history.. democracy is not perfect. not by far... but is the only one that is trying to get better. it is easy to work it towards a better system. in other words, it is the most perfectible and the sole

reason for this statement is that it is in constant evolution. while communism was stagnating.

We are living in a world of double meanings and religion is, was if we think about the inquisition, and most of all will be a weapon, a motive to destroy security, to manipulate rather than to inspire peace and illuminate the minds of the ignorants.

Last edited 22.03.2006 by: bushman

Comment on this article:

Very interesting approach

Written by Corinutza on 2006-03-28 16:48:55

I found your perspective on religion extremely original. it is seen from a conspicuous standpoint. it is very ok to see things otherwise than the others and i personally appreciated your article a lot--it kept me reading, which few things do. however, maybe there is a bright side to religion as well, and it is always better to see both sides, not to be biased. try to think of the good that the church has done--maybe there is such thing as well.

Leisure

Created by: nixi

In England we have a major leisure industry. We tend to somewhat rely on our leisure industry.

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: nixi

Legislation

Created by: Uhrenholt

Denmark is a small and in many cases overlooked country. We dont have much to say in international affairs and we dont have an army that is even close to be taking into consideration for anyone as a threat.

When you look at Denmark as a country you wouldnt be able to see why anyone would want to do any terrorism here or in any way try to scare the Danish population with terror acts.

Still the events at the september 11th 2001 scared many people in Denmark and the Danish government felt that they had to take action so keep the Danish people safe. In order to do this they made the Anti Terror package. This is a law that ensures that the government can take action if they discover terrorists or a terror action takes place and be able to keep an eye on some persons if they could be considered a threat without violating their privacy.

Denmark is in many ways a difficult coutry to get into as a foreigner, because of all the laws that the Danish governments has set down to prevent any terrorists to migrate into the country and in that way present a threat to the Danes.

After the resent case about the Muhammed Drawings many Danish people have begun to fear a possible terror attack on Denmark and therefore many think that the government should have taken action and that we should have some sort of progress in defending our country from inside.

Before 9/11 we thought we were invulnerable in the west but we have been forced to knowing that this is a dream picture.

Even thou the chances of a terror attack are very small in our eyes then so was the chance of terrorists bringing down the twin towers. Some day someone may bring a bomb into the subway or a school and what will we do then? Knowingly that we could have done something to prevent friends, family, children from getting killed by some act of revenge. Revenge for something they had nothing to do with.

In my opinion we have to find the money to educate our fireworkers, doctors, police and the like to handle such a situation. We may not be able to prevent its happening but we sure are able to make sure we can handle the situation.

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: uhrenholt

Comment on this article:

what I think

Written by blueyes on 2006-03-29 13:53:32

I believe that what you think is not only selfish, but very mature. It is very hard to find teenagers who are concerned with their

country's situation and future and I admire this at you. Hopefully, there will come a day in which children will not fear for their lives or country.

Is the Romanian education system a good one or not?

Created by: pink_fairy

I think it's pretty obvious that because I'm a student I'm very interested in the educational system of my country, so I'll spare you of the useless comments and get right to the point.

To begin with, I'll give a short description on Romania's educational system. Firstly children go to kindergarten then at the age of 6-7 years they practically start school. There are numerous stages: primary school (1 to 4th grade), secondary school (5 to 8th grade), high school (9 to 12th grade) and college. The first 10 grades are obligatory and free (Pupils are offered free books). Now, to get into high school you have to pass an exam called CAPACITATE (but for the final mark, besides the exam marks, you also take into consideration your grades from the 5-8th grade), and to graduate from it you have to pass another exam BACALAUREAT (BAC for short). Reaching this point, if you want to attend college you have to pass another exam organized by that college. On the whole this is what we Romanian students have to go through.

It's complicated, I know. But there are good things that come out of it. For example we learn a little about everything. We know maths, economics, religion, history, geography, literature (Romanian and other), foreign languages (English, German, French, Spanish, and Latin), music, plastic arts and we also practise sports – personally, I have 18 subjects at school. We are also given scholar ships consisting in money, free college and others.

There are also some “bugs” in the system. For instance because all the grades we receive are important there is a permanent hunt for them. Some students even turn to cheating for a good mark. Although you might say that we should learn daily just imagine how hard it is to prepare 18 subjects when every professor consider that his subject is the most important and you have loads of homework that you don't even have time to take care of yourself. Moreover, knowing so many things in different areas make it difficult to choose a career. A lot of students my age do not have a clue on what to choose as a future career. We also do not have enough practises and too much theory. What is worst, in my opinion, is that the ministry is always changing the system and they are “testing” it on us students.

In conclusion, I'm not very satisfied with the present educational system but I appreciate the efforts of the ministry of education. I'm optimistic and I think that one day Romanian's educational system will improve considerable.

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: pink_fairy

Comments on this article:

Comment on Education-arti

Written by laura on 2006-03-21 10:07:46

Hi pink_fairy

We have just read your article about the Romanian education system.

It is fun to read about your problems and we do perfectly understand your situation.

Sometime we fell like we are having a hard time, but when we read about you taking 18 classes! Sometimes we wish to have only two themes in each semester – but that just have to remain in the dream world.

Our minister of education wants us to get through the system as quick as possible. That is really a problem, because not many at our age, knows what they would like to do afterwards. In stead of using the resources on guiding us through, they cut down on our SU (an account of money that helps us through during higher education – an alternative to children's allowance).

When they force us to choose our way so quickly, they only end up with a bunch of confused young people who has made the wrong choice and does not know them self.

We will be back with more, next lesson.

Love, Lene and Laura.

Whoa...

Written by Wulff on 2006-03-21 09:56:48

I've gotta hand it to you... 18 subjects sounds like a damned big workload. The danish system really doesn't seem so rough anymore. Do you have to pay for high school and college?

must be very hard work

Written by Yuki on 2006-03-21 09:52:19

hello.. the romanian shcool system sounds very difficult.. It must be very hard to go in a romanian highschool.. I wouldnt say the Danish school system is so hard.. and you have 18 subjects.. wow thats a lot subjects.. well hope to talk more with you..
Yuki and Tanja

hi

Written by hildur on 2006-03-21 09:48:23

even though our subject is not education, we could not help wondering; Do you pay for an education at the university?

Comment

Written by Trine on 2006-03-21 09:47:33

We think it's interesting to know something about your education system. 18 subjects is quite a lot. You really must have a lot of homework.

Here in Denmark we have about 10 subjects each, in high-school.

How do you spend your sparetime? Is it possible for you to have any hobbies? Does everybody have 18 subjects? whats the minimum number of subjects you must have?

Please visit our article about Security and Housing in Denmark due to the 12 drawings of the prophet Muhammed.

Please write a comment

From
Trine & Christian

PLUTO – CONSUMPTION

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- "our proposal" is rated: **Good 3.2**
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- "Help for ghettos" is rated: **Very good 3.7**
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- "Surveillance" is rated: **Good 2.8**
- "Finished Health in Denmark proposal" is rated: **Good 2.9**
- "Proposal - law and legislation" is rated: **Good 2.5**
- "Proposal" is rated: **Okay 2.3**
- "Proposal from a dreamer" is rated: **Very good 4.0**
- "We should care more about our future" is rated: **Very good 4.0**
- "All for Earth and Earth for all" is rated: **Very good 3.5**
- "A hundred years" is rated: **Very good 4.2**
- "Our Home." is rated: **Very good 4.0**

Proposals:

proposal for the [EU]

Created by: Laura

By Laura and Mads, Proposal for the EU

As a member country of the European Union you are a part of a bigger fellowship where laws are passed which have an effect on parts of our political system. You can say that you are a part of a larger community, where some common laws and rules for different kinds of things apply in the countries of the EU.

One of the most noticeable consequences of the membership in the EU are the decided agreements and rules for the import and eksport of mutual and between non member countries. That is a thing which effects a lot of people. Therefore it is important that the people in the member countries are informed about the consequences of being a part of EU before they vote for even more common rules and laws.

We find the whole EU thing difficult for the common european citizen to understand and it is hard to get an idea of what really happens in Bruxelles.

Therefore our proposals for an improved EU are:

- More social studies about the EU through the whole educational system
- Compulsory exchange between the schools in Europe, so the knowledge about the member countries improves.
- A simplification of the informations about the whole bureaucratic system in EU, so the common european citizen has an idea of what is going on, politically and on other general matters that goes on across the countries.
- And besides that more social and creative activities, for example workshops for young people that deal with the consequences of being a member of a larger union.

Last edited 05.04.2006 by: laura

Health in Denmark

Created by: Jeppe

Here is my proposal for changes of the Danish health environment.

Firstly I think we a law should be past to ensure good working conditions in firms, schools and government councils.

Every institution should take care of their employies.

Right after that, should healtheducation braught into school form the early years. And teachers should have a special education on the health area.

The way to do it could be started by serving healthy food in every cantin, set the prises on healthy food a level below the unhealthy.

Last edited 03.04.2006 by: jeppe

Help for ghettos

Created by: andrea

We would like to suggest that we help the ghettos and mix people so we could be a society where all people are together and not spilt up between religions or races.

To make that suggestion come true we will propose that in the most troubled areas jobs are provided to enable citizens to move around more freely. The areas could be made more attractive for high income groups by town planning and new facilities. Also building sports facilities and efficient transport etc.

Last edited 05.04.2006 by: andrea

Finished Health in Denmark proposal*Created by: Jeppe*

Hello, I have written the proposal about Health in and please read this one because i have put my two proposals togheder so that you could read it in one long proposal. Thank you...

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- Set the prises on healthy food a level below the unhealthy.
- Make campains for good and heathy food.
- Get people with knowlegde about health and let them talk to and for schoolchirdren. So the can pass some of their knowlegde on to the young generation.
- Make tv-programs for young peopke, where they inform about health and healthcare.

*Last edited 06.04.2006 by: jeppe***Proposal from a dreamer***Created by: moonchild*

Proposal for the labour market

I think the biggest responsibility in improving the labour market in the world regards entirely the Governments. There are different possibilities in how to resolve the issues which affect the welfare of our world, like:

1. Creating organizations to guide the teenagers who finish the faculties in choosing the most adequate jobs for their preparation and also show them that they can have a future in their country, too, and that emigration isn't always the solution.
2. Providing people with more and diverse places to work. This can also include re-opening of some factories(at least in Romania) and investing more money in agriculture, industry and tourism.
3. For people who want to emigrate, the Government should try and make deals with some corporations from outside to guarantee the jobs for a certain part of them. This way it will be more popular and maybe attract people to come back and invest money in their country.
4. Making deals with companies from inside can be a solution for unemployment. Many poor people should be offered jobs in factories who produce sweets, clothes, plastics, etc. I know the salary wouldn't be high but at least it will help some people get pass the day.
5. For those who deliberately don't want to work and prefer begging, there should be imposed taxes so as to make them choose to do something with their lives.

I am sure that if adopted these actions won't make everything better and everyone happy but from where I stand it will definety improve many lives. And as long as our lives, the lives of our parents, of our friends, of the people we meet in the tram or at every corner and that put their mark on our actions and feelings are better I know that perfection is just one step away.

*Last edited 10.04.2006 by: moonchild***We should care more about our future***Created by: Monica*

We all know that the Earth resources will someday end, but still, people seem to do absolutly nothing about that issue.

Although we complain a lot, no actions have been done in order to prolong the planet's existence. We are all consumers but we should have found by now a way to assure not only our lives but our future generations' life as well. In my opinion, the way we can escape wars based on global resources is trying to equalize the amount of resources used in every country so we can all have the same chances. Although some countries have more resources than others we should think about the welfare of all the people in the world and not only in our country. Globalization has opened the mind of a lot of people concerning technology and new ideas of life, of a healthier and longer life appeared in people's minds and so new ways of continuing life on Earth were born. For example the energy from the Sun, waves and wind is starting to substitute the use of petrol and other resources that are coming to an end. Before the human race becomes extinct we should do our best to take advantage of the never-ending resources instead of using the ones we have already used for years and that will not last forever.

Last edited 10.04.2006 by: Monica

All for Earth and Earth for all

Created by: Shtrumph

The problem of over-consumption concerns not only European countries, but also every other country in the world. We face, indeed, a serious threat that, ironically, we brought upon ourselves.

In my personal opinion, it isn't a problem that can be solved with words. I'm sure everybody is aware that they can help preserve our planet with simple actions, like recycling. This, however, at its present low level, doesn't seem to make a difference and help our planet's "lungs", the woods.

The simple fact is that, though people have found ways to use other types of energy (like solar, wind or wave energy), instead of wearing out our planet's resources, not many people or countries actually take advantage of those scientific breakthroughs.

So just stating that people should recycle more and that governments should get more involved isn't going to make a difference. Maybe encouraging these things, by placing more recycling containers in cities and investing more money in helping save our planet and its resources (instead of wasting precious time, money and, more importantly, lives, on fighting over them) would, somehow, make a difference.

Over-consumption is a serious problem, not a joke, and shouldn't be treated otherwise. Recycling should win more popularity and be encouraged more. Why not use prizes to mobilize people in helping our planet survive? Also, collection centres for recycling should be multiplied and perhaps every institution ought to organize itself by structuring a more efficient recycling system.

Moreover, at a much larger scale, money should be invested in scientific research concerning new ways of using other types of inexhaustible energy in our day-to-day lives. New inventions, such as cars using solar energy, should be available to the large public at a normal price. Money obviously shouldn't be an issue when dealing with the imminent problem of self-destruction. Countries should help themselves help the Earth and any type of differences should be forgotten when it comes to the survival of our home, the third planet from the Sun.

"Nothing is lost, everything is transformed"

states the law of matter. So let's work together and help transform matter in a good way.

Last edited 10.04.2006 by: shtrumph

A hundred years

Created by: Malex

If we analyze the past century you will think that we are heading to self-destruction and so on and so forth:))....if you take a closer look you will discover the first satellite sent in space, the first rocket in space, the first steps on the moon, the first look and touch of Mars, the first computer. You will find a century of fast development. Why?...because these disasters (the past wars) taught us different things: 1. we can't conquer the world: it doesn't belong to no one 2. we can't conquer it's people by power...but we can borrow them with goodwill (apparent or not) 3. the best team wins That is why we are not heading to self-destruction but to success. Everyone is trying to become the best...it's quite simple, in my opinion. And you are weak alone but we are strong together, this is why we are better inside the UE, together, than outside, alone. The worst problem in this growing world aren't wars (after wars comes peace) or ending of resources (well...it might be a problem :P) but communication. If we don't know the problems we can't solve them....so communicate and don't worry there is an answer for each and every problem you only have to search.

Last edited 08.05.2006 by: Malex

Our Home.

Created by: tudor

The problem of over-consumption and globalisation is a very serious one. We are slowly but surely killing our planet and also threatening our health. The planet cannot survive the way we consume and we should start taking measures right away. I think that protecting our planet should be one of the main priorities for the political and global leaders and for all people. Everybody could help and even the smallest of efforts from each end everyone of us could mean very much. Things like recycling or protecting the forests, planting a tree are something everybody could do. I know it isn't much, but it would be a start. Everywhere I look in my home city, Bucharest, all I see is concrete. There are too little green spaces and parks. And, ironically, there are more and more things being built. I have seen a lot of gas stations cramed between blocks and everywhere possible instead of using those spaces as something useful and that wouldn't threaten the peoples' lives. Also, there are a lot of trees and forests that are being cut in order to make room for new constructions. Now, besides what citizens and ordinary people can do, here is something for the businessmen and scientists. Their efforts should go into finding alternate methods of power supplies and investing in them. Things like: wind power, wave power and solar power. Because soon the Earth's resources are going to end and there will be a war over the last natural resources. I think nothing is impossible. If we can't let aside our differences and fight not for money and power, but for our planet, our home, the things that we love, if we can't even do that then we deserve it and there is nothing worth saving in this world.

Last edited 08.05.2006 by: tudor

Articles on country profiles (selection):

Education

Created by: Birch

Statens Pædagogiske Forsøgscenter

Statens Pædagogiske Forsøgscenter or The National Innovative Centre For General Education is our school's name. It is a normal school for normal kids, but very different from other schools. In our school we work a lot more project orientated. Pupils attend SPF for 3 or 2 years. In Denmark almost all education is free, and that's very nice if you for example come from a poor family, you can still have an opportunity for good education. In the Danish education system they think that you should be finished as quickly as possible. One of the new bills in the education system is about, if you are educated before you turn 29 years of age, the state will take 1.000 kr. (98£) a month from their grant.

Last edited 06.04.2006 by: birch

Security under surveillance?

Created by: Asti

By Asti Gudmander, Denmark.

In My opinion this topic is a big dilemma, which is very relevant in this time. I think it is difficult to make a choice, but in this article, I will try to tell about my thoughts.

In 1948 George Orwell wrote a novel called "1984". It describes a society dominated by supervision televisions. The concept of "Big Brother" was invented in this story. Today this concept reminds me of the television program that is called the same. The idea with this program is to watch five to ten peoples' lives 24-7. They have to solve some problems and do some jobs, decided by a team, that will try to test personal limits of the participants, so that the whole country is entertained and – ultimately – to earn a lot of money. People are piggish and that is also why people can't behave well outside the TV program, in 'the real world'. In fact this topic is about which values the individual human in a society weights. If people tried to be good and be of use to their society, there would be no problems like this; people break in, people vandalise both private and public ground, people steal. When these problems take place, the government has to intervene and it influences everyone in the

society concerned. People constantly feel the distrust and it is unfair.

Then – when people know, that they are suspected – the thoughts about crimes will quickly change; when they feel suspected, they sense committing a crime more legally.

I think it is bad that people are jealous of each other. It's partly because of the higher – and still rising – standard. We are in the middle of a bad circle that is very hard to stop. I wondered if we could make the people that commit these crimes stop, so that everyone could be happier living in this world. What we do now is just register that we've got a problem and then try to stop it by surveillance – that makes the involved people more piggish and makes the group of criminals bigger. What has to be done is to go a step backwards, trying to solve the problem in a human way. It is about giving people values in life. Then we could all live beside each other in peace. Now we are heading for a world where everyone suspects each other. It will be just the start of total surveillance - like Big Brother.

Last edited 06.04.2006 by: Asti

Labour market

Created by: morena

I think the Danish labour market needs more creative and innovative workers. The way to get these workers is by having an open and varied society where immigrants are more welcome than they are at present here in Denmark.

Denmark has to be a more dynamic society and allow people to develop. For example it is a good idea if the government would give more economic support to entrepreneurs with new ideas and thoughts that could turn out in a positive way for Denmark in the end, but are hard to realize without money.

For some time now, there have been serious cut-backs in the education area. If the government could give more money to the universities so people can get an education people would see the effects on the labour market as well. The more well-educated people are, the better they are able to do their job, and if they get energy and engagement by doing that, they may invent new and easier ways to do it.

It is very important that not only the brain is used. The workers need to be physically in good shape as well. That will improve the quality of their work, because their mind and body are very tightly connected.

Besides obesity and other health problems that we can avoid by giving workers an opportunity to do physical activities at their jobs, there will also be less psychological illness like for example stress.

These following areas are where we ought to spend our money:

- Education in a creative way based on knowledge
- The entrepreneurs and innovation
- The health of the workers

Alisia O

Last edited 05.04.2006 by: morena

Health in Denmark

Created by: Jeppe

In Denmark we are very concerned about health, healthy food, healthy work positions. But the politicians says golden words about how we are suppose to live, and what we can do to change our way of living. But nothing ever goes from the stage of thoughts to an act. I personally thinks that its because of the politicians are afraid of what the voters might do if they make the great move.

Actually we are a very sportsloving contry. 1.3 million people in denmark are member of one kind of sportsclub. Thats is 1/5 of all te people in Denmark. but even that don't stop the growing problem with overweight children and adults. I think one og the big reasons that we in Denmark just becomes more and more fat are that the good life are modern. To live with good food and a nice car, and a club where you meet every sunday and eat good food are in these days what the happy life are about.

It is a matter of change in livestyl. But when all that is toled, I altsou should tell you that companies in Denmark the last cupple of years have gone through a huge development on the human receourse area. Still Denmark are a lot behind Sweden, Belgium and England. I've just made a projekt in school, where my job was to make a firm. I made a firm who was specialiced in health. So all in all Denmark is a healthy contry who are on it's way towards become an unhealthy country with serious social health problems. But i am shure that we, before we reach the eatch, make the right moves, so that we don't get a overweight epedemi in Denmark.

Last edited 30.03.2006 by: jeppe

Religion In Denmark

Created by: BigMamma

In Denmark we have the right to choose our own religion because we have got a thing called "freedom of worship". Each individual can decide if they want to be spiritual and believe in religions like Hinduism and Buddhism, but they can also be a member of the big world religions like Christianity, Islam, Judaism and so on. Beside freedom of worship, we have the right to express ourselves eventhough it can make some people very angry, that is called: Freedom of speech. Here is an example; in September a Danish newspaper showed a caricature drawing of the Islam prophet, Muhammed. If it had been show in a Muslim newspaper, the Muslims would have punished the cartoonist and the newspaper with death penalties. Although the drawing was show in the Danish newspaper, the gossip got to the Muslims very fast. So three month after the paper was published, the MiddelEast was extremely upset about the situation and how the Danish people could insult and show disrespect to the Islamic religion. Of the Islam religion has a very powerful influences on the Muslims, in their everyday life. The way they think, the way they live, the way they decorate their houses, the clothes they wear, the food they eat, and the way the male dominates women in the society - For us Danes, this is unnatural. A Danish boy told a Muslim boy that he would burn the Koran - a couple of days later the whole middleeast knew. Then the Muslims started to insult our Prime Minister and burn pictures of him. They burned the Danish flag and attacked our embassy building. How can they be so immoral to say that we can't burn down any of the things that they believe in, and tell us that we dishonor them by making a drawing - but that they are allowed to insult us in every possible way by burning down the things that we are attached to, how is it possible for us to understand? We have done any physical damage to the believers of Islam. We think that it was wrong to publish the drawing, but we also think that the Muslims have to respect freedom of speech, especially the Muslims who live in Denmark. We think that they have to accept that our country is different and that they have to live by our law, as every other human in Denmark.

In Denmark we do not follow one specific religion, you can choose any religion you want to believe in. A new religion called New Age has come to Denmark. And it's becoming more popular amongst the Danes. New Age describes a process, where people find their own way of believing and their own truth - eventually it is believed that truths exist. Religion is gradually becoming individualized, and in some cases, it might be more about finding yourself, than finding a god.

Maja & Augusta

Last edited 03.04.2006 by: bigmamma

Rural to urban switch

Created by: Baz

My main interest is how the labour market affects the English agricultural society.

In England the agriculture has changed drastically over the past 40 years in that there aren't as many jobs on offer with more jobs available for people to work in the city and to earn a better wage, this is largely the result of mechanisation with the introduction of large mechanical beasts to do the work of many men because on a farm that once had 12 labourers now has 2 average sized tractors with 2 operators.

40/50 years ago there were no such things as a office life as most people had to work in the engineering industry building ships, motor vehicles and building houses but now people don't want to do manual labour as they have the chance to opt for the 'easy' life and work behind a desk being paid tens of thousands for pen pushing, as you might be able to tell I don't like the city, the city jobs and I'm not too keen on city boffins who come to the country and try to tell us how to live our lives and what we can do to make more money because they really don't have a clue about what they are saying as most of them only

know what they have seen on the television or in books.

The only way to know how to make a living in the countryside is to of actually lived in the country!

The labour market seems to be encouraging the urbanisation of the countryside and people taking city jobs rather than staying in the country as in the EU there is surplus land and produce therefore there is no need for farming in England when it is cheaper to be grown in other countries and that is giving the green light for farm land to be turn in to housing estate and offices. It may be seen as a good thing but what about the people who have grown up living, breathing and working the rural landscapes of England.

The labour market no matter how much they say it don't actually care about the country as they would rather have a land full of offices and high rise flats but for many men and women the arable and pastoral land of the countryside is their office and why should they change that

Last edited 30.03.2006 by: baz

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Proposals:

Nick's proposal

Created by: Nick

Hey guys,

Improvement of immigrants and refugees integration to our countries is vital in solving the problems of Europe and Africa. By training refugees/immigrants they can become part of our society, though doing this they may better their lives and help bolster our rapidly disipating workforce.

However this will cause unrest in society, we must educate people to understand the needs of our own countries and moreover the needs of those people trying to reach Europe in hope of a better life.

The vast number of people trying to get into Europe from Africa is simply one we can not support. Because of this reason we must not only try to integrate those who successfully make to Europe into our societys but also to improve the conditions in the Countries they so despritley want to leave behind.

One issue that has proven to be effective recently is the rise of fair trade products which we must realise is the future of retail. It may be a difficult thing to do but we must put our hands in our pockets and buy products that are ethically sound. The introduction of fair trade T-shirts and jeans into the UK recently give me great hope that this process is already in motion but must continue to grow.

This is certainly not a issue that is easy to solve, or one that can be solved overnight, but i believe by welcoming + training immigrants, buying fair trade products and governments of the West making more effort than ever before to improve the quality of life in Africa we can ensure a better Africa and a better Europe.

Last edited 08.02.2006 by: Nick

Comments on this proposal:

Self Determination!!

Written by rfjc on 2006-03-01 23:30:55

the issue I take with this is proposal is immigration, why we feel we need to jam in countless more people into an already over-crowded country like is beyond me. We have a perfectly capable (if a bit reluctant) labour force already here!

The jobs which immigrants in the UK tend to do are usually low skilled and low paid, rather than finding new people to do the dirty jobs we should encourage the already jobless population to do them by removing the social stigma and reducing the incentives of not working (destroying the dependancy culture).

I accept that this is a bit idealistic and not inclusive of skilled workers but the concept of mobilising the idle and lazy rather than sucking in more people to service them appeals to me greatly.

Good, but...

Written by Ned on 2006-02-25 23:13:19

I agree with what you say, but there aren't any real concrete proposals here. What kind of legislation do we need to form? Depending on people to reach into their pockets for fair trade simply isn't enough; people are too selfish as a whole.

fair trade

Written by Nick on 2006-02-22 18:23:18

i take your point on fair trade but we can never legislate that we will only import fair trade - not everyone is prepared to put their hand in their pocket to help others and the government would never get the support to pass such a bill. also making it all fair trade does not go along with market process and would cause other problems in itself

Pointless

Written by joeb on 2006-02-22 15:44:04

To me this proposal is bit toothless, it's ok well-informed, middle class people like us buying fair trade but if it's going to make

an impact we have to legislate that all imports are fair trade (of course with price controls so the economy doesn't suffer though) It is the key issue for immigration though.

Spelling

Written by samh on 2006-02-12 17:21:34

Sounds good to me...

The spelling mistake was obviously vital in the correct reading of it...nothing made sense until i knew it wasn't spelt wrong

Spelling correction :S

Written by Nick on 2006-02-08 20:12:04

missed out the "r" in through (second paragraph), i know this is a bit pedantic but i just wanted to make sure it made sense

Internet Controls

Created by: joeb

I'm sure everybody has seen in the news recently the co-operation of western corporations, such as Google, with the Chinese regime in helping to filter pro-democracy content. I thought this was awful, but it got me thinking about whether we couldn't employ a similar system here to help control unacceptable ideas in our society.

Most paedophilia is conducted online, the July 7 bombers used Internet chatrooms to meet other terrorists and suicide websites have encouraged self-harm in many countries. If a European watchdog could monitor Internet activity against a passport/ID card number couldn't this be stopped? If any illegal activity is happening, the relevant ID code could be passed on to local police to investigate. This could really help to prevent the attacks on children and terrorist atrocities.

I realise some people will have a natural civil liberties concern, but names and addresses would only be requested when the law has been breached.

What does everybody else think?

Last edited 24.02.2006 by: joeb

Comments on this proposal:

No way!

Written by dark_angel on 2006-03-02 20:55:45

It's impossible to make all bad things go away. It's not a solution to control the internet. You just have to teach people to control their kids. and hope that no terrorists plan something over the net.

Get off of my internet

Written by peck on 2006-02-25 23:24:56

Horrible, no thanks. Would reading articles on Ruhollah Khomeini, Osama bin Laden or Heroin (3 of my last searches on wikipedia) label me some drug taking terrorist? Would i receive a polite phone call from MI5 or perhaps a raid.

Children can be educated to stop paedophiles succeeding online, and if someone is so keen to blow something up in the name of their religion, they'll probably find some way around these "internet controls"...

In conclusion, horrible. Sorry.

Sorry to be negative...

Written by Ned on 2006-02-25 23:06:25

It pains me to give you a 'poor', but wow...

I mean, consider the sheer cost of implementing this system. Who would foot the bill?

This would mean anything you said, anywhere on the internet, could be traced to you, not necessarily by the correct authorities either. Another nail in the coffin of freedom of speech.

It just seems a little too much like thought control, no better than the current system in China. I don't deny it would be good in the "war on terror" (i hate that phrase, how can you declare war on something so abstract? Besides, war creates terrorism), but just imagine how easily such a system could be abused.

Articles on country profiles (selection):

Romania, not as bad as it seems

Created by: dachim

Since early times, cultures and countries have been influenced by new-comers or early forms of immigrants. They have shaped (and continue to do so) the country's religion, culture, tradition and recently, education.

Immigrants & education

Following the Geneva Convention of 1991, Romania has proved being a welcoming place for asylum, at least from the educational point of view: according to the official statistics, 884 children from other countries were enrolled in compulsory education in the school year 2002-2003.

Since the UDHR (Universal Declaration of Human Rights, established on December 10th 1948), that stated the universal right to education, every country has secured the schooling of immigrants or refugees. For example, in Romania, according to the Governmental Ordinance 102/2000, refugees may participate in primary and lower secondary education (compulsory education).

Connecting & exchanging through education

The Romanian Constitution stipulates, other than the right to education (art 32), the right of national minorities to use their mother tongue in education and religious freedom.

Moreover, the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth, in association with the National Office for Refugees, made it possible for immigrants to take Romanian language courses, free of charge. But don't get the wrong idea! It's not an attempt to make everybody the same, as the children of immigrants have the possibility of shedding their mother tongue and culture of the country of origin, this enabling education to transform into a more diversified background.

Last edited 06.04.2006 by: dachim

Health services for immigrants in Romania

Created by: Buffy

In Romania, there are no health programs for the immigrants, but if they are employees of a company that has its quarters in the country, they benefit of a health insurance that covers a great majority of their medical costs, due to the taxes they pay for the state. This medical insurance can be made with the state through the immigrant's job, or with a specific company that provides health services, for example INTERAMERICAN. One can even make an insurance that, in case of a disease that needs treatment which cannot be covered by his personal economies, steps in and pays all the necessary costs. This extra insurance pays even for not very common tests, which are only performed in case of an uncommon disease.

For accessing all these services, the immigrant has to be registered at a General Practitioner (GP), in order to receive a certain certificate that proves the fact that he needs to be tested. Afterwards he presents himself to the hospital with the certificate, asking, at the registration room, details about the doctor he needs to consult. Then he has to go to the emergency room, where the doctor in charge will consult him and then send him to have blood tests done, and according to the results, send him to the appropriate specialist. Here, he will receive attentive medical care, and a prescription with the treatment he needs, in case of an easy treatable disease.

To sum up, in order to have a medical insurance in Romania, an immigrant has to have a stable job for a company or for the

state, by which health insurance is automatically provided, a contract with the House of Insurance and a GP that can roughly determine which hospital best suits his needs and that provides free of charge consultations.

Last edited 30.03.2006 by: Buffy

Labour market

Created by: Henriette

In Denmark there are about 5,3 million people, out of which 5 % are immigrants from non-western countries. The unemployment rate for the entire country is 6,2 %. 46 % of the immigrants from non-western countries do not have a job, that means that 120.000 immigrants are unemployed.

40% of the job-seeking immigrants have felt discriminated against because of their ethnicity. Some immigrants are qualified to a good job in Denmark but because of their ethnic names and looks, the employers will not hire them.

There are those who feel like they have to change their ethnic name to more western sounding name. One of them is the Iranian-born Estandyar Pourkhomami, who after he had written 300 job-applications did not even get to a job-interview and that is why he changed his name to William Wilhelmsen. After that he was called in for several job interviews but he never got a job because of his ethnic look he says. After the article was released in a newspaper called "Politiken" William finally got his long wanted job.

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: Henriette

Health 1.3

Created by: Camilla

Healthcare system in Denmark gives every citizen a good and secure service if needed. The only bad thing about this system is that it makes our taxes fairly high. This encourages some people to cheat with their taxes, amongst other by moonlighting. This is a very bad idea because later on, it will come back to haunt them, and if everybody does this kind of work, the system will break down. So it's a completely selfish action.

The healthcare system covers many areas; Dental care, hospital stays and operation and doctors, receipts for medicine is free, but if you need a medical statement you have to pay a small fee.

A major problem is that most immigrants don't feel secure about the system. First of all, they don't understand that they have to pay over their taxes, if they are not sick at the moment. Also, the women won't go to the doctor, or the gynaecologist, if it is a man.

Lack of Vitamin-D is another frequent problem amongst immigrants. Especially for the women, because a cot of them, almost completely, cover their bodies. This blocks out the sunlight, which is what activates the productions of vitamin-D.

A suggestion, from Danish hospital chaplain, Tom Kjær, is that Danish doctors study a little bit about Islam. This should help to ensure better communication and less misunderstanding, which could otherwise offer the treatment negatively.

Also the language is a factor that leads to misunderstandings between the two parties. It is very difficult to explain what the problem is if you don't speak the same language.

Last edited 24.03.2006 by: camilla

Legislation

Created by: peterspiih

Denmark has the tightest immigration laws in the EU. With the current Liberal-Conservative Government there are only three ways to enter Denmark. Number 1: You can marry a Dane. Number 2: You can work in Denmark but you have to have a profession that nobody else has. Number 3: You can be a refugee but it is only if you are be persecuted by your country.

If you want to marry a Dane, you have to be a above 24 years old, have 50000 Danish kroner, have a house/apartment, be

able to support yourselves, and have a stronger affiliation to Denmark than your home country.

In 2003, 1133 people were rejected when they applied for spouse reunification because of not having stronger ties to Denmark than their own country. 335 people were rejected because of the 24-year-rule.

The two most important governing parties are Venstre and Det konservative folkeparti. Among the other parties the Det radikale venstre party was the one that was most critical of the two governing parties' views.

The former Minister of Integration said, "We have been so foolishly kind to let them into the country, and now we are stuck with them."

Immigrants must learn about Danish culture, Danish language, and Danish legislation before their children starts kindergarten!

Spokesman, Søren Søndergaard for Enhedslisten said, "*If Danish society is to hang together, there is a need for a strengthening of the integration of immigrants and refugees. But that doesn't happen by reducing their financial living conditions by 50%, and by making law-abiding refugees and immigrants wait 10-12 years in Denmark before granting them citizenship and democratic influence.*"

By: Rikke R and Nicole

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: peterspiih

Marriage Without Borders

Created by: jacob

Because of the strict immigration laws in Denmark, there is a private cooperation called "Ægteskab Uden Grænser" or "Marriage Without Borders" there goal is to secure the right to those a partner regardless of nationalities. They all help secure a fair and humane treatment of the persons seeking visa and residence permissions.

"Marriage Without Borders" offers integration guidance to foreigners living in Denmark and provides Danish people information how to help integrate foreigners into the Danish society.

Last edited 16.03.2006 by: jacob

Self-realisation

Created by: SaraWC

Immigrants in Denmark have the same dreams as the Danes. But they often meet a higher resistance just because their name is Mohammed or Aisha. And that also happens even though they have lived their entire life in Denmark. So even though you have a permanent residence the struggles are not over!

Besides that there is not as much equality between males and females as there should be. E.g. Men receive more cash than women even though they are in the same industry. So if you are an refugee woman, it is even harder.

A 15-old girl named Aisha who has a Pakistani background has a lot of dreams.

"I want to be an architect. But I don't feel that there is equality between neither the genders or the Danes and Ethnic minorities in Denmark. When they mention us in the Media it is always with a negative tone. My wish is that the equality between Danes and Immigrants will be improved." Aisha says.

As an Immigrant in Denmark you often have to confirm that you actually are just as good as the Danes, and even better.

But it is not only the girls who have problems in Denmark. Immigrant boys are often seen as criminal troublemakers. Companies do not want to take the boys in work because they assume that they cause trouble.

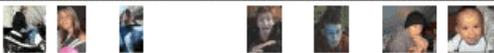
-Cecilie & Sara, DK

Last edited 09.03.2006 by: SaraWC

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Proposals:

Introduction

Created by: thanht

Problem -

- 1# - why does terrorist, do what they do? (Kill innocents).
- 2# - why are they taking an education, pilot etc?
- 3# - what is going on in a head of a terrorist?

Solution +

1# - maybe they believe in a higher order, some say that the reason why they are doing what they are doing, the key is in there own head, because we only can say a few things, about what is going on in there head, and we are setting questions markets on that area.

2# - they need that education, because / and that is the first step closer to the goal. The group of terror (Al-Qaeda etc.) is sending different people around the world to get an education, to be a pilot, and to crash that airplane into a building or something like that. But that's only some people who are doing that. It takes:

- 2 – 4 years.
- 550.000 – 700.000kr.
- you need to be 18 years old.

3# - what is going on in a head of a terrorist, is a quiet difficult question. The things and taught that is going trough a head of a terrorist, is difficult to say, but here is my proposals; first, maybe the people who are going to be a terrorist, is thinking of his/hers family, so they become a terrorist to earn money, and give there sisters and brothers a education. Second, they become a kamikaze pilot, also called to sacrifice there own life to give his/her family a education and money, and get promised that in heaven they will take care of him and his family, and give them all what they want. That's what I think about it.

- If you got some others idea, please post them to me.

Proposal to solve; the dilemmas

- 1) The people who have to choose an education are picking the wrong education or something they want, but cant because it's too difficult, and they just dumb out of the school, and that's waste of time, not ours but yours. So they choose to sacrifice themselves, and destroy a lots of other peoples, but they believe in a higher order, and therefore they are promised money and educations, but therefore they must sacrifice there own life, to give there family a new beginning.
- 2) Terrorist are taking an education. There are two reasons; first, kamikaze terrorist (suicide terrorist). They take a pilot education, they spread the people around the world, so they wont notice, if a terrorist is going on there school, it would be to suspicious, if 20 people was studying the same place, and at same time. Second, terrorist choose to become a terrorist, not kamikaze terrorist, but a terrorist who is a guard or a soldier for the terrorist organization, then they learn to carry a gun, and how to kill.
- 3) ... not reached this far.

Last edited 04.04.2006 by: thAnht

Health

Created by: Emil_b

Constantly under surveillance?

- A). Find problem solutions.
- B). Information
- C). Find a solution

A): Find problem solutions

How do cameras affect our everyday lives?

Why does the Government need to constantly surveilance is?

That is the cameras good for?

How is cameras affecting some peoples lives

B): Information

The cameras affect our lives such as, which we have to look over our shoulders all the time. And we always have to be on our guard, and that we can't do anything without knowing that

We are under surveillance.

Because then they can see, e.g. if somebody is committing a terrorist attack. Then they can see who the perpetrators are.

They are good for surveillance of the people. And what the people are doing.

The cameras can be a big stress factor in some peoples lives, and that can cause some people maybe, in worst case scenario, that someone WILL take there own live! That and only that, I think is reason enough to get rid of cameras, if they are causing lives.

C): Find a solution

1. If we can get rid of some of the cameras, to make the people less afraid, on less concerned, then that will be the optimal solution.

2. That is also a very good reason why we should keep most of our cameras, e.g. on the train station, on the bus terminal, and in the big streets/cities and in supermarkets.

3. If you want to surveilance the people then that is a good why to do it. But when that is said, we also need to take care of our fellow cities, and the best way to do that is be maybe hiding the cameras better a little better.

4. We have to remove some of all the cameras on the street it may sound like a lot of work. But in the end it will help some people.

Last edited 28.03.2006 by: Emil_b

Religion 2

Created by: SørenL

Religion how can we use it today? We can only use religion to have something to believe on, use it like faith or like some way to find a way that science can't walk.

But in democracy we can't use it to think how we want it. In old age had the priest a lot of power, ho want to hear on an old king? If there is a powerful god you can listen to instead, like the bible has the 10 commandments that is fine to have religion and is fine to have faith but we can't use it in politick. Some of the religions are making war against people, why live in the way your religion want it. But like humans we don't want to have war, is it the religion there are making a lot off thinking today, and it's not okay. We have to find a way to live together in the modern world, not like in the old age where religion was politicks. Today religion makes war, and today war is killing innocent's people war is not the way to act. We can only use Religion today to have faith but it's not a free will is not the only way.

With religions are we in war against? Religions can be misunderstood. We need to understand the religions and respect the difference. Like religion can be something from a culture and culture are something related to a country and the people who living in the countries have the culture, and religion is a part off the religion. But we need to understand, it just not okay to give the blame to a little group, and say we are the strongest get lost be cures our religion are stronger, but the little group are also strong in their religion, and they are being angry and faith for there religion, be cures the religion are a piece off a culture, and the culture is a part off us humans.

I see culture like a background and the religion is in our back.

Last edited 04.04.2006 by: SørenL

Comment on this proposal:

Hello

Written by Andra on 2006-04-07 16:32:56



I liked the article, but what do u think about the islamic people who are trying to impose their religious belives by force, and by starting a culture that will discriminate or even eradicate the other religions?

Security or freedom

Created by: Tobias

Problemformulering

- 1: Hvordan laver man sikkerheden bedre i Danmark uden at begrænse folk frihed?
- 2: Hvilke begrænsninger i folks frihed er blevet foretaget for at beskytte mod terror?
- 3: Hvad er antiterror loven?

Svar

1: Det kan ikke lade sig gøre. For at sikre bedst, er det nød til at gå ud over folks frihed. En analyse viser også at folk er villige, til at give deres frihed væk for sikkerhed.

Last edited 04.04.2006 by: Tobias

Consumption

Created by: Cosmina

Today's consumption is undermining the enviromental resource base.It is exacerbating inequalities.And the dynamics of the consumption-poverty-inequalitie-environement nexus are accelerating.If the trends continue without change-not redistributing from high-income to low-income consumers,not shifting from polluting to cleaner goods and production technologies,not promoting goods that empower poor producers,not shifting priority from consumption for conspicuous display to meeting basic needs-today's problems of consumption and human development will worsen.

The real issue is not consumption itself but its patterns and effects.Inequalities in consumption are stark.Globally,the 20% of the world's people is the highest-income countries account for 86% of the total private consumption expenditures-the poorest 20% a minuscule 1.3%.So the first step in solving this problem would be to change this percentage and to protect the environement.

Last edited 26.04.2006 by: cosmina

Pollution – Smoky vehicles

Created by: Roxy

What exactly is a smoky vehicle?

A car is only considered smoky if it emits visible smoke from its exhaust pipe for a continuous period of more than 10 seconds. Your car is not classified as smoky if the exhaust emissions are caused by heat or the condensation of water vapour, which can occur when the car has just been started, particularly on cold days. Smoky cars contribute far more to air pollution than well maintained cars. Anyone who has driven behind or walked near a smoky car will know, smoky car exhausts are very offensive as well as posing a risk to public health. In certain circumstances, even well maintained vehicles can sometimes produce smoke from their exhaust. This can occur during heavy acceleration, climbing steep hills and as engine turbos and supercharges are building sufficient speed to provide enough air to burn fuel properly.

How is the smoke harmful?

Smoke is a by-product of incomplete combustion. Incomplete combustion can significantly increase the quantity of certain toxic chemicals discharged by vehicles into the air. These chemicals can cause mild to severe irritation to the eyes, nose, throat and lungs. They can also be absorbed into the body and cause deterioration in general health. The extent of these detrimental effects on people's health is related to the length of time one is exposed to vehicle emissions, the concentration of fumes breathed and various other factors such as age and health. For example, an EPA study into the affects of air pollution found a link between high levels of fine particles, ozone, nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide and an increase in the number of hospital admissions for respiratory and cardiovascular disease (EPA Publication 789).

Motor vehicle myths

Most people know that cars are major pollutants. But there are some nasty myths going around about what causes car pollution. Let's put them to the test right now!

#1 Old cars pollute more than new cars. Old cars do not necessarily pollute most. Newer cars, which are not properly tuned and maintained, also cause a lot of pollution.

#2 Unleaded petrol is better for the environment. Whether you use leaded or unleaded petrol your car will still pollute more than necessary if it is not tuned and maintained.

What does the future hold?

Car use is increasing every year, however, Victoria's air quality has actually been improving because of tighter controls on car emissions.

Hybrid vehicles are now available which get their energy from batteries or petrol. These cars are still uncommon, but they are pointing the way to a future with cars contributing less to air pollution.

The battle isn't over! People will need to use their cars responsibly and keep them in tip top condition so we can continue to improve matters and ensure we have nice clean air.

Last edited 26.04.2006 by: roxy

CONSUMPTION FIELD

Created by: alexa_f

What was the report of consumption of meat and milk products in 2004 facing the one of 2005 in Romania and why?

Is there an economical problem of people that don't have money to spend on meat or milk products or the quality is not the requested one? Another obstacle may be considered as health compartment because many products are infected this may be attached to the side of quality.

We may see that a Romanian consumed in 2004: 9,5 kg of beef facing only 8kg in 2005. All these analyses that we made show us that in 2004 the consumption increased with 21,8% and 13,4% but in 2005 we assisted at a decrease. Even though there is a diversity of meat and milk products these are too expensive for most of the Romanian citizens. Even though are estimated for 2007 63,2 kg of meat facing 60kg in 2005 this is not satisfying. People can't afford having a meal based on milk products and even less on meat. Because quality is not a problem nowadays if you know how to check it the only problem remains the high price and the impossibility of people to buy them. The prices estimated for 2007 which are higher but not the best being with more than 20kg less than in the European Union. So far the quality is not a problem today being under the surveillance of many associations like Romanian Meat Association (RMA) which represents the meat processing industry. RMA has been established in 1999 and its membership consists of 70 commercial societies delivering more than 60% of the Romanian meat products. Meat production and trade as well as livestock figures show the actual meat industry situation.

Last edited 26.04.2006 by: alexa_f

Pollution

Created by: alexa_p

Almost all the countries in the world are interested in the same problem: the air pollution which seems to increase more and more. That is why by the years one of the most important problems was how to stop this phenomenon.

And Romania is one of these countries.

Air pollution is a highly localized problem in Romania. Even though Romania has a favorable relief, it is one of the most polluted countries in the world especially in the urban area, where it has suffered tremendous environmental degradation over the last 50 years, because of the huge number of cars and also because of the factories placed both in the city and outside. Another major source of urban air pollution is Romania's transportation sector.

What can we do to improve this phenomenon?

To solve this problem we must stop grubbing and also we must improve our environmental management practices and technologies. The number of cars, most of them old and poorly maintained must be reduced. These are the first steps to control this phenomenon.

Last edited 01.05.2006 by: alexa_p

Proposal to solve the dilemma

Created by: butterfly7

CAR SALES VS. SURVIVING?

In a country like Romania, where the medium wages are about 743 RON, the car sales have grown with 50% in the last 2-3 years. How come we can afford to have cars like Porsche when the daily news say that families can't survive with their salaries? For example, Porsche Romania had a profit of 48 mil. euro last year. If we watch the daily news we can see that at least 25% of our population affords to have 1-2 cars/family. Why the government doesn't do something to increase the minimum wages that are about 330 RON so we could all afford a decent life and 1 car/family?

We should think more about the people who don't have money instead of buying so many cars and we should propose some increases of salary so the percent of people who afford a car grow.

Last edited 02.05.2006 by: butterfly7

Articles on country profiles (selection):

introduction [movie]

Created by: tiger_boy

The film tells about the poor people, and they ran away from their own country because their country has a bad economy. Because there are not many countries other than their articles. The movie tells most about the poor people. I think we have to help them. It's a good movie...!

Comments on this article:

hi

Written by alexa_f on 2006-04-19 09:12:18

i see that you all have acid and ironic comments and you have the right to think like that but in my opinion we could work together because it is not our fault that we weren't announced about the project in timeso....

Hi

Written by Andra on 2006-04-07 16:14:19

I'm Andra from Romania.

What do you guys think about the protests in France?

Is it a situation that should be solved by the government or we should all get involved ?

bucharest is alive

Written by james503 on 2006-04-06 12:36:49

greetings from Bucharest.

what is your opinion

Written by gabi on 2006-04-04 13:08:39

of the situation in france ??

hmm ..

*Written by newbie*001 on 2006-04-04 12:10:06*

this is boring.. : \
why does nobody of you got any pictures ?hmm

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Written by thanht on 2006-04-04 12:08:11

- agree. its a month ago, and we are going to end this, so we didnt get so much out of it, because u guys/girls didnt come faster.

Where?

Written by Emil_b on 2006-04-04 12:05:17

Where were you, it is a month ago that we started to work with this site.

- this is not a chat doll

Written by thanht on 2006-04-04 12:02:05

- if u want to know me just write. its not a chat doll, its a forum.

i'm back

Written by Diana on 2006-04-04 11:57:45

sorry..i've made a mistake..I'M ROMANIAN.

Hello

Written by Diana on 2006-04-04 11:55:38

i'm Diana and romanian if you want know me write me please.

why not?

Written by thAnht on 2006-04-04 11:35:37

- Why do u think they run away from there homes and family? Maybe they don't got any home, and they try to find a way to live there life, maybe its because Europe doesn't buy there stuff on the market. And therefore they cant live that way, so they try to get into Europe. Try to understand before written, something u can't argument for.

Be nice

Written by Emil_b on 2006-04-04 11:18:02

Be nice to the lady. You are right but this is a proposal.

Sure

Written by Stefan on 2006-03-30 12:53:56

Do you really think that pearsons like you and me could help countries? They need million of dollars.....do you have this money? I don't....

Text for your country profile

Created by: butterfly7

ROMANIA

Surface:237.500 km²
Population:22.760.449 inhabitants
Population's density:96 inhabitants/km²
Capital and also the biggest city:BUCHAREST(2.064.474 inhabitants)
Official language:Romanian
Imported products:cars,crude oil,coke,ferrous ores,iron,vehicles
Exported products:cars,industrial equipment,timber,oil products,cereals,meat,horned cattles
National coin:leu
Form of government:republic

Last edited 27.04.2006 by: butterfly7

MIDAS – CONSUMPTION

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- Scoala Centrala (RO)
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Articles on country profiles (selection):

Danish Education system

Created by: miros



In Denmark we have compulsory education from about 6 to 15 years. (its a kind of basic school). In Denmark the Primary school must according to the primary school law give the children proficiency qualification and prepare them to part as a citizen in a democratic society. The school works closely together with the parents. When a pupil starts in school, their school considers the pupils abilities and wishes. A normal day for a pupil in primary school starts at 8am and ends at 14pm. From

7th class you get marks in written exercises and oral participation. We use this 13-scale: 0.3 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 -11 - 13 where 0.3 is the worst, and 13 is the best you can get.

After attending primary school for 10years the pupils end up with a school leaving examination. After the examination a wide range of upper secondary education programmes are available. For instance you can go to high school, technical school or college. You can also choose boarding school or 10th class but it only leads you to go to the upper secondary level education. The various kinds of upper secondary level education prepare students for higher education such as university.

The Danish minister of education is Berett Haarder. He is working for the political party Left (Venstre).

Education Directions:

Age:..... The final Training

Age: -18/19 Vocational training

Age: -16/17 Secondaryschool

Age:-16 Primaryschool

Age: 6/7 Kindergarden

Last edited 30.03.2006 by: miros

Comment on this article:

wow...

Written by gold_snich on 2006-04-06 21:30:46

Wow... your schooling system is so different from ours... It's interesting tough to see other forms of organisation... I don't quite like the grading system, it's a little twisted for me... We have grades from 1 to 10. We consider it safer that way. And our educational directions are pretty different... We have kindergarden fom 4 to 6 years old; primary school from 7 to 10; secondary school from 11 to 14; high school or profesional school from 15 to 18. And then we can either go to University or get a job... I think...

But it's nice to be able to have something to compare it to. Only this way we can trully appreciate what we have...

Housing

*Created by: Mia**

HOUSING IN DENMARK !

It is very important to the Danes that the family lives comfortably. Most Danish houses and flats are of a high standard and are usually spacious. In most families, children have their own room.

Neighbourhood

Most Danes speak English. It is therefore easy for foreigners to get in contact with the Danes. Many foreigners in Denmark are happy to learn Danish. Apart from the fact that it makes it easier to talk to people, it also makes it easier to become integrated into the Danish society.

At first many Danes may seem somewhat reserved. The reason is that most Danes are rather protective of their private life and respect the privacy of others as well. They will rather keep to themselves than risk being perceived as obtrusive. If you make an effort, you will discover that the Danes are very forthcoming, open and tolerant.

Made By Saki and Mia* - and we are proud :D

*Last edited 30.03.2006 by: mia**

Comment on this article:

good 2 know...

Written by gold_snich on 2006-04-06 21:58:36

OOOO! AAAA! It's good 2 know things like that about people... And I guess you two have your own rooms as well? I've heard that the Danes are reserved and I'm glad to hear that it's not pathological... :D It's good to know that your neighbours

respect your privacy and that you can choose when to start interacting. I'd hate to have to play hide and seek with my intrusive neighbours...

Romanians are a bit... I don't know... too sociable maybe... They are quite open to try and meet somebody new but a bit intrusive sometimes (depends on each individual).

Ok... so if I don't want somebody to peek when I change my clothes approximately in front of the window then Denmark is the perfect place to come... I'll keep that in mind.

Legislate to protect the environment

Created by: JayPizzle

Our accelerated consumption habits are creating more and more pollution, which is poisoning the earth. The consequences caused by pollution, are showing themselves now in the form of floods, draughts etc., and the size of the problem increases every second. The industrialized countries are currently delivering almost 100% of the CO₂ that is causing the greenhouse effect, but as the underdeveloped countries like China get more developed, the pollution will increase dramatically. And it's not just the increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere that accelerates the greenhouse effect. The north and south pole ice are reflecting almost all of the sunlight and energy hitting it, back into space which means less heat and energy get stuck in our atmosphere. But as these ice caps melt and turn into water, it's less ice to reflect the sunlight, and more water to absorb it instead (water absorbs and traps 90% of sunlight and energy that hits it). So the increase in CO₂ and the melting of the north and south pole, and Greenland too, it's accelerating.

The way this could be curbed with, is by legislating against pollution. The Kyoto agreement was a great way to do this. This was an agreement which was signed by most industrialized countries, to bring down the pollution and combat the greenhouse effect. Unfortunately, the Bush administration did not feel that the United States of America which are the number 1 polluter in the world, should be in this agreement because it was bad for their moneymaking.

Even though the Kyoto agreement does not mean a lot when the United States keeps polluting all they want, a good example can be pulled up from Europe. Here the European Union have made it so that the membership countries can only pollute so and so much. This works really well, but if some countries can bring their pollution below their quota, they just trade the remaining pollution quota off to another country, that's pretty lame. If a country goes over their quota, and can't get some quota from another country, they have to pay dearly for every cubic foot of CO₂ they put out into the air.

The technological advancements have also given the legislators circumstances for making new laws. They force factories to put particle filters on their chimneys, and car manufacturers to make more environmental cars. The consumers can also get a great discount when buying an environmentally correct vehicle, in the form of a low yearly duty that needs to be paid to the government for owning a vehicle.

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: JayPizzle

Security and freedom in Denmark

Created by: inrelease

Recently Denmark has been noticed, in the whole world, just because of some drawings. Lately, the people of Denmark, has been scared and more aware of the threat of terror. We were surprised, of the backfire there came because of the issues in the drawings and the biggest problem: we can't say we're sorry. In Denmark we have different rights, and one of them is the right to free expression. It is in the Danish law, that we can say and express what we want to. It's a difficult situation, we're in. Especially when hot shots, like Bill Clinton starts to say, that the Danish people should do what the Muslims want us to do. It's not that we don't respect the Muslims, because of their religion, or something like that, but we won't say sorry and crumble in the dust. When it was getting out of hand, the imams wanted Queen Margrethe of Denmark to say sorry, for the Danish population. And suddenly the imams were encouraging the soldiers in Iraq to attack the Danish camp Danevang. It's quite weird, because the Danish soldiers are in Iraq, to help the people, rebuild the country. In Denmark we haven't had any problems with Muslims, even though there has been a huge growth of immigration.

The biggest problem in this is that we, Danish people, feel threatened and we are scared. For instance, we don't want to be under surveillance all the time, just to get rid of terror. Denmark hasn't been hit yet, so we are still waiting with fear. Every time someone has forgotten a bag on a train station every thing stops, and we send in a little robot, to "disarm the bomb".



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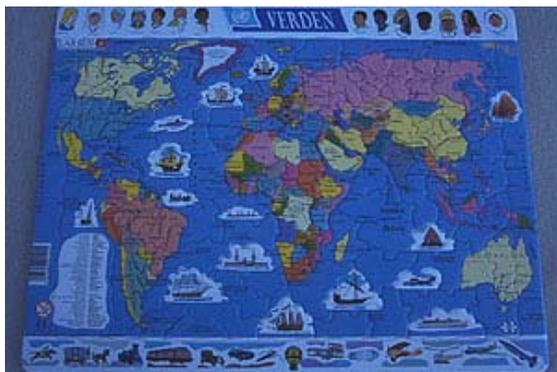
that is really nasty...

Written by gold_snich on 2006-04-06 22:12:50

That is a pretty nasty situation... I understand the general paranoia when it comes to terrorists and supposed bombs... It makes life difficult to live in constant fear and the whole issue of the Danes soldiers in Iraq is understandable. Romania has soldiers there too and two have died already because of extremists that don't really care about their country any more just continue a useless bloodshed... We understand that your county's intentions were and are good natured but there are some low life people that attack and kidnap even reporters that are of no danger to them. So what can you expect? Life is not at all rosy, not in our "wonderful" time... It's a shame really: we have all the means to make life better but we use them to make life worse for our neighbours... 😞

Consumption and legislations

Created by: JayPizzle



In Denmark there are many laws to protect the consumers against companies who will do anything for money! Okay so anyways, we have like 3 government consumer bodies here, where some of them controls some industries, and others handle complaints from consumers. The one handling complaints almost always judges to the consumers benefit :)

Keep it real :D

Last edited 17.03.2006 by: JayPizzle

ORION – IMMIGRANTS

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Proposals (selection):

Media vs. muslims

Created by: T_rade

Over here in Denmark, we have press freedom (which you probably now by now because of the Muhammed drawings). I believe that both of your countries have it too. But that "freedom" give the media the power to publish what ever they want. Of course it have it's upsides, for example, the watergate scandale. But questions about blasphemism - the Muhammed drawings - shouldn't be acceptable, i know some people think it was a good initiative. But it put Denmark in a bad light.

We also have a blasphemism law which indicates that you aren't allowed to insult any religious groups on purpose. Which means that what Jyllands Posten did, was against the law. Then some people say, that they didn't do it intentionally, but the fact is, that they consulted a imam and asked him, how he thought the reactions would be like. Which means that they broke danish laws - with or without the purpose of insulting muslims, but they knew how they would react.

The funniest (or stupidest - considering which perspective you have) thing is, that just weeks before they published the drawings of (the prophet) Muhammed, they rejected publishing the same kind of picture of Jesus. Talk about double morale. The media has pissed on the back of danish muslims in a long time. Giving a misleading image of them, only showing the bad things, which ended up with, a very bad picture of the average muslim.

Then one day i saw a program called deadline on DR1, they had a entire program dedicated to rebuild a good image of muslims. First they had two guest from RUC (Roskilde Universitet Center) i think it was, whom had made an organisation called "Rent-a-muslim", through were it was able to literally rent a muslim for an evening so you could discuss different muslim-related issues.

Later in the show, they showed a reportage from Leicester (i think) where 40% or so, were of an other than christian or atheistic background and people of different religious orientations were living side by side, and each religion had a place that represented their religion (The hindus had a temple, muslim a moské, christians a church etc.).

I know this is just as much a religious issue as a media ditto. But this is a serious problem.

And i know this might seem very stupid. But, if to say that the government made a committee that had to accept every article which might be insulting to some groups which wasn't based on true facts.

Mathias Hildebrand Torp

P.S. didn't know what the headline should be really. Sorry :)

Last edited 13.03.2006 by: T_Rade

Immigrants and politics in Romania

Created by: alextoea

About immigrants in Romania...there isn't much to say. The reason for this is that the immigrants represent an unnoticeable part of the population. About the ones that exist the Romanian State is doing all that is possible to protect them and try to integrate them in the social and economical life. In my opinion this is good to have the immigrants as friends, than opposing minorities.

There are three types of immigrants that Romanians allow to enter their country.

1. The Family Class immigrants. This is the spouse, dependant children, parents and grandparents of Romanian citizens or other permanent members of Romania. They must be sponsored by their relative who is currently living in Romania who agrees to support them before they are allowed entry into Romania. This is some sort of a permanent voucher that is being required to be able to get and stay in our country.
2. The independent class immigrant. These are people who are able to work when settled in Romania. This type of immigrant is selected to enter Romania by their skills or business expertise.
3. The third type of immigrant is the refugee. Refugees are people who flee from their home because of persecution or war related reasons. These immigrants are looking for the protection of Romania's policies. Some Refugees are sponsored by the government or other groups or organizations, others migrate to Romania on their own and claim Refugee status. This is the only type of immigrant which actually depreciates Romania's economy.

The political parties now days tend to accord more and more rights and freedoms to the immigrants. They also try to integrate them in the economical life of the country, by giving them permission to practice open commerce or to develop their own business. By doing this, the immigrants accommodate faster to the life and laws of the country, which is good for both Romanians and the incoming persons.

About all the scandals and the kidnapping of the 3 Romanian journalists, I don't think this topic has anything to do with the immigrants, because the members of the Arabian Community cannot be considered immigrants in the full sense of the term, because as the article says, they had been living in Romania even before the Communist Regime fell down. This is my opinion, but is not an unchangeable one. After I did all the reading to be able to write this I consider that the immigrants problem in Romania from the political point of view is not a serious issue. The big problem is the one of the emigrants, who leave Romania to establish themselves in other countries of the E.U.

If you talk about the minorities in Romania you should know that from the legal & political point of view they are equal with each single citizen of the country. For some reasons some minorities have even more rights than the average citizen. An example for what I just said is: the Roma children can enter any state learning institution (I mean school or high school) without having to take any exam. The Hungarian minority has the right to have their own judges that talk Hungarian. Also all the judges from the territory where the Hungarian community exists must know Hungarian in order to practice their job. This is not fair: you live in a country you must know at least the language spoken there, if not having even a little bit of the culture of that country. This is a generally rule of common sense but I don't see that it is applied.

The problem is with the people that settle down in Romania illegal and pretend to have all the rights and freedoms of the ones established here legal. And I also disagree with something: the minorities are made by people that came here for more than 50 years, or have been born here... so in my opinion they cannot be considered immigrants: the Hungarians have been around here in Transylvania for more than 700 years; the Roma for more than 100 years and the Jews for more than 150 years, also the Muslims have been around here by the year 1800. The minorities from Moldavia and the Danube Delta have also been living there for a long time... So as you can see they had enough time to accommodate to the culture and traditions (I talk about generations not certain individuals). If there exist people to treat 'em like immigrants, and they exist, they are in small amount. I am sure that if a Muslim would be "good" enough he could get in the Parliament or the Government. We have Hungarians in the composition of our actual Executive, so nothing is impossible.

Best regards,
Alex

Last edited 17.03.2006 by: alextoea

Immigrants -The Media

Created by: sweedy

The media has one of the most important roles in creating a mass-opinion. In Romania media institution is one of the most trustfull public institution, after church and Army.

Media is perhaps the most powerful method to help immigrants integrate into their new community. The message it transmits influences a lot the public opinion. A mistake of the press might be that all the articles regarding the illegal immigration have underlined the ethnic background of the immigrants although that should not be a starting point for this issue. I am quite sure that no one actually cares about this meanwhile they are able to integrate into the new environment. But native Romanians do not know many things about the immigrants and their problems. It is probably the media's fault because they show only the bad things about the immigrants. Rarely we find out good things about these communities and only a few TV channels and newspapers provide us such information.

The most frequent news about these communities is that relating a crime or their bad behaviour. This is a bad thing because

a lot of the immigrants have integrated very well in the Romanian society and some of them have succeeded in different fields. Instead of trying to help them integrate by promoting their realizations, most of the time media only shows the bad part of them, their attitude against the law. But this attitude might be a consequence of the treatment they receive from all the people around them and sometimes of the psychical pression they can hardly bear. Here the media may help by trying to create a balance between the citizens of a place and the immigrants who also live there.

The biggest immigrant community in Romania is the Arab one. Most of them came to Romania for studying and have settled here. What the papers have written about them lately has put them into a bad light. Although the media wrote only bad things about them, when the three journalists were kidnapped in Irak, the Arab community offered a great support to the authorities. Of course there are unlawfulnesses done by immigrants, but we can't accuse the whole community because of a person and we must be conscious that between natives bad examples also exist.

I think that the blame for a bad reputation of the immigrants can be shared between the media and the immigrants. The media should show more interest into their positive actions and the immigrant communities should highlight their activities more.

Diana M & Corina C

Last edited 19.03.2006 by: sweedy

Comments on this proposal:

total agreement

Written by VickiC on 2006-03-29 13:50:16

people think that all immigrants are bad, but people for get to show the good things immigrants have done, by writing unfair biased stories about the bad things they do.

In every culture and race of people there are "bad" and "good" people. There are criminals in every country. But just because one person who turns out to be a immigrant is a criminal does not mean everybody else who shares the same religion or country is too. we should not stereotype people because of one person. We wouldn't like it if it was done to us, so why do

people in the media insist on doing it to immigrants???

Yes

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-23 18:04:35

Exactly what i mean. Couldn't agree more, of course i cant relate to the situation in Romania, but it's alot the same in Denmark.

Except that "our" immigrants doesn't seem to have integrated as well.

Immigrants -legislation

Created by: josette90

Ioana Matei

Immigration is the act of moving to or settling in another country or region, temporarily or permanently. An immigrant is someone who intends to reside permanently, and not a casual visitor or traveler. Immigration means "in-migration" into a country, and is the reverse of emigration, or "out-migration." The long term and/or permanent movement of human population in general, whether into, out of, or within countries (or before the existence of recognised countries) is regarded as migration.

Some free-market libertarians believe that a free global labor market with no restrictions on immigration would, in the long run, boost global prosperity. Major corporate interests have been among the strongest advocates of liberalization of immigration laws since movement of personnel is essential to creation of true multinational corporations. Among those on the opposite side of the issue are nationalists who propose militarizing borders; protectionists who prefer closed labor markets or who see liberal immigration practices as a form of corporate welfare where corporate interests use inexpensive or free government immigration benefits, rather than corporate resources, to compensate employees; and xenophobes who fear the presence of foreigners, though these views are not shared by all or all or even most immigration reductionists. Still others feel that the focus should be taken off of immigration control and placed on the importance of equal rights for immigrants to avoid what they believe to be corporate exploitation of immigrant poverty. Immigration is often forced on an unwilling population by politicians who wish to gain political advantage.

The great majority of immigration occurs for economic reasons of one sort or another. Wage rates and living expenses vary greatly between different countries; poor individuals of third world countries can have far higher standards of living in developed countries than in their originating countries, as not very well off but financially independent people from highly developed countries can live better in a less developed country where living standards are lower. A good example of the former is all the immigrants from Mexico and Central American countries who live in the United States, while a good example of the latter is the many retired British ex-pats who choose to make their life in Spain. For the poor in undeveloped countries the economic pressure to migrate are so high that when legal means are restricted, people immigrate illegally. In general, people are considered as an immigrant if they keep staying in the new country for more than one year.

In all countries, the national security by identifying the persons who enter the country must increase. In our opinion, there were be taken the amprens and photos of anyone who enter the country, especially the ones who enter through maritim ports and airports.

Then, the link with the terrorism may alienate it.

The biometrical technology would record the portrait of each person, for stabilized their identity.

The security of the borders is also important.

It's necessary the purposal of a law which allows those decisions to the immigrants of any country.

Every law, there must respect the human rights and the dignity for the raising of integrity of the emigration system.

Althought the eligible travels and checked market might exist, also the personal intimity of the immigrants must be ensured.

So, the legislation maybe more stricted and, in the same time, the people must be free.

Best regards,
joanna & dany

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: josette90

Comments on this proposal:

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Written by Townie on 2006-04-03 12:26:46



To much writing, and i got bored before i even started reading, make it shorter then i'll have another look

confusing...but...

Written by VickiC on 2006-04-03 11:59:39

slightly confused over this text but if what your trying to say is everybody should be fingerprinted, surely thats an invasion of their privacy and human rights, and you could be seen as stereotyping people just because they may be fleeing an injustice in their country. I'm not saying that they aren't terrorists, but you can't say everybody is. Also fingerprinting everybody would cost a lot and take lots of time.

Your proposal

Written by Gerd on 2006-03-27 12:30:54

I think your article is good and you show that you have thought about your theme.

However, I can't really see what your proposal is. Could you formulate a direct proposal for us to rate, please.

Agrees

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-23 17:28:11

I agree with alex.

"I am suore that none would try to search all the illegal immigrants in a country to throw them out and then take again their fingerprints"

If you made a group to search for these (Illegal immigrants) you might get 50-60%, but it's a problem you can't get rid of.

there is a problem

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-17 14:30:25

I like the text, but I am confused by amny things in it.

The most important thing you omitted to talk about was about the situation in your country(our country). I mean : "This was

suposed to be part of Romania's country profile", but I cannot see any referring to Romania in the text. It is, in my opinion, an essay about immigrants and does not represent a source of informations for any foreigner that want to know more abot your country.

I cannot say about the identification of people who enter a country that your idea is interesting but irrealisable(at least in the present). I think it's a bit too much: mabe if this would happen there should also be taken DNA samples, a photo of the retina etc. etc. I sai it won't be possible becouse also people are immigrating illegally. I am suore that noone would try to search all the illegal immigrants in a country to throw them out and then take again their fingerprints etc etc. And if you think that all the countries have money to spent to buy for each custom-point all the modern apparature for this you are completly wrong. So simply it doesn't have any sense!!!!

About the title...I think you chose the wrong one. You don't talk about the legislation in our country regarding immigrants not even in a single phrase. Sorry foa all those critics but... don't know.

I think that the first part of the text is good, but after that...no comment.

Sorry,but you haven't respected your theme, 🤔

Regards,
Alex

don't know

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-17 08:23:25

I cannot say anything about this text yet but only a few words: I do not agree with josettes affirmation about the documentation. Unfortunately it was a single document...

Mabe tonight I'll make some comments and apreciations. By then,

Best Regards,

Alex

nice

Written by josette90 on 2006-03-17 03:21:15

very nice....this is a really documentation present here and the authors have a good opinion about that

leisure time & work ethic

Created by: AndreiS

Work ethic and leisure time

Did you ever wonder why your parents act so disoriented when it comes to 'leisure' activities? Why they start one little hobby, and either fail to follow through with it or become pathologically obsessed with it... even though it doesn't seem to have anything to do with their lives? Maybe they seek to lose themselves in gardening or following the exploits of some basketball team. Maybe your father buys all sorts of fancy tools (the kind of tools many men his age have), but only uses them for a few days before setting them aside--and then buys a lot of skiing equipment the next month. Or perhaps they just spend their time trying figure out how to pay off the debt they owe for that wide screen television they spend the rest of their time watching.

And--have they ever been honest with you about their jobs? Do they enjoy them? Is their work the most fulfilling thing they could be doing, are they able to achieve every goal they always wanted to? Do they feel heroic or proud every day as they return home--or are they exhausted? Do they turn that wide screen television on as soon as they come in the door? Do they have the energy to do anything else?

Did you ever wonder if there might be a better way for them, for you?

WHAT IS 'WORK' LIKE?

Because of 'division of labor', most jobs today consist of doing very specific tasks, over and over, with very little variety. If you are a dishwasher, you wash dishes: you don't get to interact with people or solve complicated problems very often, and you never get to leave the dishroom to run around in the sunlight. If you are a real estate agent, you never use your hands to make anything, and you spend most of your time thinking about market value and selling points. Even jobs that include a certain amount of variety can only remain interesting and challenging up to a point: for we work forty hours a week on average, and at least five out of the seven days. That's a lot of our lives to spend working. Work is the first thing we do on most of the days of our lives, and we don't get to do anything else until we've been at work for quite a while. When we spend

most of our time and energy working on one task, or even ten different tasks, eventually we will feel bored and desperate for variety... even if we are conditioned not to realize this.

On top of this, because of the spread of large businesses and the consequent decrease in self-employment and small businesses, most of us do not have much voice in what our responsibilities at work will be. It is hard to start your own business or even find a friend or neighbor to work for. We often must get a job to survive in which we follow the instructions of a manager who probably doesn't have much more control over his job than we have over ours. Since we don't get to decide what we are doing, chances are that we will feel alienated from our work, disinterested in the quality of our labor; we may even feel that the projects we are working upon are unimportant.

Indeed it is easy to feel that most of the jobs available today are unimportant--for in a certain sense, many of them are. In a purely capitalist economy, the jobs that are available will be determined by which products are in the most demand; and often the products that are in demand (military technology, fast food, Pepsi, fashionable clothes) are not products that really make people happy. It's easy to feel like all your labor is wasted when the products you work so hard to sell just to survive seem to do nothing for the people you sell them to. How many people really are cheered up by the soggy french fries at McDonalds? Would they perhaps be happier eating a meal prepared by a friend of theirs or a chef they knew who owned his own cafe?

In short, "work" as we know it tends to make us unhappy because we do so much of it, because it is so repetitive, because we don't get to choose what we do, and because what we are doing is often not in the best interest of our fellow human beings.

WHAT IS 'LEISURE TIME' LIKE?

We come home from these jobs exhausted from having invested all our time and energy in a project we may not have even been free to choose, and what we need most is to recover. We are emotionally and physically worn out, and nothing seems more natural than to sit down quietly for a while and watch television or read the daily paper, while we try to gather our strength for the next day's labor. Perhaps we try to leave behind our exhaustion and frustration by concentrating on some hobby or another; but as we are not very used to directing ourselves in the workplace during the day, we often don't know what we really want to do when we are free at home. Certainly some company or another will have some suggestions for us, whether we receive them from advertising or watching our neighbors; but chances are that this company has their profits in mind at least as much as our satisfaction, and we may discover that playing miniature golf is strangely unfulfilling.

Similarly, of course, we don't have much time or energy left over from work to consider our situation or participate in any rewarding activity which requires much time and energy. We don't like to think too much about whether we enjoy our jobs or our lives--besides, that might be depressing, and what can we do if we don't enjoy them, anyway? We don't have the energy left to enjoy art or music or books that are really challenging; we need our music to be soothing, our art nonthreatening, our books merely entertaining.

In fact, we come to associate having to expend effort and do things with our work, and associate relaxing and not doing anything with leisure time. So, because many of us don't like our jobs, we tend to associate having to do things with being unhappy, while happiness, as far as we ever know it, means... not doing anything. We never act for ourselves, because we spend our whole days acting for other people, and we think that acting and working hard always leads to unhappiness; our idea of happiness is not having to act, being on permanent vacation.

And this is ultimately why so many of us are so unhappy: because happiness is not doing nothing, happiness is acting creatively, doing things, working hard on things you care about. Happiness is becoming an excellent long-distance runner, falling in love, cooking an original recipe for people you care about, building a bookshelf, writing a song. There is no happiness to be found in merely lying on a couch--happiness is something that we must pursue. We are not unhappy because we have to do things, we are unhappy because all the things we do are things we don't care about. And because our jobs exhaust us and mislead us about what we want, they are the source of much of our unhappiness.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

You don't have to work at those jobs, you know. It is possible to get by without all the Pepsi, all the expensive clothes, the wide screen television and the expensive interior decorating that all those paychecks go to pay for. You can try to start your own business doing something you care about (although this still involves the danger of having too little variety in your work), or you can try to find a job in today's marketplace (good luck!) that you actually enjoy... and that leaves you enough time and energy to do other things in your life that you also enjoy. The most important thing is to arrange your life so that you are doing things because you want to do them, not because they are profitable--otherwise, no matter how much money you make, you will be selling your happiness for money. Remember that the less money you spend, the less you will have to worry about getting money in the first place... and the less you will have to work at those dehumanizing jobs. Learn to use all your 'free' time, not to vegetate or spend money on entertainment, but to create things and accomplish things--things that no one would pay you to make or do, but that make your life (and perhaps the lives of others) better anyway.

Some will argue that the system we live within would break down if we all were to walk away from our jobs--so much the better. Haven't we built enough automobiles, enough shopping malls, enough televisions and golf clubs, enough fucking nuclear weapons already? Wouldn't we all be better off if there was a shortage of fast food and a surplus of unique home-cooked meals? If playing music is more rewarding than working in an assembly line, why do we have so few good bands and so many transistor radios? Of course a 'work-free' world is a dream we will probably never see come true; but as always, the challenge is to make this dream a part of your world, as much as you can--to liberate yourself from the chains of mindless consumerism and mind-melting employment and live a more meaningful life.

Last edited 17.03.2006 by: AndreiS

IMMIGRANTS

Created by: Claudia

I think an important problem is the immigrants' problem, even if our country is much more a source of migrant workers than a destination for people looking for a better job. I think the main cause is that Romania isn't a prosper country. Even if our country isn't prosper, in Romania there are a lot of immigrants . WHY?

Because it's a transit country for illegal immigrants from Asia and former Soviet Republics (like Moldavia and Ukraine) targeting W European countries.

Romania is candidate to access the EU in 2007, so it don't have to ignore this problem , because a lot of illegal immigrants are traffickers and smugglers.

They can make a lot of damage. There were a lot of cases when children were abused by British, Belgium or Spanish paedophiles. They abuse kids that are homeless, orphans, or have mental problems. Some of them are even making traffic in human beings.

Immigrants aren't always a source of problems. They can help our culture bringing here "new and fresh" ideas and "creating" new jobs. They can also help our economy to develop .

Well, I think that immigrants might be a very big problem for our country , but , I also think that we don't have to make them fill as nobody . I think that we should always think that we can be them.

BY

Filip Sanziana
Voinea Claudia

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: claudia

Comments on this proposal:

A proposal?

Written by Gerd on 2006-03-27 12:19:27

Thanks for your text but is it really a proposal. I can't really find the point of your thoughts. We lack proposals that really ARE proposals.

Have another go! 😊

comentariu

Written by laura_n on 2006-03-20 14:18:28

Claudia and Sinziana are my best friend!

I like this text!!!!!! 🗳️ vote them!!!!!!!

To Claudia & Sinzy:

The text is really nice! "You hit the spot" as Alex said. But do you think they are such a big problem as you said! We have other problems that we should solve first!

My opinion is that we have enough qualified pepole that don't have o job.

When you talked about abuses you were very right!

I also think the people from ather countries can bring new things in our country. Concerning the immigrants, I don't think they could help our country to develop the economy!

Anyway, it is a really nice text!!!!!!

Good job!!!!!! 😊

response

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-17 14:59:25

Dear Claudia & Sanziana,

Great job!

You hit the spot, as we say.

You did a good text, and you respected the theme of the project. Unlike others texts, yours presents an approximately clear image of what is going on in your country (our country I do mean). You were right about all the abuses and problems they are involved in.

About the paragraph about workers, it is a nice idea, but I do not really think immigrants will ever have a chance to help us develop our economy. All we have is Asian shop-assistants or who knows what...

A very small amount of immigrants in Romania are qualified in doing a job well or highly qualified. Only people like those could give an impulse to our economy. And they aren't many because they go in countries where they are well paid, have a better life etc. We do not need people to clean the streets... we have enough of them! We need qualified people that could bring benefit to us and for themselves too. In the economy I would like to have a bunch of 10 engineers than a bunch of 100 dish cleaners. (my personal opinion)

Anyway great job!!! 😊

Warmly regards,

Alex 😊

Immigrants- religion

Created by: alina_t

The religion is one of the major factors that are influencing our personality. It is very important to know what we believe in, but also to respect the ones who don't believe in our God. From this point of view I can say that Romania is a free country. The Romanian government is obligated by the Constitution to make sure that there aren't made any differences between the Christians and the people who have other religions.

In our country there are no religious conflicts. Everyone is free to believe in whatever he/she wants. That is why the immigrants from our country have no problems concerning their religion.

Even if most of the Romanian population (86,8%) is Orthodox, in Romania there are also people that have other religions: Roman-Catholic (4,7%), Greek Catholic (0,9%), Muslims (0,03%) and Mosaic religion (0,03%).

Romania wasn't always such a free country. Before 1989, the school-Church relationship was almost forbidden by the communist ideology, but now, after the falling of the communism, the religion is a subject in the curriculum. Even so, upon the express wish of the parents, that has to be manifested in a written form, the pupil may not attend religion classes. That's why in high school religion is optional.

I think we all should learn about all the religions in the world and learn to respect everyone's own God. Religion is a way to define yourself and it's very important for most of the people. There are many religions, but there is a single God for each of them and in my opinion, if we try to understand and respect other's religion and point of view, the world will be a better place.

Margaritescu Irina

Necula Laura

Tatu Alina

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: alina_t

Comment in this proposal:

Wow

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-23 17:59:16

Wow, this really was a good article, but I can't see the proposal for the EU Commission in it, sadly.

But i really agree with you.

We had an "accident" in our class where one of the girls rejected to read a book about satanism, for the only reason she had some obscure thoughts about it.

And if we actually taught students about these kind of religions also, people wouldn't be so ignorant and blind. We have a big conflict about people who follow trends and those who doesn't, the "trendys" always think that the "untrendys" pray to satan.

Immigrants and political parties in Romania

Created by: Evelyn

If we think on immigrants, we must consider the incoming and the outgoing immigrants (the emigrants). These are quite different problems, quite oppositely handled in reality.

I don't think that the (incoming) immigration problem in Romania is one of the most important in my country, but it still exists. The immigrants and the ethnic minorities only reach 10% of the Romania's population. It figures something, but not so hard. Let's say that Romania is a transit country for immigrants passing from Eastern to Western.

The main causes leading to immigration are factors related to economy, society, culture, politics and environment.

Many people coming from Eastern Europe, the former Soviet countries, Asia, Africa, immigrates in Romania because here the legislative and executive authority help them to find a better place to live and to work, can develop their own business.

More and more teenagers come here to improve their university and post-university studies, and after that they settle in our country. All of these, because in Romania the school taxes are lower as in Western Europe or in the U.S.A. and is a high level of education.

Other immigrants that have relatives in our country also settled here. To be able to stay in our country, the members currently living in Romania must agree to take care of them.

In think that the Romanian government and the political parties should support the legal immigrants in our country, helping them economically, socially, educationally etc.

Many people from countries with totalitarian and authoritarian regimens come here because they can feel safer and the Romanian state gives them the rights to express their religion, culture and believes. Mainly, I think on the refugees, very poor people, the immigrants coming from countries with security problems, floods, earthquakes, endemic diseases, wars etc. The Romanian state helps integrating them in the social life and tries to do the best to protect them, giving them the statute of "refugee".

In the last years, Romania did a lot of progress on this subject, as a real democracy, so it deserves to enter the European Union.

I think that a problem for Romania and also its political legislative class/parties, is that of the outgoing immigrants (incoming immigrants for other countries), meaning the emigrants from Romania. So, in the last few years, in the early '90s, after the falling of the communist regimen, Romania faced a negative migratory balance. The most of the outgoing immigrants (meaning the Romanian emigrants) have a very high intellectual and scientific potential, an academic education. Let's think about the specialists in information technology, computers, medicine, etc. very well considered all around the world, mostly in high developed countries. The problem for the Romanian political class/parties, mainly the legislative political ones, is to keep these Romanian specialists in our country, because the Romanian state paid their academic formation. The coming young generation will have less teachers and professors to build them as intellectuals for the next generations and the further development of Romania. One solution for these "scientific" or "academic" outgoing immigrants may be considered from economic reasons.

That is the real problem in Romania and for its political parties, related to immigration.

Last edited 19.03.2006 by: Evelyn

Ready and waiting*Created by: sarah*

Realising that everyone basically has the same dreams, (and I don't mean getting chased down a corridor by a giant hairy spider), but dreaming of aspiring, to something, whether it's becoming a multi-millionaire, or finding the cure for cancer.

These dreams however all depend on the available opportunities, where and with whom you live, and the possibility of fulfilment, all of which differ.

Culture and individuals both tend to influence self realization. This unfortunately means, that a person's choices and dreams are shaped by the way that the majority think in that given society. That society might regard education and knowledge as the most important; another may believe money or material things are best to have, then again another may find spirituality as the thing to strive for. Unfortunately in today's society, it is believed that you cannot get anywhere in the world without money, so even if you have good grades, then they wont get you anywhere, if you don't have the money. Spirituality is the perfect thing to strive for, but it's not easy to find peace and quiet, without waging a war before hand.

Young refugees, who come to England, in hope of a better life, are often disappointed, and its not because, it rains for more than half the year, but because, they realise, that trying to live in a large, noisy and dirty city, isn't as easy as it first seems. However, if a refugee's dream can't be realized, then many will try to succeed to the norms of the society around them.

There may be a large gap, between previous education and qualifications gained by refugees in their home countries, and that in the U.K. However, many refugees are well educated.

According to the BBC news on-line, there are more than 1,000 medically qualified refugees recorded on the British Medical Association's (BMA) database. Apparently, only 69 are employed in the health service. To prepare a refugee doctor to practice in the UK, it only costs £10,000, whereas to train a doctor from scratch costs £250,000.

Therefore, if the English government had any brains, it would train the other 931 refugee doctors, which would not only save the country a lot of money, but help those refugee's, to realize their dreams.

Also, there are 754 refugee teachers, registered with a London based agency, but there are many more, refugees, who have the academic or teaching qualifications.

What the government needs to realise, is that there are people ready and waiting, with the qualifications, so what if they may need a bit more training, to get them to the right standards, but, the cost of that is nothing, compared to the amount, it costs to train a person from scratch. For , if it costs £250,000 to train a doctor from scratch, but only £10,000, for a refugee doctor to be able practice in the UK. This means that for every doctor trained from scratch, 25 refugee doctors, are missing out. This is happening in a country, where only a year ago, doctors from over seas, were getting asked to help the British health service. So why can't they train these refugee doctors, helping them to have their dreams realised.

There is no point saying that the aspirations of the next generation, will overcome these barriers, because they wont, and they probable wont be in 10 generations time, because, more often than not the government is blind to the aspirations and problems of the citizens of that country, let alone the aspirations and problems of the refugees. Something needs to be done Now, rather than later, as the aspirations, are ready and waiting for something to happen.

*Last edited 19.03.2006 by: sarah***Comment on this proposal:****Scary***Written by T_rade on 2006-03-23 18:34:59*

It's scary how some people can be so blind not acknowledging the refugee doctors.

But yet again, this isn't a proposal for the EU commission, but a proposal for the British government...

Habitation-Immigrants*Created by: iulia_p*

Immigration is a phenomenon that is under control of some laws and international conventions which Romania shortly adhered.

What is a house? This is one of the questions which need an answer. It isn't just a warm place that makes us all feel comfortable. It's a place filled with love, a shelter from the outside world, which everybody can call home... It's a necessary environment for everybody, where each person can hide and live in his own way, with no interference from somebody. The definition of a house may be: dwelling place, constructed as a home for one or more persons who provides protection from weather and adversaries.

Many people in Romania think that houses are just a place where you can live and which can make you proud. But they are very superficial: they are very interested in the architecture; they want it to look nice so that other people can say: "Look what a house!".

Romania has become in the last 15 years a country full of immigrants. Many of them think that life is easy because it is cheap; and they are right. People have gathered in our country and have made communities that stay together. The immigrants have settled in different regions, near people who are like them.

After 1989, our country became an asylum for people from around the world who were guided here because of their economic interests or political reasons. They found in Romania the possibility of taking life from the start, and for that, the Romanian Government gave them social places, medical aid and means of subsistence.

For example, after the war from Transnistria, many Moldavians immigrated in Romania where they naturally integrated being people of the same origin and language. We saw on TV a group from an African country who received shelter in Romania. The Romanian state, through the National Office for Refugees, gave them a house that was arranged after their traditions and customs. They organized it so as to make transition from a way of life to another easier. Being Moslems, the group severed, and men and women lived separated. Each member contributed to the social wellbeing according to their own ability, each did what he knew best. One was a man cook, other one a tailor, and the women produced handicrafts that were sold and they received money for this. The children enjoyed a special attention because they followed the school classes in Romanian. As a matter of fact this language was learnt by all the members.

Although we cannot speak yet about a Chinese neighbourhood, there are commercial centers with specific Chinese and Chinese names, as well as Chinese restaurants, which are highly appreciated by Romanians. They rented apartments in the peripheral neighbourhoods of the towns, where they mostly lived settled. They are hardworking and inventive, majority learnt Romanian. They are part of the townscape and they no longer work up an appetite interest for Romanians. Many bought the apartments that were rented at the beginning, by that, showing that they want to establish here for a long term of time. We even saw how they rented arable field from outside the town where they cultivated vegetables, enhanced the value of every piece of land to the locals surprise.

Officials of the International Commissariat for refugees watched over this people to enjoy all of the civil rights and liberties.

Unfortunately, there is a huge difference between Romanians and the immigrants: these people see houses as something different, a place which combines various feelings: comfort, love etc. because they have worked hard in order to succeed and live a normal life, and Romanians just think it's a "stop", a simple place to restore your energy; they just see its function.

These immigrants have houses that are built in their own way, with an amazing architecture, different geometrical forms carved or painted on the outside walls and impressive interior decoration; they have built them in their tradition.

There are towns where the immigrants are in larger number than Romanians. All the houses are built in their traditional way and the respected culture is the one of the immigrants.

Immigrants have looked for places that are alike to the lands they had in their birth country, in order to build their houses. This reminds them of what they used to call "home".

Immigrants' houses have brought an important influence in our architecture: Romanians have started "adopting" the way of building; they have created new styles that combine the immigrants' creations with the local ones.

The conclusion is that immigrants have adapted to the way of living in Romania and have succeeded in making their lives easier staying together, making their own places, in their own special way, places that they can call home.

By Iulia_p and Cristina_r

Last edited 19.03.2006 by: iulia_p

Comment on this proposal:

All i can say is ...

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-23 18:22:07

... Wow

Great, great job on this text, really enjoyed it and made me see my "home" from a different perspective.

Health assistance

Created by: dragoshell

Immigrants need our protection, our medical assistance.

We need to improve it, to make it better.

We think that health is more important than money or something else.

Immigrants who don't have enough money may benefit of a limited number of medical services for free.

If an immigrant is injured and needs our help, we have to make sure that he will get it; we will ask him for money later because health must have priority.

We will first aid him here (where he is staying) and when his health is stabilizing we will transport him in his native country if he wants so.

If he doesn't have money to pay our services, we will not force him to whip up money.

For that we will have just the first aid free (and a very few basic other services). This way, we won't have a problem with money if these services will be free, but we will need some help from our sponsors.

With their help we can change something in this world, a world where if you don't have enough money to pay our medical assurances, you are gambling to die.

Romania is a poor country and cannot afford paying expensive medical services for immigrants. In fact, our country doesn't have enough money for his people-every month there are important problems on this issue. We think that if a country is rich enough to support more complex medical services, it would be a pity not to do so.

If an immigrant has a medical assurance, things are a lot different. We could help him better because we would know that we will have our money back. In the past, if you would like to leave Romania, you had to have this kind of assurance, but now it's not mandatory.

Also, all the countries should sign agreements on this issue.

Life is not an object to play with.

Last edited 19.03.2006 by: dragoshell

Self realization - introduction -

Created by: CoffeeBean

Who doesn't want to feel the satisfaction of fulfilling his personal needs? We consider that self-realization can be very good for our mental equilibrium! The thought that you have reached your aims by yourself can bring a great feeling and can encourage yourself in the future. You are now confident in your own powers and you feel that you have a meaning in life. You are being valued by others and by society, you gain respect!

In order to get this self-realization feeling you need to be ambitious, determined and have an unbreakable will! You need to know how to recover after failure, how to learn from your own mistakes and how to get over an obstacle.

Some people feel they have a satisfactory life if they have a good paid job, a great career, others if they have a big and loving family, some money for living and a career. It really depends on each one's personality. Maybe for one person it's very important to have his loved ones around him or maybe the aim of other person is to earn money....

The feeling of self-realization can be "supplied" by our family's love and support. It is very important to feel encouraged in what you do by the ones you care about. They are always with you and they trust in you. They give power to go on with your purposes. It really matters a lot!

Romania is country which for many people cannot offer the best conditions for a living. That's the reason why many persons prefer living and, most of all, working in other countries, because they need to earn their and their family's living. They also gain that thought that makes you feel useful in life.

For example, Spain is a country with 120,000 Romanian citizens who live legally in the area of Madrid and who make a great contribution to this region, according to what the president of the Government of the Autonomous Community of Madrid said. The local authorities from Madrid are also making serious efforts to offer the Romanian immigrants the best conditions in the fields of health, education, transport and culture, so that's what explains the lose of Romania's citizens.

But I have to mention that there are plenty of people who have a very comfortable life and who are very satisfied of their home and also proud of being a Romanian...

What we would like to hear is more on how you think immigrants should be protected, if lows are good enough or, on the contrary, should be changed, on problems they face when going to a new country, the way they are treated by locals, and, of course, succes stories: people who you know have overcome obstacles and made it as immigrants.

AdrianaG & AnnaR

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: CoffeeBean

Africans immigrats to Europa

Created by: Oskar

Today Africa is the most poor continent in the world. There is a lot of poverty, many people are starving, a lot of wars are

gonig on and millions are unemployed.

Because so many africans don't have a good life many will try to immigrate to Europa to improve there job- and lifecondition. There is a lot of africans who have traveled from far away to come to Europa. Many has crossed the desert to come to north Marocco. North Marocco is a port to Europa for most africans. There are two ways from Marocco:

- With boats during the night across the Strait of Gibraltar.
- To enter Ceuta or Melilla which are two territorys belonging to spain on the north coast of Africa.

It difficult to come into Ceuta or Melilla, because rhe spanish goverment recently has incresed the border control and they have bulid a big fence.

If they don't succeed to go into Ceuta or Melilla and don't get a boat. They will be placed in camps.

In the camps they are gonig to wait for permission to go to Europa or they are ordered back to their home country. And the last thing is very sat for them.

How come africans are not allowed to live in Europa?

Is it pure racisme to close the doors to Europa for the africans?

What are the south Europa countrys scared of?

What can be done?

And who can do it?

I think it is stupid that the european countrys do not allow the afriacans into Europa.

It is a pity for those who have traveled from far away and I don't see what harm they will do if they fully intergrade in the countrys they come to.

It can be a problem if the africans live in ghettos, but it should be posible to prevent that.

Still it is a mistake to forbid the africans to live in Europa.

One of the most important thing to do, in my opinion, is to encourages european firms to place there production in Africa, evan if it will be more expensive than if it is placed in Asia.

It will increase the number of jobs.

It is also important that every one gets an education. So africans can make firms of there own and by that more work places.

These efforts will help the africans to get job and money, so they don't have to go to Europa.

Eny way the problems has to be solved.

Last edited 24.03.2006 by: oskar

Comments on this proposal:

Go Oskar!

Written by Gerd on 2006-03-27 12:25:07

I like your proposal very much. It is clear that you have thought about the problem - and that you know something about it. It's good to see that people take an interest in what is going on around them.

Good job!

Love

Gerd 

Hey Oskar

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-27 12:07:16

"encourages European firms to place there production in Africa, even if it will be more expensive than if it is placed in Asia.

It will increase the number of jobs.

It is also important that every one gets an education. So Africans can make firms of there own and by that more work places."

If this becomes reality, ghettos will rise, or at least ghetto like situations. If big companies come into africa, gives minimum wage jobs and push local companies out of business. They take alot of money from the africans and give a little back. Just like American ghettos.

What we really need is that an organization like Doctors without borders is formed, to go down to 3rd world countrys and with the goal/mission to teach Africans about the labour market.

Don't piss on my couch...

Created by: Trine

PROPOSAL TO: Immigrants, Refugees...

it is of course a huge problem that the rate of old people has, and will keep increasing while the birth rate is dropping. And I do understand the idea to let more immigrants in to the European countries.

It's a great idea... but then the immigrants must behave themselves! They need us as well as we need them, so there's no need for any of us to be disrespectful to the other part. We Europeans have to a certain degree been disrespectful to immigrants and the other way around, but some of the minor things we say get blown way out of proportion...!

I know that some of them have other moral standards than Europeans, but that does not give anyone a right to throw a f***ing hissy fit over small details! How about being the bigger man? I am aware that it isn't everyone and I'm not trying to label immigrants, this is only about the extreme ones.

I know you all might think I'm a racist when you read this, but I assure you I am not. I just don't think there's a need to be extreme when you're guest in a country.

Just like it's wrong to walk in to somebody's home and piss on their furniture (without taking one's shoes off of course...)?

I know you have a mouth, but where's your head? Where people get judged and where sanity grows dead.

I would never live in a country without living by that country's rules.

So my proposal is a big neon sign that says: ADJUST OR GO HOME!

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: trine

(In)tolerance against other religions.

Created by: Indie

With the growing friction between the Western and the Muslim world, things need to be done!

We will have to have much larger tolerance between religions in most areas. In Denmark we don't even have a mosque! Is that respecting their religion?

Turkey is having big trouble joining the EU, because of some countries' difficulties in accepting other values.

For instance in this EU-question, governments which are against their admission are arguing that Turkey cannot live up to the ideas and standards of the way a society is supposed to be. But they aren't letting Turkey integrate Western values in their society. If the EU let Turkey join then they would perhaps have a possibility to develop into a "better" society, seen from the EU's point of view.

We need respect and understanding. Communication and tolerance.

Not until we have that, integration can happen!

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: indie

Educational Integration

Created by: T_rade

I want to talk about how to integrate immigrants into the school system, since it is in certain ways a problem in Denmark. Most of the immigrants don't really get the same options in the school system, especially 1st generation immigrants, for instance, if they come to Denmark, or any other country for that matter. They don't get a fair chance in the education. Same goes for workplaces. And one of the main reasons is that the Danish integration system just isn't working correctly.

I honestly don't know that much about it though, but I can see that it doesn't work. What we need to do is: every immigrant should be put into classes. The entire family should learn the native language of the country and learn about that specific country's culture. The adult should learn about how the nation's work environment and how the natural tone in society is.

I want to bring attention to the fact that the immigrants should be taught, not forced to learn by themselves, because then you

give them the biggest part of the responsibility, which seems unfair.

Both adults and children should reach a certain level before they get the right to enter a school or get a job, and then - of course - welfare for asylum seekers should be bigger than for those who can't get a job (no matter of which nationality).

But even though they get through the entire system, there is still a problem, which I don't see a solution for. I am of course talking about discrimination in the work place, which is a problem in Denmark (the immigrants get suppressed and don't have an equal chance of promotions or even getting hired in the first place, as opposed to the "white man"). They have the same problem - more or less - in America, and probably in every western country. The right wing of the country gives immigrants a mentality that tells them they are worth nothing. And therefore they don't want to take longer-lasting educations. When they get to the labour market and apply for a job with a person who is xenophobic, they won't get the job, even though their grades might be equally as good - or even better - than the "white man's"!

Therefore they take all the unskilled jobs such as street sweepers, mail (wo)men etc.

It makes sense that you should take both a written and an oral exam, and I think the jury/censors who are to determine whether or not the immigrated family will get a permission to stay in the country, should consist of: A teacher of the native language (in my/our case; Danish) who is a native, an educated and well integrated person and a "normal" person - who both have the same origin as the family.

I think it's just as important to talk about the lack of tolerance there is in society.

I remember when I was attending a public school (this is a private school); we weren't taught about other religions. We had a subject called; Christianity. And when immigrants get into the schools and see that as a subject, of course they are going to think; "What about us? Why isn't Islam a subject?"

We can choose our own religion in Denmark, but we have a state church that you are automatically a member of if you are baptised. We don't have a state mosque or a state temple.

If you are part of the state church, you pay church taxes. But Muslims, Jews or Hindus etc. don't get the opportunity to pay taxes for their own religion, though we have the right to a religion by choice.

The state won't give Muslims an area to build a mosque, even though 5% of the citizens are Muslims. When I talk to people about the issue, some say that they don't want to listen to the imam calling to prayer. But that is ridiculous, because a church bell makes just as much noise as the imam.

As long as we keep suppressing immigrants, and as long as we keep showing the bad things they do, and never the good things, that is like telling them: We are not going to recognize your good work, but if you do badly, then it's primetime news!

Then it makes sense that they will do bad, since everybody wants appreciation of some sort. It's a vicious circle. And as long as we let that stone keep on rolling, we aren't going to get out of the circle. And because we suppressed the immigrants, it's easier for us to be the bigger man, and we need to live up to that. Start appreciating when people do well instead of badly.

I saw in the TV, that to Muslims who are taking an education on RUC (Roskilde Universitets Center). They made an organization called "Lej en Muslim" which means "Rent a Muslim". Through that, you could literally rent a Muslim for a conversation, whoever you are. It was made for the purpose to destroy prejudices about Muslims. I think that was a great initiative, we definitely need more like those or it need to expand.

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: T_rade

Changing the Media, Changing the Country..

Created by: VickiC

My proposal is to improve the way the media affect the views of people.

The way I think of solving the problem of media creating a "mass – opinion" for everybody to read and believe is to have a "moderator".

The Moderator would NOT be in total control of what the media wrote about, but they would ensure that the stories written about would only contain true facts and would not be biased.

Newspapers and the media would need to produce concrete evidence illustrating that they are writing the truth, and not a story based on rumours. They would ensure facts and figures weren't over exaggerated in the newspapers story.

Media would still be allowed to report the negative affects, but they would not be allowed to only print the negative affects. They would need to recognise the positive things immigrants have done for Britain.

I also believe the media need to educate the people of Britain on the true scale of immigrants. People are unaware of how many people seek asylum in this country legally, because the media only talk about the people living illegally. This leads people to believe that everybody is an illegal immigrant.

The moderator would not come under influence from the government, as this could lead to even worse propaganda. The

government would have no say on what wasn't printed, even if it could be potentially harmful to that political party. The Moderator would only ensure

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: VickiC

Comments on this proposal:

Don't think

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-29 21:34:29

I don't think that media will ever stop writing articles based on rumours. This is one of the main scope of so called "scandal publications" they spread rumours and so on

Alex 

thanks...but

Written by VickiC on 2006-03-29 16:58:07

what i'm trying to say is that the media wouldn't be allowed to write articles based on rumours, the law would be there to stop that. solid evidence would be produced to prove that it is a "true story".

vicki

Of course

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-29 16:32:35

Of course this sounds great. BUT (yes, a big but!) we (danes) have a council for that, and looked what happen (muhammed caricatures) and they (the media) still write a lot of negative articles based on rumours and indicators

immigrant housing proposals

Created by: WiZaRd

Proposal for the dilemma of housing for immigrants in the UK

The problem which segregated communities are causing many problems both social and economical. As groups of immigrants are forced to live in poor quality housing forming areas of concentrated ethnic groups. The build up of these poor housing areas continue to grow keeping the inhabitants in unsatisfactory living conditions and the general state of the area de-values. Also the level of conflict between these ethnic groups build up and hostilities some time occur.

To solve these problems would be considered foolish, but things can be done to reduce the level of segregation of immigrant areas and improve the housing areas in which they live. Housing should be allocated or found for new coming people from other countries who are subsidized possibly to pay for the housing. Also the housing should not be grouped together to try and allocate sites they do not exclude them in the local community and thus helping them find better jobs in turn larger incomes which will pay taxes and benefit society. The government should offer some aid to newcomers to the country but doesn't have to provide cash funds to non-British citizens but is there right to provide basic aid and services such as housing and health care.

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: WiZaRd

Comments on this proposal:

dude

Written by gandalf on 2006-04-03 12:56:41

i like your report but yours is not quite as long as mine, however i feel that you agree with me on the same terms and i believe that you have better explained yourself than i ever could  

Labour Market

Created by: Matt

In the proposal to the problems that I have mentioned I feel that there are several things that can be done to solve the problems faced by the EFTA while remaining the positive aspects of this, in allowing 28 other EU countries to work in any of the countries without a permit.

One of the problems been that this means that any one could come to work in the country and we would not know what there like. This could mean that they are doing more bad to the country than good. But also for those that live in Great Britain jobs may be taken by immigrants when they are needed by British Citizens to live and earn a living. One way of solving this is to make all immigrants go through further checks to make sure that they are respectable citizens. An extreme method would be to limit he number of immigrants allowed to come into the country each year.

As it so happens our population is near to that of France although there 3 times bigger. This shows me that we have a high population and needs to be controlled. One way is to limit the number of immigrants. Also with the growing population jobs are harder to find so more turn to benefit. This needs to be stopped as it costs a lot in tax. One way of limiting this is to say that for 12 weeks you will receive full benefit. Then for 6 weeks after that half. Then after that you have to find work unless you are disabled or have a serious illness. Although this is tough I feel that many people take advantage of the system we as a country offer.

But there are some good points from the EFTA where by British citizens can work abroad. So by this it may be in the best intentions to encourage British citizens to work abroad, allows citizens of Britain to explore the world. But with it allows people to take jobs from British citizens so brings up the benefit as well as in some cases bringing down the wage as they work for less. With some of the measures I have said I feel that this can be controlled while still allowing the citizens of Britain and Europe to explore other countries and cultures.

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: Matt

Religion

Created by: Skell

There have been many different people coming into the UK with different views about religion. These contrasting views often cause minor conflict in the country. As these outbursts are becoming frequent, we propose the government make harsher laws for racial action against other religions. BUT, we think that other religions are also racist against white Christians and are often not punished, These should be punished exactly the same way.

Also more police should be patrolled around most conflicting places, this should be done through research.

From Skeltron and Moffhead

Last edited 03.04.2006 by: Skell

Comments on this proposal:

So

Written by Crusty_boy on 2006-04-03 13:05:46

So you think that police will solve everything, do you!
There is always a peaceful way and you are jumping straight to force

Terrible

Written by The_Beast on 2006-04-03 12:57:02

I find this very offensive

best ever

Written by gandalf on 2006-04-03 12:48:13

i think that this is the best report ever! i agree with you in every way, and i believe me and you can do this



i agree

Written by vicky on 2006-04-03 12:47:38

i agree every1 shud b treated the same wot ever country they come from and what ever they believe!!!

Articles on country profiles (selection):

Education and personal values of immigrants

Created by: laur

One can have many reasons to leave his native country, but all the reasons are based on the will to live better. The immigrants quickly discover that life in a new country poses some problems they never faced before. The greatest of all refers to integrating in the society, adapting to the new climate.

The children of the immigrants have to deal a problem specific to their age: the problem of education. They have to adapt to another type of educational system. They may have the alternative of following a school of the local ethnic community (if there is one). The majority of the immigrants' children have to deal with the schools of the host-country. The toughest problems are with the mindset of the society, as well as the mindset of the immigrants. The cultural and social values of the immigrants are totally different than those of the country they live in, and this can sometimes lead to conflicts of mindsets. If we study this closely, we will see that the children of the immigrants ("the second generation") are under pressure from 2 sides: the parents, that give them a specific education, the traditional values of their ancestors, and the society that gives them the values that they do not understand, but are compulsory for integrating in the society. At first, the children will try to live with both sets of values, but they will face the following situation: the parents can't understand the values of the country, values brought to their homes by their own children, and the society can't accept the traditions of the immigrants. The young immigrant finds himself in the following situation: He is not accepted by his parents nor by the society. Craving for integration, the immigrant gives up his traditional values, and ends up alienated through his loss of personal identity. This failure in integrating in the society creates frustrations, and when these frustrations build up, especially when it comes to large groups, they turn into violence. Take, for example, the riot of the muslim community downtown Paris. What they did was because they felt the hate of the society, so they hated it too.

To prevent this from happening in the future, the immigrants, as well as the society, have to be warned what are the issues with differences of mindset. The schools should take greater part in giving the students a set of values, so whatever their nationality, students will always have something in common.

Last edited 25.03.2006 by: laur

Comments on this article:

to alex

Written by laur on 2006-03-25 19:46:33

Sorry i'm late with my response. Of course the efforts of integration should come from both sides (immigrants and natives), but we should be aware of the fact that the native population/society has much more resources when it comes to dealing with a minority than the minority itself. Think of it, a migrant has to deal with hundreds of people with a different culture, while a member of the majority has just a few such individuals to take care of. Of course, this is not an excuse for the immigrants/minorities to behave the way you described. Dealing with other cultures is a delicate subject, that requires attention from both sides.

Laur

hi

Written by zoe on 2006-03-20 13:07:45

yes immigrants should adapt to the country they go to

ok!

Written by vicky on 2006-03-20 12:42:10

this is has good ideas but surly if they come to someone elses contry they shud relise that they have to respect and

understand the new way of living, they have chosen to come to this country anyway!

to laur

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-18 14:28:11

Yes, they have to fight all those ideas, but in the same time they have to try to "integrate". And when I say integrate I don't say cicking anyone who won't do what they say. I know from my Ex-School. There were a few Rromas (or how do they call them) that made the rules in the school. As you imagine: fighting, arguing etc. I am sure that if the Rromas would behave like normal citizens (in this case pupils) it would be much easier to integrate them in the educational and, of course, social system. The same thing with Hungarians. If they want to be respected they must respect the people around them. I am sure that those preconceived ideas would be easily changed if the Rromas would try to behave better. I met a Rromas child once, and I was surprised to see he was educated, respectful, and also very polite. I couldn't believe he was a Rromas. But I, who tried to avoid Rromas children at that time (that idea), became his friend and presented him to my group of friends, who also liked him. So a little effort is needed from both parts.

I am sure this would be a bit of a solution in solving this problem. And it's not just about Rromas: it's about all immigrants or people belonging to a minority. This is my opinion so... I am waiting a reply.

Until then,

Best regards,

Alex

to alex

Written by laur on 2006-03-18 13:55:08

It seems that again we have different perspectives. I was intending to talk about the attitude of people, not about the legal/political aspect of the problem at hand. It's true I should have included some reference to it. From the personal point of view, the Rromas (I really don't know what are they called) have to fight the preconceived ideas of the majority population. To change this state of mind, the new generation has to be more tolerant. This will be achieved through non-formal education.

Thank you again,

Laur

response to ...

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-16 08:13:06

Feel great for you having answered me. Indeed you are right about the mass psychology and the fact that they feel isolated. But mass psychology cannot be changed easily... Maybe in a couple of decades, or even more. First we have to come to a stage of thinking free and not being influenced by what others say. I am happy that, in my opinion, this phenomenon is beginning to happen in parts of the country, and people even want to help the immigrants. But, unfortunately, those are really few. I think that with a little bit of effort from the media, political and social institutions, and from the people (citizens) this problem can be solved.

Again best Regards,

Alex

Response to response

Written by laur on 2006-03-15 13:24:01

I was planning on adding something like that, but in my opinion the society is mostly perceived as the people that live in it, not as a separate entity. The perfect scenario implies that both of the parents know what problems their child(ren) have, and understand them. At the same time, the society (people that live in it, if you like) should be more tolerant, and understand that "he sees hundreds" of strangers. And I'm not only referring to cases like Muslim in Western Europe, but to more frequent cases, like Romanians working in Germany, Italy (and I'm not talking about the huge groups of workers in Spain, but about people that go there on their own). The frustration I was talking about is born because of this attitude you mentioned, "You were not born here, so we cannot consider you one of us.". He's thinking, "I do what they do, why can't I be like them?". The mass psychology applies to the larger, isolated group of immigrants (thus the situation I described). If you have any more comments, feel free to express yourself, they're welcome.

Thank you,

Laur

Response

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-15 11:55:35

I really agree with nearly anything you say there, but there are some small observations I would like to make:

If you are referring to the legal immigrants then you should know that each country has a center where immigrants are hosted for a period of time (usually until they get their citizenship). In this period they are trying to accommodate to the society of the new country, the culture, and the children with the school. In my country, immigrant children are being sent to normal schools, so that they will be able to integrate in the society. About those traditional values you remember in the text, they can simply be mixed with the values of the country the immigrants come in. Both parents and children are aware of the problems they would have to face when they settle down in a foreign country. The problem of not being able to integrate in the social life is not because of the immigrants, but because of the people in that country. There exists some sort of mentality that says: "You were not born here, so we cannot consider you one of us." It's all about mass psychology and nothing more. I am sure that if an immigrant would be treated like a citizen of the country it would be much easier for him to adapt to life. This happens also with the children: they are treated by "native" children like strangers and so they feel isolated and that's the reason why they would not be able to enter the normal social life. I remember that there was a few years ago, on a TV programme a spot referring to immigrants; it said: "you see only one stranger, he sees hundreds".

You may think about this and maybe you can post your opinions here and maybe we will discuss about them.

Best regards,

Alex

god doesn't like ugly people...?

Created by: Trine

Healthy in your skin?

today you hear a lot about how fast food can be bad for you, and how obesity can ruin your life. but what about the way media blows it up in shows, where you are told to starve yourself to be comfortable in your skin? is it not wrong to focus too much on this subject, when we are living in a world where many young people ruin their lives with eating disorders like anorexia?

we've come a long way since we started walking upright. we have mobile homes, jobs and phones, we know how to express ourselves and we're always in a hurry. that does not mean we know how to live healthily, although you would think we've learned a thing or two by now...!

"we are children of the MTV generation. with a love for starvation, fast food and self-mutilation." (C) Anemic Blondie

you will either see us eat stuff that would make our ancestors tremble with disgust, or starving ourselves in the hope of reaching the ideal look to fit this world of twistedness the media have partially created.

when people do this to themselves it seems, to me, disrespectful to all the poverty in the world... instead of worrying if our arse looks big in this and that, how about worrying about the starving children... and I do not mean the ones who starve themselves on purpose 'cause they want to look like Barbie or Paris-bloody-Hilton!!

I am aware that some of these people suffer from mental illnesses of some kind. This, however, goes out to the ones who do it because they're bored or brainwashed by television... wake up!

I'm not the slightest bit better. Not a day goes by without thinking something's wrong with me... but if I turn off the telly, so I haven't got any one to compare myself to, I have a surprisingly better day...!



it has become a trend to be young and skinny, but it seems to me just as unhealthy as being overweight. what do you think?

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: trine

Acceptance among religions.

Created by: peterj

The Muhammed conflict.

For the last few month I have been watching the Muhammed conflict in the media, I've watched hate rage against Denmark just because of a Danish newspaper which is not representing Denmark. But still Danish citizens are being shot and yelled at, people who have nothing to do with the newspapers comments and drawings. I assume that you all have heard about or even seen the drawings. And do not get me wrong I do not have any hate against the Islamic world. But still I think that they are overreacting, the burnings of the danish embassys is an action that I think was the step too fare I understand the resentment, and why they are boycotting Danmark. and that is why I chosed this subjekt, to hear others opinion and to get proposals to solve this conflict. So it will be possible for everybody to live side by side in a multicultural soceity wtih out insulting each other. so we can avoid conflicts like the Muhammed conflict.

I think that to solve the muhammed conflict as it is right now, the danish newspaper have to say "the magic word", SORRY! (for the drawings). And the danish diplomatique corps shoulde if are'nt already on the job organize some small groups who will travel arounde in the islamic world and get things clear. So the islamic world can get to know what the danish newspaper have written and done and what they have'nt written and done. But as I wrote earlier I would like to know what other think coulde be a solution on the dilemma.

by Peter

Last edited 27.03.2006 by: peterj

Comments on this article:

it's strange

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-28 21:06:30

The thing is that it isn't so easy to apologise when you do something like this. After all this mess who cares about their apologies, wich I think won't be made because they feel they made a mistake, but they had to it. And when I talk about mess I know what I do mean. By accident my father was in Lybia in that period and when he came home he said me that more than 17 people were shot in street manifestations. And it wasn't the Danish emabsyy the one wich was atacked(I don't even know if it exists), but the Italian. (The link is strange) I think you know about the T-Shirt with one of those pictures on it. I say again that in my opinion noone would care about "SORRY". They should have thought at this before publishing the drawings...

Best regards,

Alex 

Hey Peter

Written by T_rade on 2006-03-27 12:14:49

I Don't think that a "we're sorry" will do any good anymore.

Unless it's from the primeminister, and we know, that he wont (because he's stupid enough not to?) apologize. And yes, the burnings of the embassys was indeed a step too far, way too far!

And i am one the people that thinks, that both the newspaper and Anders Fogh should apologize. But obiously they won't.

Just finish it

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-23 17:10:10

Please try to finish your article. It's interesting what you said but I can't see the rest!

Alex 

Your unfinished article

Written by gerd on 2006-03-23 11:41:45

Good start, Peter!

Put in some more and let your own opinion be clear.

Love

Gerd 

Religion in Denmark.*Created by: Indie***Religion in Denmark**

Denmark isn't the most religious country. I guess, you could say that we, in Denmark, have the society, which makes the path on which religion is unfolded. In the last 25 years the spectre of religions in Denmark has been increasingly growing and the tendency is going against a more relaxed relationship to religion – a secularisation.

But we do though have a state-church, based on Lutheran Christianity, which more than 80% of the Danish people are members of, and that certainly has influenced the values and ideas of the way a society is supposed to be – and the way the Danish society is. That is a fact we sometime tend to forget, here in Denmark. As a reaction to, and a way of handling, the globalisation knocking our door, some groups of the Danish people seem to cultivate Danish (Christian and "western") traditions and values. In politics this is a very effective appeal. With a quite overwhelming idyllisation of our own culture, it reaches out to the national feeling we all have inside of us, and in the last 10 years the political parties representing this has grown enormously. But this idyllisation also has its consequences. In Denmark it has formed the basis of condemnations of other cultures (for instance the Muslim) as "fanatic" and "uncivilised", and it makes us forget that our civilisation isn't cleansed for religious or moral dogmas either. This is deepening the (eventually becoming) gap and not helping the integration process. It has resulted in a more sceptic relationship to immigrants and their religions and the cultures a part of them. Doing this also enforces (or maybe even creates) the problem. By making this black/white picture you let the fundamentalists dominate the debate, instead of focusing on the real matter.

*Last edited 26.03.2006 by: indie***Comments on this article:****Continuation to "Co-sign"***Written by T_rade on 2006-03-27 12:34:24*

To get rid of that gap, we need to condescend/elevate (depending on ones view on muslims) ourselves to a level where communication is the key word, instead of snobbery

Co-signs*Written by T_rade on 2006-03-27 12:28:42*

"This is deepening the (eventually becoming) gap"

It's like a tooth before you have cavities, you have a gap, that will at some point evolve to a cavities. That is if, you keep eating as you normally would and brush your teeth in the same routine. So, if we keep dragging our own border of cultural tolerance closer and closer, and immigrants/muslims do the same thing. Crisis will eventually happen.

Please comment :D*Written by indie on 2006-03-27 12:15:26*

Now you're more than welcome to comment, please!

Your article*Written by gerd on 2006-03-23 12:01:55*

I understood from your comments that you had written even more than this but that it had been erased. Bad luck, but have another go. I like this, but I'm sure you can make a more thought-through article that could eventually become a proposal.

Nice that people comment your things 🍀

Love

Gerd

No problem*Written by alextoea on 2006-03-22 21:41:03*

No problem. You don't have to apologise, you know. Hope to see a very good proposal from you>

ALex 🍀

Nevermind*Written by indie on 2006-03-21 22:19:54*

This was just something I wrote in 30 seconds as the start of a brainstorm, I never meant it to be here. I'm sorry for waisting your time. And I agree most of the way about what you said about it - only the text was never meant to be published.

Reply*Written by alextoea on 2006-03-21 21:54:51*

From my point of view, I don't think that the religion is the reason for considering the "other cultures" "fanatic" and "uncivilized". I think that it is more a social issue and not a religious one. We aren't a very religious country, but in any case, I don't think we would have accepted such drawings. I also haven't understood what do you mean by "the way we see ourselves". Can it be a view to the inside, a view deep into the conscience???? No, if you think that if other people are more religious than others means them being...I don't know...different as humans, you are wrong. Sometimes those people deserve more respect and attention than the others. This is my opinion. Hope you understood me. I'm waiting for a reply.

Best regards,

Alex 

Happy Slapping*Created by: Nanna*

Young people in Copenhagen and its surroundings clearly have too much spare time. After the TV channel TV2 in one of their popular broadcasts, called Station 2, have shown something about a new "game" called "Happy Slapping" in England, lots of young people in Copenhagen's schools are starting to "play" the new "game".

I really don't understand the fun of it. And that one man in England had died

of it is really hard for me to understand. And I get so mad inside when things like that is happening.

Young people in Copenhagen's Media Council are talking about what they can do to stop this fad. And I think as they think that it doesn't help to forbid the mobile in schools.

I think that Copenhagen should find more things for young people to do after school, so they don't walk around streets and attack peaceful people.

The Danish police force looks very severely at Happy Slapping.

They have decided to punish slappers the first time they commit an offence. In that way they hope to prevent the trend from becoming big in Denmark.

*Last edited 23.03.2006 by: Nanna***Comments in this subject:****Happy Slapping**

Hey Everyone In England.... !!!

Normaly I should have written about " Housing ", but I rather prefer talking about the new fenomenem "Happy Slapping" It just came to Denmark some days ago. I think it's totaly stupid and i think the people wich are doing these things doesn't think about the koncevences. I heard that a mann hwo were sitting "Peacefulli" on a bench when 4-5 hooded persons jump him, and killed him.

I think ti's brutal. But i would like to hear what YOU think.

So please answer me !!!

*Last edited 13.03.2006 by: Sofiane***Your "happy slapping"***Written by gerd on 2006-03-23 12:05:10*

You may think this is important, but I find it important that you stick to what this theme is about.

Let's have your opinion on housing - or maybe another of the subjects. Not something completely different - however topical.

Love
Gerd

response to fear

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-16 08:19:22

I don't think it is in fact a matter of fear, if they are protected by law, just an impulse from the inside to prove their existence. As Sigmund Freud said: "If one of the man's instincts is disturbed, he will act so to express the opposite and to show he is not affected". You will never see a normal people that is being neglected not trying to do something to prove he exists, even if this means violence, hard work, or anything else.

Best regards again,
Alex

Fear

Written by laur on 2006-03-15 14:10:35

The masses have a irrational fear of everything that's different. By acting violently, this is their way of showing they're not afraid. They want to prove something to themselves. By themselves, they don't have the courage to do this, but in larger groups, the growth of hate is exponential. If you asked each member of such a group why did he do that, he won't be able to give you a reason. The mass psihology is one of the most imporant theories when it comes to immigrants.

Laur

agree with alex

Written by corina on 2006-03-13 14:39:25

Yes, I agree with alex. The main factor that leeds to such behaviour is the proportion that other people's treatment has above them. In such a moment I think they really don't care about any consequence. They just feel the need of showing other people that they exist that they can make a difference..and I suppose they feel the only power left to them it's brutality so they use it.

I don't think these phenomns will stop but I'm sure they'll decrease if immigrants were treated like all the others.

The media is one of the main factors that could lead to a change of the attitude concerning the immigrants. It has a mass-power of conviction... 

Alextoea is right

Written by T_Rade on 2006-03-13 13:16:15

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Reply

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-13 12:50:38

I don't know in what mессure this phenomn happens in all the countries. And also the persons who act like this are very rae. Don't know what to say about it but it is indeed a "stupid" fact which has its origins in the psychology of the immigrants: and all this is not because of them, but because of the people treating them like nothings. That's the main reason the intention to prove that they exist, that they are there. I bet that phenomns like those wouldn't happen if the immigrants would be treated like citizens. I wasn't supposed to write this but I saw the topic and found it interesting 

Media effects on Immigrants

Created by: VickiC

In Britain the media has a massive affect on the way people think and act. When editors and journalists write their articles, they are exercising their freedom of speech, but in my opinion some of them are abusing their position of being in the public eye to show their, and often biased opinion.

Tabloid papers report their stories passionately and often criticise and blame people for problems we have. Recently immigrants have been heavily criticised. Tabloids often show the bad side of the stories, forgetting the good things immigrants have done for the country. The tabloids make out immigrants to be people who come over to England to use our health care, get a free house and receive handouts from the governments, but we never hear about the thousands of

immigrant nurses working in the hospitals and care homes, the foreign people working in our labour industry such as the plumbers and the builders. These people are forgotten about and tabloids report the bad things. People in Britain are uneducated on how much asylum seekers affect Britain in a positive way.

Spoof articles written in the style of newspapers can be found on the internet and look convincing. This gives people the wrong facts. And the wrong information.

Newspapers argue they are exercising their right to freedom of speech. Every body has the right to freedom of speech, but it's the way they use that right that is the problem. The media should give us all the facts, not just the bad ones.

In my opinion, there should be a way of moderating the stories the media are allowed to report. The media can still report the negative effects of immigrants, but the "moderator" would ensure they are printing true facts, and the media would need to have solid genuine evidence backing up their story proving its truth. This would stop false facts being printed, and people being wrongly informed. Spoof websites would not be allowed to print articles under the names of real tabloids or broadsheets.

I still believe the media should have the right to freedom of speech. They still have the right to voice their opinion but the manner in the way they voice their opinion should be moderated.

In many countries that have a dictatorship, speaking out against the government is illegal, and I would hate it for Britain to go down that route. I do not want the government to ban media printing articles on immigrants, because British citizens have a right to know what is happening in their country. However the government would not be allowed to change what was printed in an article if it was proved true, because people deserve to know the truth.

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: VickiC

Comments on this article:

world of media

Written by gandalf on 2006-03-29 14:07:44

You know you never know what the media says, we might live in a system were everything that happens is decided by the government. But how do we know what the government plans. it's all very scary if you think about because if the media can twist stories and are controlled by the government what else can they do. 

I agree...

Written by trine on 2006-03-27 13:56:09

It's sad that we live in the world where everything people do is analyzed and twisted by the media.
People want the truth more than just hearing what they want to hear

Terrorism Laws

Created by: Girdy

I think that the new laws to combat terrorism are good. They highlight the main problems we face with terrorism and make it easier for the government to tackle these problems face to face without inconvenient constructions.

The laws include restrictions on certain individuals under suspicion; however I feel that this may cause problems...where do we draw the line? And how do we know that such a sensitive subject being handled with fairly. Even the people who want to help against terrorism can allow their personal feelings to get the better of the.

Last edited 15.03.2006 by: Girdy

Comments on this article:

It's ok...

Written by laur on 2006-03-15 14:01:42

The law is just one aspect of the war against terror. The most important part is applying these laws. It's a hundred times

easier to prevent something than to undo it. A major problem is that people think "It can't happen to me, the odds are too low.". When it happens, terrorism strikes, they forget everything they were instructed to do. So the personal feelings can affect your actions, but only at the amateur level. The pro's know what terrorism is all about, and they are ready to do anything to stop it, even disregarding their feelings, pride and emotions.

Laur

Rspnse

Written by alextoea on 2006-03-15 11:35:31

I agree with you on the anti-terrorism laws and I think this is a good idea.. What I cannot agree with is your affirmation about the personal feelings... What normal person would afford to care about 'em when he is working on something with such a tremendous importance for the cotidian life. As you say there might be some persons to care about their feelings, but on the other way, they are surrounded by persons who don't know what they feel so this effect is some sort anulated: You let smn do something illegal, he is coucht by someone who you don't know and can't do nothing about it. This is my opinion in those cases.

On the other hand I realy don't thing there could be anyone to risk loosing his job or even going to jail only to alow these "individuals" to be "free". That's what I do think so... 🍌

Best regards,

Alex

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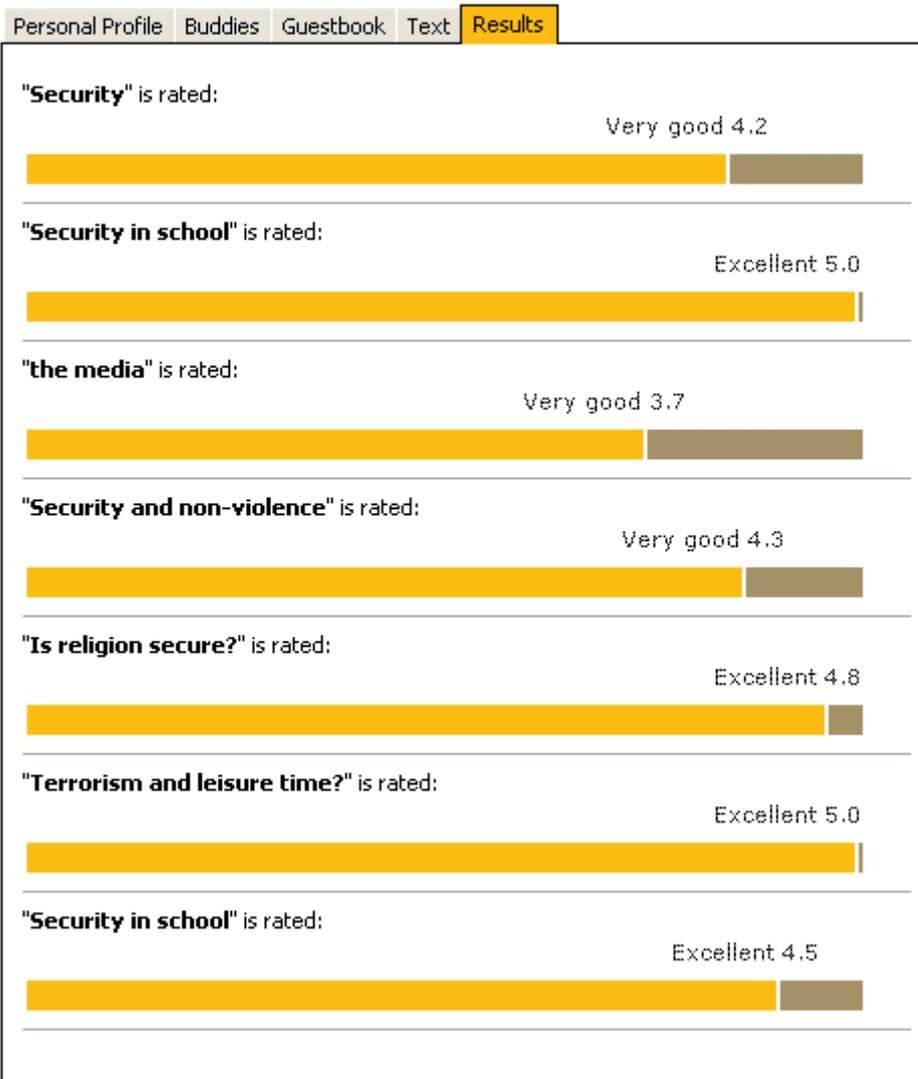
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Proposals:

Security*Created by: vlad*

Some of the causes of terrorism are: hunger, poverty and hopelessness. If we try to help people in situation they won't listen to terrorist chiefs, with lots of money who ask for support. For example trading would be a solution for this, they will earn money to live and Europe will gain security.

In Romania, some safety measures are already adopted. After the 9/11 and the London subway attack, Romanian policemen are more careful with possible threats and alarms.

To prevent terrorism in the educational system in some schools they've installed surveillance cameras and hired bodyguards. These measures make everybody feel safer (teachers, pupils, parents). Children can't enter the school without an ID card, in that way the possibility of a man with different intentions than learning is minimal.

The first encounter of Romanians with terrorism was the kidnapping of the three journalists, who were in Iraq. Unlike other tragic kidnapping cases, this one had a "happy-end", the Romanian journalist were freed by the kidnappers. Justice is now doing its work, searching for leads and people who could know some important details of the way this kidnapping was set.

I think that solutions to avoid such events exist. Maybe the Secret Services should work more efficient and understand things before they happen. The installing of surveillance systems in public places is a good way of fighting terrorism, but sometimes these measures don't make people feel free.

Last edited 23.03.2006 by: vlad

Security in school

Created by: theo

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In Romania every school has at least one bodyguard. I can say that this is the most common way of dealing with security problems in our country. And, in my opinion, it is the best. Our school's bodyguards are very friendly, they socialize with students, and they are not the stone men that freshmen regard them as being at the beginning of the school year. Some of them do ask for your ID card when you enter school, to be sure that you are a student of the school, but that is ok. It is part of their job.

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the media

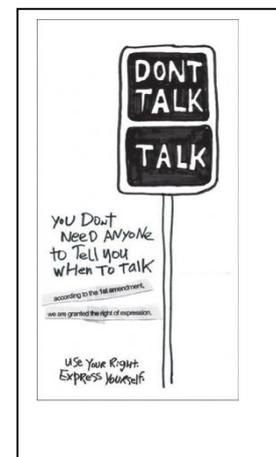
Created by: lucky_dork

After the '89 Revolution the romanian press has received certain rights, such as the freedom of speech. But what happens when this right is being abused or worst, forgotten. For instance, do the TV stations have the right to present a news report that could endanger the lives of others? Let's take for instance the case with the kidnapping of the three romanian journalists. At that time, the press was filled with rumours regarding their release or their execution. At a certain moment, a message had been received by the director of "Prima TV" with the instruction to be put immediately on air; the romanian secret services and the president had considered that this message was intended to manipulate the public opinion and has forbidden it's public display. Has the right of the press regarding the freedom of speech been violated? I consider that in certain contexts, the goverment or the president has the right to make this kind of decisions. The question is when can they interfere? When do they have the right to decide what the people should know and what they should not?

In conclusion:

The news that are delivered by the press can threaten our every day security. Can the goverment and/or president make that decision? Is it's all this in our advantage and when it's in our disadvantage?

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Security and non-violence*Created by: kristen*

How can we prevent violent radicalization from taking root in young people in Europe? Hm... Well first of all we should not permit kids to watch cartoons with scenes of violence. Nowadays there are more and more movies or cartoons or even shows that have violence in their programs. And kids watch those violent scenes and obviously they learn from what they see. Television should be a way of teaching people to do what they see on TV. And if a kid sees that his favorite TV-star kicks someone or shoots him he says that these things are correct and he wants to do the same... Thus I consider that it is a good idea to stop showing so many violent scenes at TV or in society.

And another way of preventing violence should be neglecting the one who provokes you. Just leave him alone with his anger and go away. He will probably relax himself somehow, some day.

So, in conclusion, my point is that anyone could control violence and anger and these feelings can easily disappear by being sometimes uninterested.

*Last edited 21.03.2006 by: kristen***Is religion secure?***Created by: morphinw*

Religion has been a touchy subject for ages; from the crusades to the Holocaust, fanatics have been fighting to make their religion universal, their GOD unique and omnipotent. This can be considered a foreseeable consequence of evolution, but who would have expected such conflicts in today's "democratic" society?

In Romania, the majority is of Orthodox creed, although there are many other types of believers spread throughout the country like Catholics and the gypsies who aren't Orthodox. The diversity of religion should be followed by the diversity of churches (the places where people come to pray, to practice their religion) but this isn't always the case.

There is a place in Romania (Predesti Village) where the inhabitants are divided into Orthodox and Greek Catholics. (A reason for this separation is the fact that communists had prohibited manifestations of non-Orthodox religions and had even taken away their churches. After the revolution in 1989 believers became Greek Catholics one more, but were still lacking places of prayer.) At first sight there is nothing out of the ordinary about this. Unfortunately, though, a conflict has risen between these people because the village's only church has to serve both cults. This conflict consists of believers being prohibited from entering the church and some people getting beaten on account of their faith.

In a society such as the one we live in, where humans are equal in front of God and justice, a society which is considered democratic, religious conflicts should be either inexistent or very rare. However, there still are many places all over the world where people get killed or discriminated because of their faith.

The solution for this problem is changing people's mentalities. They have to understand that because you are different, you aren't necessarily evil. How can we say that we live in a secure world if we are not allowed to express even our most intimate preferences, our religious beliefs? The answer is "we cannot" and until these changes are made we won't be able to say that we feel equal, not to mention safe.

*Last edited 23.03.2006 by: morphinw***Terrorism and leisure time?***Created by: issy*

Are we safe to travel around the world? Can we fly in another country or even in our country without thinking that anytime somebody can come with a gun and shoot us without a proper reason? Just because it's fun to shoot persons or our country has done something wrong? Is it fair for one single person to pay with life for a whole nation?

I don't quite know what to say about my country, Romania. Despite all the terrorist attacks from the whole world, especially Europe, Romania hasn't been officially attacked. I say officially because it is said that the secret services have caught some "small" terrorists.

For now and I hope for ever, Romania will remain a safe place for holidays. For this I can get only two possibilities. Firstly, it may be that our country's security system is so good organized that they have found out all the terrorist plans. This version I

think is not so trustful because our country is not so powerful and it is a fully developing process. Secondly, and in my opinion the most credulous story, our country is small and it is not one of the most important states of the globe. Perhaps the terrorist's interests are more in bigger and more influential nations like: USA, England or Spain.

Anytime something may happen to us or to somebody else. Because we don't know what may take place, when and where, so we must fight against terrorism with everything we can.

Last edited 25.03.2006 by: issy

Security in school

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Articles on country profiles (selection):

Security and non-violence

Created by: kristen

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four easy steps

Created by: anne

In these days we are confronting with an important problem: immigration. We are talking about the illegal immigrations, the people's desire to find the land of milk and honey wherever else, but not in their own country. This is what we should prevent. Now the question is: what is the cause of this problem?

Maybe one of the causes is the fact that less and less people feel self-realized. Then, if we have already found out one of the causes we know what we have to arouse in order to diminish the number of immigrants. But how can self-realization be achieved?

Self-realization is perceived different by different persons, so there are several ways specific for everyone to obtain this. We can group the strategies in 4 levels.

The first step in being a self-realized person is obtaining some material goods. A car, a new mobile phone, a new computer or even a new house gives you a feeling of self-realization.

The second step is making new friends. One can feel good, confident and optimistic just because of the fact that he has friends. Friends give us the feeling of good and this is how we do not feel alone any more. Then, why should we immigrate?

The third step, which has to be taken into consideration, is hard work. Hard work means good results, and this means self-realization. If you know that you are good, if you know you can handle the situation, there's no need to go away, to try to escape.

The last step is becoming a friend of the nature, of the environment. Being a peaceful person that appreciates the wonders of the nature makes you feel positive, more optimistic.

These are the steps to follow in order for you to have the feeling of self-realization. Go for it.

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: anne

Labour Market

Created by: m0!10

Labour Market in Denmark.

In Denmark the security of Labour market has been increased. In Danish National Bank you need a ID card to come in. If you have forgotten your ID you just can't get in.

The 4.000 employees of different companies at the harbour in Aarhus will participate in courses to secure the harbour against threats of terrorism.

Last edited 20.03.2006 by: m0!10

Security/freedom

Created by: o1Jane

In Denmark we have videosurveillance in the shops, but there can only have it on private grounds. We have it also in the busses and in the train. If we not have this system, there will be more crime in our country, but if we have videosurveillance over all, it will be like a "big brother" world where we not can do anything private.

Right now in Denmark we have a law proposal against terror. It's among others about taping someone's phone, if they have a connection to terror suspects. There is a lot of disagreements about this law.

I think it's a bad law, because it's taking our freedom, and it can accuse some people there is innocent.

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Proposals:

The Importance of Education in the Immigration Problem

Created by: Vyctor

What's immigration? Immigration is the act of moving to or settling in another country or region, temporarily or permanently. An immigrant is someone who intends to reside permanently, and not a casual visitor or traveler. Immigration means "in-migration" into a country, and is the reverse of emigration or "out-migration." The long term and/or permanent movement of human population in general, whether into, out of, or within countries (or before the existence of recognised countries) is regarded as migration. A good way to decrease the rate of the immigrants (in my opinion) is to increase the funds allocated to education. It might not sound like the best way to prevent immigrants, but it has a lot of advantages.

First of all why should we increase these funds? We must take in consideration how the Japanese had everything "down" (economy, etc.) and they have rebuilt everything from the ashes. Not only the World War 2 drained them economically, but afterwards their debts to the Allies, and look where they are now. That gives us something to think about. I don't think that they immigrate voluntarily. Why? Are they special somehow?

Some of the most important reasons are due to the lack of education, knowledge and culture. Economic reasons – to escape poverty, professional reasons – to find employment, political reasons – to escape dictatorship, persecution, genocide; sentimental (to reunite the family in another country), personal, religious reasons.

If people had more education they would know better their country's advantages and disadvantages related to the reasons I mentioned. In other words they should not give up so easily and think before they act because as immigrants they will not have a better life than in their homeland they have just left, not only because they face great poverty, but there are countries that don't allow immigration, therefore by going to a country like I've just mentioned, they will not find any shelter, but more persecution.

Therefore, increasing and redirecting funds to education WILL NOT obliterate immigration but will help to slow down this process.

There are (possibly) other methods, but this is the most possible and easy way, that a lot of countries could try and succeed.

Last edited 28.03.2006 by: Vyctor

The Media in Romania

Created by: ruxandra

The term of "mass-media" denotes the totality of means through which the spread of information to the public at large is made. It refers to all the means of communication that reach a high number of people. This supposes that it is relatively easy for the media products to be obtained and that their price is relatively accessible for all the social groups.

The Media has a very important role in society, which is (or should be!) materialized through the following functions: of transmitting the information, of informing, influencing and convincing the public opinion, of education, of entertainment. The messages transmitted through the mass-media usually include publicity spots. These can appear in the case of all its functions, not only in the one of formation and manipulation of the public opinion.

In my opinion, the media is a huge portal to information. It helps you find out things happening all over the world in an instant. You can find out things that belong to different areas of knowledge and form an opinion upon a certain matter very quickly. There's nothing one cannot find on the Internet, there's no important problem in the world or in a particular country that's not broadcasted on TV. Not to mention that there is news on the radio and so many other things which can be read in the written press.

It is actually a way of raising profits for the company you work in, as the publicity spots transmitted through the media convince people to buy products; this is, in fact, a great marketing strategy: it makes people aware of a need they didn't know they had before or simply gives them the impression that they need that particular something (inventing needs for the buyer).

The bad part with publicity, at least in Romania, is that it sometimes turns into an "advertising session" right in the middle of the movie you are watching (if we consider the advertising on TV). Of course, the money raised when broadcasting commercials during a movie or a show many people watch is definitely more, but I consider that it is sometimes more than annoying to be forced to watch 20 or 25 minutes of advertisement and not being able to change the channel, because you don't know when the programme you are watching is going to start.

Unfortunately, like all the things consumed in excess, the media also has negative effects. There are people who can't organize their daily programme if they don't read the newspapers, people who tend to spend their life worrying about the

personal lives of the celebrities instead of taking care of their own, or people (especially children and young people) who give up reading, studying or doing sports for watching TV or surfing the Internet. What's worse, these cases are becoming more and more often in Romania – more and more people are watching TV in most of their free time and cannot imagine their life without it.

The problem is that this affects their personal life – they'd give up anything for just watching TV. They don't read anymore and this results in a decrease of their cultural level and in the narrowing of their general knowledge; they don't do sports anymore and, this way, the rate of obesity among young people (and not only) is growing steadily and alarmingly. They don't go to the theatre, to the opera, to the cinema, don't hang out with friends and all they have in mind during school classes is going home and watching TV. How can they become actually subjugated by this media means? How can such a thing like an uneducative TV programme (because there are few educational programmes on TV in Romania) replace the time they spend with friends, socializing and having fun or simply breathing some fresh air and walking in the park?

Young people unfortunately have many unhealthy and harmful habits, which not only refer to watching TV for far too many hours, but also eating fast-food or starving themselves in order to look as good as those women or men in the ads or publicitary posters. All these behaviours have to do with media influence too. Our entire society is flooded with advertisements which stimulate you towards something: buy fast food, buy these clothes, they will make you look "cool", buy perfumes and jewellery from this or that famous brand and, above all – do your best to look good, otherwise people "won't like you and you won't be popular". This is the day by day influence imposed on us by others through the media. And we accept it and take it for granted. Of course it's hard to tell things apart, especially when you are a teenager who needs some guidelines and the thing you most want is to be accepted and liked by the people around you. But I think that these guidelines should be given by parents or teachers, by people who care about you and about the person you become, not by the people who are using the media for raising their income.

There are definitely educative things shown in the media, too. But there are very few of them and people just don't look for them in particular. This diminishes the cultural value of the Romanian society and won't help the country to flourish, either. On the other hand, though, there are still so many other people who do care about studying and about becoming smart people so as to represent Romania with pride that I think we can look at the future with bright eyes.

Lack of information is dangerous; the delivery of distorted information is even more dangerous.

In addition, the media has a strong influence upon people's opinions concerning important matters, too. Even if the media works in agreement with the norms of an ethic code based on the usage of the information, sometimes it is transmitted voluntarily so as to form a general opinion. This type of influence is particularly dangerous because the influenced people have the impression that they are acting in concordance to their own interests and ideas, not as a result of external facts.

The manipulation is realized in the present in diverse forms and with great subtlety. Not in few cases, a piece of information is not told or is presented distortedly. The objectives usually followed are the outlining of a positive image, in a certain context, about a person, a political party, an institution or an idea, categorizing anything else like "harmful" or "not appropriate". Sometimes, the actions of manipulation include elements of propaganda. A democratic society permits the competition between political parties through propaganda, with the condition of respecting the moral standards.

I think that it's important for us all to always ask ourselves questions: we should identify the source of the information, its purpose, the way in which it is transmitted and what exactly is that the person who sends it wants to tell us through it. We should always try to know and understand; but remember: anything in excess can harm you in ways you don't even imagine!

Last edited 28.03.2006 by: ruxandra

The Future of Politics & Consumption

Created by: Xyrael

What do politics mean to the people around us? The running of a society or country has been around for almost as long as our race has existed upon this planet. The requirement for a leader is an integral part of human nature and has always been around us, but in a very different way. Originally, blood and marriage were the main ties between people. The senior males of tribes were selected to run affairs for everyone else. This worked, but as tribes grew larger a system of selecting from the growing number of elder males needed to be developed, and democracy was born. It was later expanded on by the Greeks but never took true and complete equality until recent centuries when women were given the right to vote. However, the Indians and the Greek are still regarded as the first to have a relatively fair democratic system of government. But other anarchic systems of government still threaten the world today, and I feel that we should consider ourselves lucky to be under the systems that we are, but those in the associated countries other than mine know that it is a very unstable thing. We are

potentially the next generation of world leaders and we need to work together for a fairer world for every country, and that it is our duty to guard this.

So we have established that democracy is fundamental for true success of the people in a country, at least from my point of view. Today, politicians in our systems have the power to make or break this planet in terms of its consumption; they are the ones who have the ability to really do something about the problem. The resources are there, there are workers willing to help toward a better future for the entire planet. It is therefore entirely up to the politicians to decide whether or not to use the force under their control for the better. This is a major issue at the moment. Every country only had finite resources available to it, and it is up to the government to decide where these will be distributed. There are many things that a country must pay for every day and the responsibility for prioritising the resources falls to those in charge. But there are a lot of differing opinions over how there should be distributed.

Different countries use different amounts of resources, and different countries have access to different amounts of money. Many countries are totally unable to respond to the demands of the environment, but others choose to spend their funds on other things. This is the gridlock point – why do they not choose to help protect the environment? Surely it will be beneficial to everyone and their offspring to protect the world around them. The answer to this question is the way that the political system works. Although the idea of a democracy is that people in power are there for the good of the people and are trying to work for them, representing them is their primary role. Unfortunately, greed and lust for power have driven many politicians (and indeed from my point of view it is now most of them) to be in the game for one thing – power. The old maxim that power corrupts and that absolute power corrupts absolutely has driven many of those with authority across history into evil behaviour for their own selfish ends. This is reflected in the fiction of the world, such as Shakespeare's famous Macbeth and countless other tales of tyrannical leaders terrorising the common folk of the realm. Although today we enjoy a relatively stable leadership, it can appear at times that the main concern of those at the top is simply to stay there.

But I haven't got to the point of reason yet. Elections are the method of getting into positions of power as appointed by the people, which is how it should be. Because those they are voting for are representing them, voters are concerned over the policies and changes that the newly elected or re-elected government are going to use to try and improve their lives. So, in theory, politicians should be working for the environment because this helps the general populous. To summarise, politicians do what the people want them to do or make the public think that they are having their needs met to stay in power; which of these is not relevant to the discussion at hand. Once you have eliminated the impossible, what remains however improbable must be the truth, therefore tax payers don't want their money being spent on environmental issues, or they aren't making this known to those who lead and represent them.

If money isn't being spent on the care and repair of the natural world around us, then what is it being put into? The answer is wide and varied, but as far as I am aware the two main vote pullers for most political parties are education and healthcare, because these are things that everyone needs. The other money-spinner is defence, because countries feel that they need to maintain weapons of mass destruction in order to keep prestige amongst the world. In my opinion this is totally absurd. If a nuclear war started, everyone would be wiped out, so there is no point what so ever in keeping the weapons. More importantly, the western world has many nasty chemical and biological weapons and it then goes telling off countries in the Middle East for possessing them – how could this possibly be fair? It all boils down to power, because although we are supposed to be in a world of peace and prosperity where countries work together, human beings are still naturally tribal.

To conclude my relatively short article, I would like to bring together all the ideas presented above to show why political parties aren't doing enough at present to secure our future and solve the problems caused by our incessant consumption. The principal idea lies within staying in power (and please, this is strictly my opinion only), and with keeping voters on their side. I feel that political parties are willing to make whatever policies the people want (or think they want) to stay there, and this is what they were designed to do. Therefore, people aren't letting the government know what they want, or they don't care. We need to pressurise our leaders into doing more before it is too late. Our parents' generation were the ones with the most ability to change things, but they haven't – it is down to us, we can still make a difference. The optimum solution in my mind would be to put more money from other departments into ecological work, as it is in the interests of everyone. I think that we should push for change in politics to help the politicians make the right decisions.

Finally, I would like to make my proposal: young people need to apply pressure and get more involved with politics in order to solve the problems of consumption in Europe.

Last edited 31.03.2006 by: Xyrael

Articles on country profiles (selection):

The Problems Of Energy Consumption In The Home

Created by: Sam15

Households are responsible for a large majority of the national energy consumption. In the last 30 years, energy consumption in England has increased by 36%. In terms of household energy, this is an increase of 5% per household. But why has our energy consumption increased to such gluttonous levels?

There are many reasons behind this increase. A major reason to the sharp rise in recent years is the modern "consumer culture". Prior to the 1970s, there was much less consumer choice and less emphasis on personal possessions in social culture. Nowadays, people feel under pressure, both from peers and from advertising agencies, to own bigger and better things-faster cars, several TVs, work saving trinkets of every kind. But these things cost more than just money. Inevitably, everything that is bigger and better will require more energy.

Eighty-five percent of household energy is used to heat water for baths, showers etc. and to heat space i.e. central heating. This is an increase of 26% since 1990. This cannot be to falling temperatures because, as we all know, the planet is getting steadily warmer. The reason for this is that with the increase in prosperity among the people in Western countries has led to many of the middle classes moving into larger houses. Obviously this requires more energy to heat than the previously smaller houses seen in the earlier parts of the century.

Another reason that household energy consumption, particularly that used for space heating, has increased is the increase in the number of houses. The average number of people per household in 2001 was 2.36 as more people are choosing to not marry and to live alone. This is significantly less than several decades earlier. This coupled with the increasing population, which has risen from around 55 million in 1971 to around 65 million in 2006, means that the need for houses has risen sharply. This creates a huge demand for energy and so the energy consumption rises.

So what effects does this extra energy consumption have on the environment? The main issue is of course global warming. The majority of energy comes from burning fossil fuels. The problem with this is that it releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere that is trapped by the ozone layer. This prevents sunlight being reflected away from the planet and so increases the planet's temperature. This has effects such as rising sea levels, climate change, and the destruction and change of many natural habitats. This is not the only effect of excessive domestic energy consumption. When the fossil fuels are burned they release sulphur dioxide into the atmosphere. In Britain, these fumes are blown by the southwesterly winds to places such as Scandinavia where the sulphur mixes with water to form acid rain that destroys forests, erodes buildings and poisons marine habitats and wildlife.

Perhaps less globally important, but far more important in the minds of those it affects are the cost implications of the increasing cost of energy that comes from fossil fuels. As coal, oil and gas supplies dwindle, particularly around the UK, costs of energy are beginning to rise sharply to offset the costs of suppliers. As more and more fuels is shipped in from Eastern Europe and overseas, the price is set to rise further still.

So what can be done to reduce consumption in the home and therefore significantly reduce the effects of over consumption? Perhaps the best would be to make people aware of the costs. This would give them a personal reason to turn off the lights and turn off the heating, rather than concerning people with issues such as global warming which they can't understand or choose to ignore. Educating people about the issues associated with domestic consumption would shock people into action. The threat of global climate change could be a powerful deterrent if presented in the correct way to the public and would shock people into taking action. The problem is that people have been being told about global warming and depleting resources for the last couple of decades and have come to accept it as a fact of life. People are so used to being told about it that they seem to just block it out. This means that if education is the answer then it has to be something different and unique that will grab the minds of a generation desensitized to these environmental issues.

But education is not the only way to prevent people overusing their available energy. People can begin by cutting back on energy usage at home. Even simple things such as turning of lights when leaving a room would save huge amounts of energy when done on a national scale. There are even less obvious things that can be done. Taking showers instead of baths means that a fraction of the water is used. This means that less gas is burned and more energy is saved. Some people have the option to switch from gas to an electricity supply from a renewable source. This means that natural resources are not used and that the effect on the environment from emissions is greatly reduced. Many people are now having their houses properly insulated, particularly in areas where the houses are old and so were never given the correct insulation. An un-

insulated house loses 60% of the energy used to heat it through the roof and walls. This means that a correctly insulated house could save up to 60% of the energy used and of the heating bill. The effect of this on the environment if done by everyone would be dramatic. So why aren't more people doing it?

The government could also play a role in reducing energy consumption. By introducing limits on the amount spent on household energy or regulating the size and energy efficiency of houses, the government could control the amount of energy used. However, it is unlikely that a consumer society would agree to have their houses and consumption regulated.

It is unclear exactly what should be done to combat this problem. Should the solution begin at home by insulating a loft or turning off a light? Or should the solution come from government legislation? A solution which would take us one step closer to a totally controlling state, where our houses and possessions are regulated. Whatever the solution is, it must come soon. If the government is to meet its Kyoto Agreement targets of keeping CO2 Emissions 12.5% below 1990 levels between 2008 and 2012 then it has to implement changes soon, otherwise the target cannot be met. It makes sense to begin by solving the problem that is closest to home and potentially easiest to solve, and that is the problem of domestic energy consumption.

Last edited 20.04.2006 by: sam15

Created by: Mr. T

The Introduction video had a large impact on my attitude towards world poverty and it made me have a better understanding of how the world doesn't co-operate with each other as much as I thought they did and that everyone should try and make a difference.

I hope the world can unite and treat each other with as much respect as they would like to receive so there is a positive impact

I think it is a good idea that TakePartToo has been launched to take views on a younger audience and to get their opinions and also I will look forward to meeting new people across seas

On a personal note my name is Meerwais and I have Black hair, Brown eyes and I'm medium height.

Last edited 09.03.2006 by: Mr. T

Joe

Created by: Joe

My name is Joe Hemmingham I am 14 years old and I go to Silverdale school in Sheffield.

I believe that the way people treat each other in the world needs to change. People should respect and support their beliefs no matter where you are from. I also think that poverty should be stopped and countries need to do more to help each other as we all live in this world together.

Last edited 02.03.2006 by: joe

Romania country profile - Historical and political point of view

Created by: laura

The principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia - that were under the suzerainty of the Turkish Ottoman Empire for centuries - secured their autonomy in 1856; they united in 1859 and a few years later adopted the name "Romania". The country became independent in 1878. It joined the Allied Powers in World War I and acquired new territories following the conflict. In 1940, it allied with the Axis powers and participated in the 1941 German invasion of the USSR. Three years later, overrun by the Soviets, Romania signed an armistice. The post-war Soviet occupation led to the formation of a Communist "people's republic" in 1947 and the abdication of the king. The decades-long rule of dictator Nicolae CEAUSESCU, who took power in 1965, and his Securitate police state became increasingly oppressive and draconian through the 1980s. CEAUSESCU was overthrown and executed in late 1989. Former Communists dominated the government until 1996, when they were swept from power by a fractious coalition of centrist parties. In 2000, the center-left Social Democratic Party (PSD) became

Romania's leading party, governing with the support of the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania (UDMR). The opposition center-right alliance formed by the National Liberal Party (PNL) and the Democratic Party (PD) scored a surprise victory over the ruling PSD in December 2004 presidential elections. The PNL-PD alliance maintains a parliamentary majority with the support of the UDMR, the Humanist Party (PUR), and various ethnic minority groups. Although Romania completed accession talks with the European Union (EU) in December 2004, it must continue to address rampant corruption - while invigorating lagging economic and democratic reforms - before it can achieve its hope of joining the EU, tentatively set for 2007. Romania joined NATO in March of 2004.

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: Laura

Comments on this article:

title

Written by mihaela on 2006-05-02 16:51:36

good work laura... I didn't knew that side of you. This profile is quite good

LEISURE TIME

Created by: cristina

Leisure time means to have free time, your time to do whatever you want and you enjoy. It is supposed to relax you.

People are different, so they spend their free time in different manners. Especially, teenagers spend their free time listening to music, reading, watching TV, practising sports, playing computer games, going out or going shopping.

In Romania, most of the teenagers enjoy spending their free time going out with their friends or family and having fun. During the week the teenagers are busy because they have school and they have to do their homework; that's why most of their free time is at the weekend.

Free time also means holidays. In general, people have different activities for every period of the year. In the winter holiday they can go skiing in the mountains. In the summer holiday, which is bigger, they have enough time to do their favourite activities, and also, they can go to the seaside or visit other countries.

There are also busy people who prefer spending their leisure time resting or sleeping. There are also teenagers that prefer to spend their free time reading and studying more than they do at school.

People enjoy knowing more, and they have private classes; especially they study foreign languages because nowadays these are very important.

But, finally, "Everyone spends their free time in the way that they want".

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: cristina & oana

Last edited 23.03.2006 by: cristina

Comments on this article:

yeah....

Written by kriker on 2006-03-28 15:56:59

Everyone's leisure activities are individual as no one is the same, if there are different opportunities in different areas then of course people's leisure time will be different. Can you please state how leisure time is enjoyed by individuals according to their environment.

Interesting Article :D

Written by Xyrael on 2006-03-27 16:45:19

This is a nicely written article, and I am interested to learn how similar your leisure time activities are to ours. I would like to know how these relate to consumption however - are you going to expand this article?

Thanks,
Xy

" In & Out" is rated: Good 3.3
 "Immigration & media?" is rated: Very good 3.5
 "Read this it's awe inspiring" is rated: Good 3.3
 "Awesome" is rated: Good 3.3
 "Proposal" is rated: Very good 3.7
 "Our opinion about "24års-reglen"" is rated: Okay 1.5
 "proposal" is rated: Very good 3.5

Proposals (selection):

An example of the way immigration is moving in the UK

Created by: Barney

An immigration bond scheme which would have forced certain visitors entering Britain to hand over about £3,000 has been dropped by the government.

The government has decided not to press ahead with the returnable deposit scheme after it stirred angry reaction among anti-racist and immigration support groups.

A pilot study of the proposals, aimed at people from some Asian and African countries whose visa applications might be considered borderline, was due to be introduced in the autumn.

Foreign Office Minister Keith Vaz confirmed on Saturday that the programme had been dropped for good.

Racist threat

Ministers have been hinting the scheme would be shelved since it sparked outrage from immigration campaigners and the General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, Bill Morris.

In April Mr Morris said the scheme could encourage racists.

On Saturday he told BBC News Online the union welcomed the decision to drop the scheme.

"I'm delighted that people seeking to come to the UK will be judged on merit of their application rather than the size of their wallet," he said.

Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman Simon Hughes added: "The idea of bonds as a surety for visitors from some countries was clearly discriminatory.

"When will the government learn that what we need are sensible policies, not tough-sounding but half-baked ideas?"

First step

Mr Morris said the T&G would keep up pressure on the government to drop the "iniquitous" voucher system for asylum seekers.

Under the scheme, asylum seekers are given vouchers instead of cash to do their weekly shopping, which campaigners say is degrading.

They mounted protests outside supermarkets around England and Wales on Saturday, calling on retailers to pull out of the scheme.

"We believe the government should take the next step and abolish it," he said.

The National Assembly Against Racism and Indian Workers' Association Great Britain have also campaigned against the scheme and previous moves to charge up to £10,000 for relatives from the Indian sub-continent visiting residents in Britain.

The groups said the impact of the bond scheme could cause severe financial hardship for black families who are already over-represented among the poorest in Britain.

Thankyou for reading.

Last edited 29.03.2006 by: Barney

Comment on this proposal:

heireditary disesase

Written by lukas on 2006-04-26 16:44:44



did you ever realise that one spoonful of cabbage helps the medicine go down?

Mass Media*Created by: laurag*

Mass Media is a very important element of every single country. I really believe that Mass Media has a lot of power and also can control a lot of people with the information that people receive.

In my opinion most of the information that people receive are exaggerated. Many articles and many stories that are written in newspapers or told at the 'News' contain a lot of exaggerated information or untrue. It happened to me a lot of times to read in an article from a magazine something and the next day discover from a newspaper that the whole story was a big lie.

A very stupid part of the Media I believe that are the tabloids which invent a lot of rumours and love stories that don't exist. I consider those articles totally useless and sometimes this kind of stories really can destroy people's lives. I don't even consider these to be a real part of the Media because there are a lot of other information that are worth to be said

Eventhough Media has its bad parts I don't think we can live without the information we receive every day. For some people even the tabloids are a part of their life they can't live without. Many of them consider tabloids funny.

I believe that is very important to receive information and of course to have access to them. As I said before, even though some information are just for fun, most of them are very important for me and they help me find out new things. If we want to live in a modern world we must receive informations, have access to them because if we don't, we are going to miss a very important part of life and, I believe that every human being has the right to receive information every day and of course have its personal opinion towards Media. I would really wish that the information we receive could be more serious but I know that some people are pleased with what they get and I guess that Media in our days manages to please everyone's tastes.

*Last edited 05.04.2006 by: laurag***Stop playing with paper***Created by: BodanC*

Well I think that we consume too much (food, paper, water and other things). Plus, WE ARE TOO MANY (6 billion already). I only hope our number will not increase because this planet doesn't have enough resources to support us all.

So think twice before playing with water or making a paper plane.

Maybe recycling is a solution but I think a law is a better way to save resources (coal, oil, forests and even water).

But the biggest problem is our human nature, which makes us confront our problems when it's too late.

*Last edited 12.04.2006 by: BodanC***Comments on this proposal:**

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Written by HaivasA on 2006-04-26 16:15:19

Of course nothing is going to change if we just sit and watch as our resources go away. It's true you can't force somebody to use contraception, but if those ppl would be educated in this matter, this issue would not exist... I think sexual education should start in school, but in most of the poor countries this doesn't happen.

I look at examples in my country, where people from the country-side, never even heard about contraceptive methods. The best way (and in my opinion the only way) is EDUCATION. 🍌

Kill 'em all!*Written by danaM on 2006-04-26 15:45:03*

i agree! we are too many and we must do smth... like educating people to use contraception methods and to take better care of themselves

and if they don't want to understand... well considering that I am a radical...

Contraception*Written by justd2ofus on 2006-04-19 17:16:44*

so there are too many of us - and you hope we won't increase! What do you suggest that we do about it? You can't make everyone stop have children - and you can't have involuntary euthanasia - also people have the choice of using condoms -

you cant force them. I know its an issue and i agree with you but nothings going to change. 

Security

Created by: sonias

We should let the state have some control over our lives but everything has a limit. And on the other side I don't think it's the best method. The state can get very valuable information about the past of a person which could prevent tragic things from occurring. On the other hand we can't control everyone's lives, we can only control those aspects which can attend to national security.

We can't have our lives ruled by fear because that's the exact purpose of terrorism. I don't think we can be free if let our lives be dominated by fear, but this doesn't mean that we should take security problems easily.

I think that a solution for reducing factors in foreign countries which can contribute to the emerge of terrorism would be a radical change in our attitude. We have to accept once and for all that although we are very different we have the same dream: we all want to live in a peaceful world, we all want to be fulfilled. Our world will fall apart if we don't learn to treat everyone equally.

Last edited 12.04.2006 by: sonias

Immigrants

Created by: deea_a

I think that the problems of the immigrants should be important for all of us. They shouldn't be ignored and we shouldn't have bad opinions about them. Every person is patriotic, but the traditions or the people of our country, won't change because of the immigrants.

It must be very hard for them to leave their homes and families behind, comming somewhere hoping they could find a better life.

But how can we help them? One of the things that might solve the problem is informing people about the real conditions of the ones that immigrate. The media might help giving people more news about the life of immigrants, true life stories and examples to be followed.

Other thing that might help is informing people thought programs which might include commercials and articles in the newspapers refering to asociations that might help immigrants socialize.

Last edited 15.04.2006 by: deea_a

Comment on this proposal:

Good points

Written by FergE on 2006-04-15 22:20:42

I agree that people ought to have more sympathy for immigrants, and it could be very hard to leave your home country and go somewhere else, especially if the people there are hostile towards you.

I also agree that information is the key to integration; people do not know enough about immigrant communities, and would perhaps have more sympathy for them if they could see them as "real people".

the media

Created by: Catherine

I propose that the media should take a much more unbiased view on the political situation. For example the Daily mail are extremely rightwing and therefore try and encourage its' readers to vote conservative. Espacially the tabloids should change, as the broadsheets tend to have a more general overview. For example the independant does not seem to favour one party but instead gives the reader a choice to choose which party they prefer.

The same goes for the view of illegal immigrants and asylum seekers. The tabloids tend to shed a negative view on them and do not tend to take their situation into account. Therefore i fell we should favour broadsheets over tabloids.

Last edited 19.04.2006 by: catherine

Comment on this proposal:

The Media

Written by ajbroadway on 2006-04-21 15:02:03

unfortunately the agenda of tabloids is to sell papers and because of this they report news and information in a way their readers would want, often a biased and ignorant view of the small picture. The only way to combat steriotypes of immigrants is to inform the public of the whole picture in an unbiased way

Self-realisation... WE NEED IT MORE!!!! By stephen

Created by: stephengcm

[UPDATED VERSION, IGNORE OTHER!]

OK, so picture this:

You're name is Jik, you live in Africa. You attend a School every day, but it is very run down, and the conditions are outrageous. What are your dreams? The fact is, you have none. You know nothing about what is available in and out of Africa, but you know that it is more likely that you will get a job and make a dream elsewhere, in a foreign & wealthier country where the quality of life is so much higher.

Your only ambition, only dream is to leave the country.

To stop these types of occurances (woah, posh word), what needs to be done is to educate people in schools accross the world about what is available out there. Government funding needs to be increased on schools, to allow them to teach the children about the reality of the world. Like most problems in the world (unfortunately), this issue ties down to money, and the lack of it going into areas needing it most.

Last edited 19.04.2006 by: stephengcm

Comments on this proposal:

to you

Written by pony on 2006-04-26 17:04:05

Schools across the world do need to be educated about this terrible reoccurance that over so many years has not improved, evan with our intelligence and wealth. Again, yes it does come down to the one thing in life which concerns our corrupt world, money. If they are at least given this chance to be educated then at least they have been given the oppportunity to do something about it, what they so desperatly wish to change.

heireditary diseases

Written by lukas on 2006-04-26 16:42:47

Have you never considered just adding a little bit of brown sauce to a bacon sandwich? HP makes a bacon sandwich (an alien sandwich )

part 2

Written by danaM on 2006-04-26 16:03:07

Of course the most important thing that should be done is to educated this unfotunate people ,2 open their eyes, but what will happend with them after finishing school? will they have a place 2 work?will they be able to create themselves a better life?will they be happy? and the most important question:will they be able to immigrate?what if they won't be?For what is worth they know what's outside if they can't reach it?

education's not all!

Written by danaM on 2006-04-26 15:51:52

The Education of asylum seekers children

Created by: Amelia

The Government plans on segregated education for asylum seekers. Some people say this is wrong, as "mainstream schooling was the highlight of young refugees' lives". Surveys in the UK show schools help them socialise and make friends with people other than other refugees, which would happen if they were segregated. It also gives them a relief away from the fear and prejudice they often face. 75% admitted attending school was a positive thing in their lives.

However the schools that accommodate these refugees also face challenges. Pupils could arrive at any time and may not stay for long. The parents may also have to deal with housing and money, meaning they can't give their children as much help as regular families can.

The children may have problems with the English language, causing them to work at a slower rate than English pupils in their year. They may have to learn English from scratch. As well as that, the children probably suffered trauma in their lives as they became refugees, and they may need help coming to terms with their new lives. This would suggest segregating the children would be a good idea.

I believe that segregating the children would be a negative thing. They are enjoying being around other people, who have different backgrounds. This will also help educate the children who aren't asylum seekers as segregating them will only allow old prejudices to continue.

Last edited 19.04.2006 by: amelia

Social Inequality

Created by: justd2ofus

This is not a problem solving thing, we believe that the world and democracy will never change not to be depressing but we are still as repressed as we were 50 years ago from a womans point of view! Sure sexual liberation has come and gone - but are we that liberated? In this day and age woman are expected to have sex before marriage - the value has just swung the other way!! people who are different whether immigrants or not - if you are different from the social standards of UK or USA you are forced to be an outcast! Though outcasts in society create their own inner society of outcasts - and the wheel continues around! So it can be said that society as a whole does not accept change or difference.

We love you all and please dont be offended by our rant! xxx

Last edited 19.04.2006 by: justd2ofus

Comments on this proposal:

Yes

Written by justd2ofus on 2006-04-26 16:39:35

im glad you agree 🍌

!?!?!

Written by hollie on 2006-04-26 16:38:32

I agree - kind of! This is a bit of a wierd rant that goes o into a lot of wierd places, but yeah the general principles are good! And quite true! 🍌🍌🍌

proposal*Created by: parso88*

Houses are too expensive for first time buyers and the country is losing young people. Therefore I propose that subsidies are made available for first time buyers in a local area.

*Last edited 21.04.2006 by: parso88***Comment on this proposal:****i love you***Written by Mido49 on 2006-04-21 15:01:56*

well said- u're cool

immigration and the media*Created by: shay2910*

Immigration is portrayed in the media in a variety of different ways, for example it will be show to be different in a tabloid newspaper than to what you will see in a broadsheet newspaper. In a tabloid newspaper they will often concentrate on the negative aspects of immigration however in a broadsheet newspaper they will look at the positive aspects for example the benefits it will have on our economy. Immigration is often discussed in the media, one of the major talking points at the moment is the growing average age of the UK. This could prove to be a problem in the long run with the government eventuly paying out more than it can afford in benefits, one of the solutions that could be used is the number of young immigrants that are allowed in to the country.

By Sher Kayani & Aroony Jacksoony

*Last edited 21.04.2006 by: shay2910***Comment on this proposal:****amzing work***Written by shay2910 on 2006-04-21 15:11:22*

This is the greatest piece of work i have ever read. It is an inspiring piece of work

Well done shay and aroony, you two cool lads have really changed the way i think about life and immigrants

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Proposal for the EU*Created by: Kira*

The Eu wanted us to consider three things about immigration and these are:

- 1) Whether or not there is or will be a shortage of working people in the future.
- 2) How the European community can improve the intergration of immigrants, refugees and ethnic minorities to avoid xenophobia and racism.
- 3) How can we avoid so many people desperatly trying to get into Europe from Africa.

Firstly, i don't think there is or will be a working people shortage in the future for two reasons. 1) There is the entire unemployed section of the countries population to consider. 2) If immigrants, refugees and ethnic minorities are granted asylum in the country, then we will have them to consider as well. With so many people able to work, why would there be a shortage? I think the main problem is a job shortage. This will lead to mass unemployment, unless more job vacancies become available.

Secondly, some immigrants do suffer from racism, and xenophobia. In some cases, it can be shocking how much racism occurs.

Ethnic minorities living in parts of Britain are now four times more likely to have suffered from racism than they were before the last general election, according to one of the most exhaustive studies of race and crime, undertaken by The Observer. Between 2000 and 2004 racist incidents reported to the police in England and Wales - anything from verbal abuse to the most vicious of assaults - rose from 48,000 to 52,700.'

Quoted from an article from the observer.

However, the main areas targeted by racism are areas with sparse ethnic minority populations. A source for the blame of overall increase is often caused by politicians and the media for using inappropriate language and exaggerating alleged threats to our way of life stemming from immigration.

Maybe we could tighten up laws on racism, and prove to immigrants, refugees and ethnic minorities, that they have a right to be who they are, and that if they are suffering racial abuse they can talk to someone, and the culprits will be dealt with appropriately. I think most people are racist, because of xenophobia. We are afraid of the effects that these different yet interesting people will have on our lives. We need to be reassured that they are safe and friendly people to put our minds at rest, whereas they need to be reassured that if they have a problem their voices will be heard and anything they say will be kept confidential, and will be dealt with, if not, they feel they have been let down by the security they deserve. NO-ONE SHOULD SUFFER IN SILENCE!!!

Finally, trying to avoid so many people desperately trying to get into Europe from Africa is the hardest part to deal with. Some people are so desperate, that they set out on their dangerous journey knowing maybe they will be unsuccessful. Some of these desperate attempts lead to fatalities, and this needs to be stopped. I propose that the two countries involved come to some kind of agreement. In this way, the country accepting the asylum seeker, will get to know about the person applying for asylum. By doing this, we can ensure their journey will be safer, and they will have security all the way, till they reach their final destination, and we know that they are not dangerous, or will impose a threat.

I think my ideas will reduce insecurities, racism and xenophobia, providing they accept our laws.

Last edited 21.04.2006 by: kira

Education of adult Immigrants.

Created by: FergE

I propose that the compulsory education of adults who come to this country intending to go into full-time employment should be brought into force as soon as possible. Educated and skilled workers from Eastern Europe, Asia and elsewhere are losing out to (sometimes less specifically able) British people simply due to a lack of UK- recognised qualifications and English language skills.

It is important that people who emigrate to the UK should not be treated as second-class citizens due to this; a lack of formal education can stand in the way of people being able to hold their own against their employers and landlords. As a result, they are receiving poorer pay and poorer accommodation than British-born people, and often working longer hours in less pleasant conditions, because it is easier to exploit someone who does not have a knowledge of the country; for example, if you don't know what the minimum wage is, how can you complain to your employer when they pay you too little? If you cannot speak fluent English, how do you complain about anything?

Some people simply say "well, they ought to just learn the language". But it is not as easy as that; perhaps they should consider the fact that many immigrant workers work both day and night shifts, with hardly the time to sleep, let alone learn a language. The only answer to this is a compulsory **educational induction period for all new immigrants to the UK**, during which they are given special education in English (if required), as well as any other basic skills they will need to work here. During the induction period, accommodation would be provided by the state, freeing the immigrants up somewhat to learn.

If we are ever to live in a society in which immigrants can live and work alongside British natives as equals, the only route to take is sufficient education; by the introduction of this educational induction period, I hope that we can make a step towards greater equality for immigrant workers.

Last edited 26.04.2006 by: FergE

Comments on this article:

Money

Written by *stephengcm* on 2006-04-26 16:52:55

OK OK OK, with all things, comes money. Everything needs money. Taxes may have to be risen- it would cost a lot to house and educate every single immagrnt that came over to the UK. Either that or some reduction of money will have to be made from one area (such as the NHS, or whatever). The UK public will not like that.

That's not the point

Written by *FergE* on 2006-04-26 16:39:06

We don't have any power; we know this. But the point of the project is to make our views heard.

...i doubt..

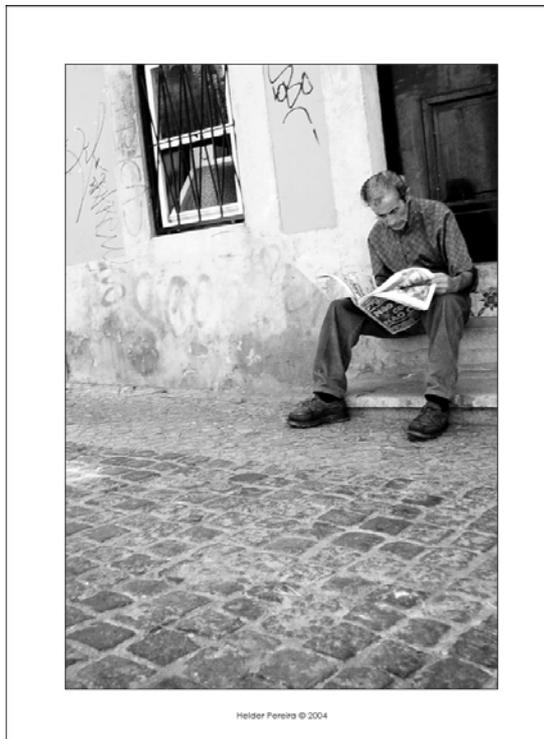
Written by *crimson* on 2006-04-26 16:07:37

And how do you think this will happen, how can you convince someone to take meajures regarding this "Education of adult immigrants" project?

Immigrants and Media

Created by: *crimson*

It's really hard for the immigrants to understand the way the media works here and besides that this is a new place for them, they have to get used with their daily activities and it's hard for them to tell right from wrong regarding political news etc. So I was thinking why not make a TV channel/news paper dedicated to the immigrants with information regarding economy, politics etc.



Last edited 26.04.2006 by: *crimson*

Comment on this article:

Yes, but

Written by stephengcm on 2006-04-26 16:45:18

I agree we should make some kind of TV channel, but it'll stir up so much controversy within the UK. It'll make people think that immigrants are taking over the country. I mean, check it out- there are areas around cities in which there are mainly ethnic minorities and immigrants. Even some street names are in foreign languages now, and this is the kind of thing that will make people head towards voting for the BNP in the next elections! It's extremism that some people are heading towards, the same reason why people voted for Nazism back in the 1920s or whenever! (Ok, I may have gone waaay to far in this one )

In & Out

Created by: danam

Every immigrant's dream is to achieve a better life , out of his country.We cannot force him to stop dreamin' but we must do smth to protect our own jobs.I'm not saying it because i am a bloody racist, but you must agree that the more immigrants we get in our countries, the more problems will appear(for them and for us).

So, there are 2 things that can be done:

- 1.We create new jobs in our country. But this means a lot of spent money and we do not posses it.
- 2..We create new jobs in their country. It is very simple, it is avaible, and this brings money both for poor people and rich people.There are many unexploited places in the world .Let's work these problems out and we solve the immigration problem.Of course I'm not considering the states where the war rules.They really must get out of there.

Last edited 26.04.2006 by: danaM

Comment on this article:**proposal**

Written by pony on 2006-04-26 16:56:36

I agree with what you have to say, but only to a certain extent. It is true that immigrants just like everyone else have the freedom to dream, and yes immigrants coming to our country could cause problems. However i do feel that they have the same right as we do to have a good job and earn money to support their families. This is why i believe that our government should spend the money on this, instead of spending it on meaningless things such as wars and weapons. This money would benefit alot more people less fortunate than us giving them the opportunities to work and have the things in life that every human deserves and is entitled to.

proposal

Created by: 00Sheila_G

When it comes to security and freedom, it seems to be a case of maintaining the right balance whilst not hampering anyone's human rights, but protecting the majority.

Many feel that in today's society, the UK's government is taking the role of the "nanny state" and has increasing power over both the large parts and smaller parts of our lives. Some would see this as a negative thing and complain that they are interfering with our lives, where there is no need. However, others take the view that the government are trying to protect us and thus, by implanting tight laws such as ones concerning suspected terrorists they are doing so.

However, there seems to come a point where the government begin to infringe upon our freedom and personal privacy. For example, there has been much controversy lately regarding the government's proposal to introduce identification cards, carrying a great wealth of information. Do we really want the government to be able to track our progress round the country, able to see when and where we have been? Or is this a measure that in fact will be for our own security, enabling those in power to pick out suspected terrorists?

When it comes to immigration, I do not think that immigrants deserve any less freedom than is granted to the citizens of the country they may be trying to enter. Whilst I feel there should be stringent security measures in place and rigorous research into a person's background, I consider it unfair to deny immigrants a place to live in peace and security. Having said this, I do

feel that there must be a limit, particularly concerning the United Kingdom where we already suffer from overcrowding and thus, do not think we can take in all the flocks of immigrants forever. But of course, this causes problems – when do we stop? Who do we choose?

I propose that the government set a quota – a limit of the number of immigrants that they allow into the country in a said year – and then review how these immigrants have affected Britain and its society. Upon these results they could review this number and choose to decrease or increase the number allowed in dependent upon what a strain these immigrants have upon the national services such as the NHS and whether they are taking jobs away from locals or filling much needed employment needs.

I also think that immigrants should receive a thorough security check upon entering the country, possibly including any prior police records, previous jobs and where they might have travelled. In any suspect circumstances, it could be left to the digression of the officers as to whether they are allowed into the country.

Ultimately, I think we have to find the right balance between the security and the freedom of both the immigrants and those inhabiting the U.K. This seems to be a hard balance to maintain and the government have a difficult task considering this dilemma.

Last edited 28.04.2006 by: 00Sheila_G

Articles on country profiles (selection):

Security/ freedom

Created by: Kira

Immigration is a very difficult topic to discuss, especially when you don't really know much about it... anyway here is my proposal.

Previously i wanted to try and find the answers to three questions:

- 1) Security. Does this need tightening, or are immigration laws tight enough?
- 2) How much freedom should we give immigrants?
- 3) Where is the borderline between security and freedom?

1) Immigration laws are quite tight at present, though i feel that maybe when immigrants either fly, go by ferry etc in to England, (or another country where they have immigration), security at each destination should thoroughly check that they are not an illegal immigrant, and that they are carrying no form of weapon, therefore they will oppose no threat. I feel that it is the illegal immigrants that people most fear. On the other hand, "

I think that if a serious problem ever develops with National Security regarding immigration, the Government will tighten up immigration regardless of the opinion of the masses" (Fergus) I think Fergus has a good point, and a point which is probably more likely to occur.

2) How much freedom? To be honest, immigrants are human beings, therefore they should be treated like everyone else in the country they are migrating to. After all, we all have human rights to protect us, and im sure that the majority of immigrants are very friendly people who have migrated to find a better way of living. It is the countries responsibility to treat them as if they were a citizen in the country, after all that is what they want to be, and that is how they would expect to be treated. On the other hand, there are limitations to how much freedom people can get, but if immigrants got the same amount of freedom as everyone else then there shouldn't be a problem. If they are willing to obey the countries laws, then why can't they have the same amount of freedom. If they refuse, then that's when problems start to arise. After all, they are just like you or me, a human being. They have feelings, and are probably anxious as to how people are going to react, and whether or not they will be accepted. Like i said they are just like you or me, therefore, they should be given the same amount of freedom as we get.

3) Where is the borderline between security and freedom? This i think is obvious. We have a set of laws that are to be obeyed with no exceptions. As soon as you break a law, then that is when your freedom will get affected. We have alot of freedom, but if your not willing to stay within your limit, then that's when security will take it's role. We have security to protect

us from danger or dangerous situations. Law breakers are people we need protecting against, and this is when security takes further action than just general protection. However, immigrants should have the same borderline between security and freedom like we do. They should be treated equally.

Finally, i agree with Fergus "A lot of British people are apprehensive about letting immigrants into the UK; they are afraid (at least this is what they say) of the possible resultant overpopulation, unemployment etc" I think people are afraid of the unknown. Immigrants are new unknown people, and i feel that is what scares people about immigration. If we don't know about something, we become afraid of it, as we don't know what it can do, how powerful it is, or how it will affect us. We just need time to get to know them, and be reassured by the government that everything is okay. after all, it's nice to be reassured, as it shows the optimistic side of the matter in hand.

Last edited 20.04.2006 by: kira

Comments on this article:

we disagree

Written by chris_cufc on 2006-04-21 14:33:31

im not a racist but these immigrants are the ones which bombed the undergorund on July 7th. i think the immigration system has to be seriously rethought.

Security/ Freedom -Two sides to every story

*Created by: *sonya**

Safety/freedom of asylum seekers

The safety of asylum seekers is obviously an important issue that we need to consider. These people are fleeing for their lives. To them, the U.K. is their safe haven, and in all honesty it's not very safe at all is it? The journey here is the first step, a journey that many people; particularly those fleeing from Africa; actually die trying to make. On arriving in England, asylum seekers are granted a short stay whilst their criteria and application is assessed. This is a period of uncertainty and fear. During this time people are not allowed to work, and they must survive on around 75% of normal benefits. Can you imagine: There is natural disaster or war where you live. You have seen some terrible things. It is likely that members of your family have not survived, the place you once called home is not safe anymore. You manage to flee, and make the journey to another country- a strange country, you may not even speak the language let alone understand the laws and systems here. You are terrified, and you are placed in this position of uncertainty and poverty. Where would you go? What would you do? How would you feel? The law is a major problem. For example, a new legislation penalises those who fail to produce a passport, charging and prosecuting for 'documentation offences'. This law was originally made out to put a stop to smugglers urging asylum seekers to destroy their documents so that they cannot be deported, but it is actually leading to many vulnerable asylum seekers being arrested. These people are being criminalised by the system. If an asylum seeker's application is rejected, repatriation will follow- they will be sent back to their country. The government has no regard for how unsafe this may be, even when there is actual life endangerment. If an asylum seeker's application is accepted, it can still be reassessed at any point and consequently they live in constant insecurity. Now for integration of immigrants. Ethnic minorities living in parts of Britain are now four times more likely to have suffered from racism, and this can be anything from attacks and murders to abuse and racial bias. For example, police data from 2001-2002 clearly shows ethnic minorities coming off worse. In fact, lack people were four times more likely to be arrested and eight times more likely to be stopped and searched than black people.

Safety/freedom of people of the UK

So why can't we just sack off the system and let anybody come into the country as they please? The obvious answer is the safety of civilians and our country. An asylum seeker's criteria must go through assessment and their must be a proper application procedure so that we do not allow those who would put people at risk into the country. Protection from criminals is a big issue, and of course the main fear is terrorism. As a country we are well within our rights to be concerned about this, and many people are questioning whether the security system is tight enough. It is subject to much mockery, and it is the view of many people that we actually have no idea who is coming into our country, for reasons such as us not having the correct information about their background and history, and the government not letting us know exactly who they will and will not allow into the country. Are we really safe from criminals and terrorists? It is a great worry, and it is probably the main reasoning behind our biggest concern: illegal immigrants. There is very little tolerance for immigrants who do not follow the correct procedures and pass through the system properly. Despite this reasoning I cannot help but feel that the system is somewhat self defeating. Because the way it is at the moment, many innocent people are criminalised due to a lack of

knowledge and understanding of the law and due to the way that some laws are, and the situation that asylum seekers are placed in on arrival in this country means that many of them resort to crime. I think that the other reasons for negativity towards immigrants are the concerns about overcrowding the country, and issues with jobs. Are immigrants providing us with the workers that we need or are they taking up jobs that we are struggling to get? What about university placements? Is it fair that British citizens should miss out, particularly in the competitive fields such as medicine and veterinary studies, because their place was taken by an immigrant? But is it fair for somebody to move to this country and not be offered equal opportunities in education?

Head to head

Yes illegal immigrants are a problem and there are many complex issues surrounding the safety and freedom of people of the UK. But isn't this just because of the state of the system? These people are fleeing for their lives and whilst we must consider factors such as crime, terrorism, overcrowding and jobs, we can still help them. THE SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE REVISED. Many immigrants do what they can to obey the law, they are innocent and the way that they are then treated is appalling. The racism in this country is worsening- becoming more common and more violent. This is wrong on so many levels. Firstly, the supposed reasoning behind it. The sad truth is that people in the UK seem to generalise all immigrants as illegal and criminals, they stereotype asylum seekers with all of their concerns and fears. I think this is mainly due to a simple lack of education causing xenophobia. We can improve our integration of immigrants by learning a little about them instead of fearing what we do not understand. Secondly, the sickening fact that people think that they can justify abuse, violence and even murder. How did our country become this? I say sort out truancy and revise the education system. Keep young people in education and improve PSHE/citizenship and extra curricular activities, enabling the development of well rounded citizens. I say sort out the police so that they pay the attention that is needed to racial crime, and certainly put a stop to the bias going on. Punishment for racism needs to be toughened tenfold. There are obviously things that asylum seekers can do too. If they tried to integrate themselves more then acceptance would not be such a problem. If they are going to come to our country they should certainly learn the language and gain knowledge of the culture. If they make themselves aware of the laws then they reduce the risk of becoming criminalised by the system. A system that we of course must work to sort out.

*Last edited 27.04.2006 by: *sonya**

"I'm Alive!" - Lukas's Guide to Self Realisation

Created by: Lukas

Ok, i'll admit it. I'm not entirely sure what 'Self-Realisation' is, but, I'm none the less probably totally clued up on how the human mind works. Yes I really am.

I think self realisation is something to do with dreams, ambitions and aspirations (all words which mean the same thing) and either how you go about discovering what you can do in order to achieve those aims, and in turn acheiving them, or indeed discovering that you can't fulfill these dreams or become what you want to become, and fall into the inevitable downfall of doom. (lightning strikes!!!)

I've never had any dreams of my own in my life (a complete lie) - I always just stole all my friends', which allowed me to become the international superhero I currently am - Spiderman, but I'm sure that if I was even remotely ambitious, I would be a real person (what a load of absolute rubbish).

Imagine you're a small boy in a big city. You're a fussy eater and you have eaten all 4 of your parents. Everyone who knows you is envious of you because you're small and therefore have a more spacious cardboard box than the rest. You'd like to go to school in your own country but education is not free and seeing as you are now suddenly a girl you are seen as a buzzy annoying fly on the edge of the pile of decaying food of society. You have no name. Another short emotive sentence.

You take a look around the city. People run, walk, talk, shout, fight, drive, fish, but nobody cares about you. You feel you have nobody.

You die.

Before that, you wonder if only you could get to a place where you can be educated free, and you at least have some chance of achieving your lifelong ambition, to be an astronaut. Then you die.

This is the scenario that faces lots of people across the world. People who want to get away from the slums and/or the persecution tom make the most of their lives, in the hope of achieving their dreams, but so many either cannot, or will not succeed. Self Realisation - it hurts.

Thankyoupleaseh

xoxoxoxoxoxoooooo ha ha i win!...!!!!

Last edited 26.04.2006 by: lukas

Education Essay by gray*Created by: GrayC*

"How would you like your child in kindergarten through 12th grade attending classes with kids who can't read, write, speak or understand English--or American education values? Furthermore, how would you feel if those students felt zero investment in education, in English and the American way?"

That is a simple quote from an American based website showing bias toward the education on immigrants mostly in America. One of the main issues of immigrants is that people do not take time to understand; this is a particular problem as it means that both legal and illegal immigrants get treated as second-class citizens, meaning people hold prejudice towards them without necessarily understanding the facts or the history behind the person.

With in the E.U there is an act to help with the education of immigrants (but only the legal ones) this act is called the immigration education act 1971. An Act relating to the provision of certain Courses of Instruction for Immigrants and certain other Persons.

These are mostly causes in subjects like English or the language that the country they are in speaks; these are in place to hopefully help immigrants settle into their new country.

Immigrants are often well educated and can transfer instantly into a similar level of education at a school in the country, often once they are past the language barrier that is.

*Last edited 19.04.2006 by: GrayC***media proposal***Created by: sarah.b*

Media is a very important element of every individual country. We strongly believe that Media has a lot of power and also can influence a lot of people with the information that they receive.

In our opinion most information that they receive are exaggerated. The vast majority of articles in newspapers stories are untrue or exaggerated. There have been many cases where one day the paparazzi have quoted one thing and the next day there has been a retraction.

Our perceived thoughts regarding immigration are generally obtained through mass media. The general assumption made by many people in the UK is of a negative viewpoint. We consider those articles can be completely inaccurate. These stories can destroy people's lives.

Even though Media has its negative aspects it is an everyday necessity. For some people the tabloids are a part of their life they can't live without knowing what is happening across the world.

We believe that is very important to receive information and of course to have access to the media. Even though some information is just for humorous elements, most of it is very important for us, and it helps us find out new information. If we want to live in a modern world we must receive information, have access to it because if we don't, we will miss a very important aspect of life. However, we feel that there should be positive aspects of immigration reported as well as negative, and the information should be fair and not biased.

*Last edited 26.04.2006 by: sarah.b***leisure***Created by: 00philip*

A study by the English Sports Council, Sport England, found that people from ethnic minorities were keen to give sport a go - but they said they did not have access to the right facilities. Some also said that racist incidents had put them off. One in ten men of African or Caribbean origin said they had had a negative experience in sport because of their race. Other research indicates that institutional racism and the lack of equal opportunities for ethnic minorities.

In the past, some sports have been more popular among certain ethnic minority communities, but other communities will have been excluded from that sport. Often people from black and ethnic minority communities will play in clubs which are made up exclusively or mainly of people from their own ethnic group.

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Imigration control

Created by: 00ben.walk

I am going to write about the levels of imigration contrlos in the uk at present.

Immigration control is about how and why people from countries outside the UK are allowed to come to the UK and how long they can stay. It is also about what they are allowed to do when they are in the UK, for example, whether they can work, whether relatives can come to the UK to join them afterwards, and whether they can use the National Health Service or claim benefits.

The rules about immigration control (which are law) are complicated by the fact that they overlap with nationality law - that is, the law about who is or is not a British citizen, and the rights of the different types of British citizen.

The system of immigration control in the UK splits people into two broad categories: those who have 'right of abode' in the UK and who can live, work and move in and out of the country as they wish, and those who require permission in order to enter and remain here.

There are certain groups of people who do not fit easily into these two categories and who do not have to get leave to 'enter and remain' even though they do not have 'right of abode'. Included in this group are people who can benefit from European rights of free movement.

Where people do need leave to enter the UK, immigration rules set out various ways in which it can be granted. Some examples of different immigration categories are: 'visitor', 'spouse', 'au pair' and 'student'. In each category, the rules indicate different requirements that must be satisfied before someone will be granted leave to come and stay. For example, students must show that they will follow a full time course of study. The rules require that most of the categories of people coming to the UK will be able to support themselves without relying on public funds.

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Media and immigrants

Created by: RobertM

The media are heavily involved with the immigration situation. Illegal immigrants are blamed for a lot of wrong doing in the UK by right wing newspapers and T.V especially ITV. However although many people do not want illegal immigrants in our country as they are feeding off our welfare state. But it is necessary to understand that they have come from poor countries with few opportunities. It is also important that skilled and unskilled labourers are let in to the country to do jobs that we aren't qualified or don't want to do. Also if we don't have immigration our ageing population will be reliant on few young people to do all the jobs and preventing the UK turning into a giant old peoples home.

However some parts of the media discourage immigration because of few events by certain immigrants such as crimes and the London bombings e.g. The Sun. Some more left wing media e.g. C4 news or the Guardian understand that controlled immigration is needed to sustain the UK economy. Although most people feel that if immigrants don't want to work they should remain in there own countries and don't integrate into U.K society. If they don't do the media suggests that they are a burden and take U.K citizen's homes. If they don't integrate it can result in race riots, which are all over the news and increase prejudice against immigrants.

Last edited 21.04.2006 by: RobertM

Are students here self-realised?

Created by: crimson

In Romania many students try to leave the country after taking their exams because they think they have a better chance of

being appreciated somewhere else. Because our education standards are high our student are usually well seen in Europe and US but the issue here is: Can't Romania provide the neccesar help and support for it's students?



I was thinking of a proposal for this issue: For example a student that has good grades and participates in extra activities should get from the state a financial help or a job. Or the University where the student studies should present the student with a job reccomandation. Besides that, i think that Univeristies here should try to stay in contact with the Universties world wide because it's really important to always be up to date with different contest and different activities.

Last edited 05.04.2006 by: crimson

Comments on this article:

guess so...

Written by SmaraB on 2006-04-23 18:31:38

I'm hoping to finish my studies abroad, on a scholarship because although we have a good schooling sitem in Romania (at least up until high school) our universities offer limited development. We've got a lot of great teachers but most have lost their drive (who wouldn't since they're barely earning minimun wage) 🤔

jh

Written by sarah.b on 2006-04-19 17:09:54



re: your proposal

Written by sarah.c on 2006-04-19 16:53:11

i suppose but it's not the university's job to find any one a job. I understand that there are different standards and wages in different countries but the univerities in all countries would struggle with your proposal.

racism

Created by: julie

Racism is still a big problem in the world today. There was a time when black and white people lived separated from each other. They went too differed schools, couldn't sit next to each other in busses, and they lived in each of there own part of the city. The white people wanted the power over the black people, and they didn't want black people in their society because they were afraid that the black people would take over the white's power.

But when Nelson Mandela created revolution in South Africa, he got the South African people to listen and together they created an efficiently society for black and white.

He became a role model fore all black people who had fought for justice and same rights as the white people.

In Denmark today there is still dispute between people whit differed colours.

In the news they often shows episodes of violence between young people there have different background and religion.

It is a clear sign of uncertainty and lack of openness to different cultures and religion.

Do we for fill FN's human rights concerned refugees and immigrants.

Many Danish people think the answer is no, because many whites still look down on black people. Because the whites maybe still feel frighten by blacks.

Last edited 20.04.2006 by: julie

Comments on this article:

dam right

Written by Lois on 2006-04-21 15:00:47

i hear you sister. it is the lowest form of human civility. you homie!!! 

:)

Written by xaron on 2006-04-20 13:29:53

very nice written, Julie 

Ghetto!

Created by: Simonsen6

In Denmark we have a big problem with Ghettoes. We have an area called Gellerup. In Gellerup there live 80% immigrants. Lots of them are out job. There are not many of them who can speak Danish and that can piss me off. When you choose to live in a Country which is not your own I think that it should goes without saying that you have to integrate yourself.

When this is said I would like to say that we are one of the best countries in the world to integrate immigrant, and this is because we talk about things as it is. In many other countries you are not allowed to use the word Ghetto. But we are. And if you can't speak about things as it is, it can be a hard work to do something about it.

Last edited 23.03.2006 by: Simonsen6

Comments on this article:

broadway

Written by nat_b on 2006-04-21 15:15:01

nah dnty agree, i mean i have experience with iimmigrants and hw they are always given prority over housing

its not

Written by ajbroadway on 2006-04-21 15:12:35

It isnt the media just shows it that way. france and grmany have just as many immigrants as us in britain

yup!

Written by nat_b on 2006-04-21 15:11:06

yeah but why is it always britain,

Often not thier choice

Written by ajbroadway on 2006-04-21 15:05:49

It is often not thier choice to emigrate. they may have been pushed out of thier homes due to war or political oppression. it is unrealistic to think that they choose to live in a certain country when inreality due to the eu's immigration laws they have no choice where they go.

wot u think

Written by nat_b on 2006-04-21 15:04:22

completely agree, there are too many immigrants in this country, yes the country we live in is aging but can't the younger generation get the jobs first instead of immigrants who have been in this country for 2 minutes.

i mean cum on they expect to cum into this country live on benefits, get houses and a better way of life and people like us who have lived here 40 most of our lives don't get jobs and houses because they are full with immigrants who have just arrived .



hi there

Written by Lois on 2006-04-21 14:58:00

u sound like my perfect match. i would love to hear more of your opinions, all my love always and forever. u rock my world

yess

Written by RobertM on 2006-04-21 14:56:49

that is true brother
from another mother. u rock my world. they need to learn our language

Think like them!

Written by marianc on 2006-04-01 18:17:35

You should think like them....they are in a difficult situation. You think that if you will emigrate, it will be easy for you? No! Firstly because you don't feel comfortable in a country in which you don't have many friends & secondly because you have difficulties in finding a job! (my opinion)

It's hard for them too

Written by andradaa on 2006-04-01 15:25:22

You have a point there, but try to put yourself in their shoes. When you emigrate to another country, you are either an adventurer, or just trying to escape your problems the problems in your own country.. do you think it would be easy for you to fit in that easily in a foreign country? These things take time, and patience, and you're right, it is hard work.... by the way, can you give me an example of a country in which the word "ghetto" is not allowed?.. because i've never heard of that..

Workers

Created by: Nette

In Denmark there is 5,3 million people, and 5% of them are immigrants.

Estandyar Pourkhomani from Irak, living in Denmark, and when he moved to Denmark, he decided to get a job. He sends some applications to 300 places. He didn't get any answer from any of the places he had sent the applications to.

He was a little bit sad, and he was thinking. Maybe he should change name.

So he changed name to William Vilhelmsen, and when the press heard it, and when the newspaper and Politiken heard it, it came out to everybody. And a week after the newspaper Politiken had 'told' it to the whole Denmark, William got a answer on the applications, and get a job, he had waited for.

From 2005 to 2030 EU will be missing 20,8 millions, of the good work age. And 40 millions for them there is 60 and over.

Last edited 23.03.2006 by: Nette

Comments on this article:

discrimination

Written by FergE on 2006-04-06 20:02:36

Sounds like there is quite a problem with racial discrimination among employers over there, Nette. I live in the UK, and, to my knowledge, it is not so hard for immigrants to get employment; perhaps, however, the problem is worse than we think, and our media just doesn't report it. Hopefully this case will have raised some important issues and changed the future for others in a similar situation.

Difficult situation!

Written by marianc on 2006-04-01 18:31:36

This case had a happy end, but what about the other cases? We should not judge somebody by his/her name. We must help that person!!!

Obligatorisk-dansk!

Created by: Xaron

Here in Denmark, we want every single immigrant to speak Danish. It is a rule, and they have to obey it. They shall all learn Danish and be able to communicate with other Danes, and their family, in Danish.

Almost all immigrants are willing to speak Danish, and they are pretty good at it. But in most families they speak their own language, and not all people are happy with that. I mean, that's okay to speak your own language when you talk to your friends and family, but as much as possible, try to speak Danish too. Also to family.

Last edited 16.03.2006 by: xaron

Comments on this article:

That's not fair

Written by SmaraB on 2006-04-24 21:12:11

That's like taking away their freedom of choice. I understand and agree with speaking Danish with non-family members but this isn't democratic at all. With family and friends you should be able to speak in whatever language you prefer

"24-års-reglen"

Created by: Xaron

This is one of the Danish laws about immigrants:
24-års-reglen

"24-års-reglen" is one of the Danish laws that was made to avoid forced marriage.

"24-års-reglen" is made for all immigrants, and if they are settled in Denmark, they must be 24 years old before they can get married. People say that it's made for avoiding forced marriage, but it's also made for limiting the amount of immigrants that arrive to Denmark. They don't speak loud about this, but it's what they want too. Because if any immigrant could marry a Danish man/woman then they would get Citizen Ship. Many people complain, saying that it doesn't matter if an immigrant is 18 years old or 24 years old; she can still be forced to marry. A guy on the internet is saying that it's all about trying as much as possible to stop forced marriage, not make a rule that avoids immigrants to settle in Denmark.

The party "Enhedslisten" do not like 24-års-reglen, and in that case I support them 100%. "Danske folkeparti" mean that it's good to have that rule in Denmark, and I think they're down the drain.

By Simon

Last edited 16.03.2006 by: xaron

Leisure Time

Created by: RachelC

A very low proportion of people from ethnic minorities take part in sport, compared with the national average in England. A study by the English Sports Council, Sport England, showed that many people from ethnic minorities were very keen to have a go at sport however lots of these people did not have sufficient facilities to be able to do this. Many of the people interviewed said that they were hugely put off by racist comments that had been made – it has been discovered one in ten men of African or Caribbean origin said they had had a negative experience in sport because of their race. A report from the English Cricket Board revealed that 58% of those questioned had felt that race played a huge part in sport in this country. Other research reveals that the lack of equal opportunities within the traditional ideas of sport, play a huge part in the increase of racism.

In March, the former head of the CRE Lord Ouseley called on the Football Association to explain why there were no black members on the FA's council. He claimed that the game was run "by an old boys network," and complained about the lack of representation of ethnic minorities on county associations.

For a long time now, there have been sports that are very popular among certain ethnic communities as opposed to others. This can lead obviously to other communities being left out of that sport. Something needs to be change to change the fact that people in black or Asian communities are often made up entirely of people from that ethnic group.

I dont think its acceptable that some people should feel victimised when they are only trying to relax and have a good time. I think if this is the case then something has to be done. I think we need to live in a world now when people of all races should be able to play together.

Last edited 19.04.2006 by: RachelC

corruption

Created by: Amelia

the only way the world is going to get any better in my opinion is if the corrupt leaders of countries are stopped, without them the innocent public will suffer, and have no way to change anything, the question is who gets rid of them and how.

Last edited 21.03.2006 by: amelia

Comments on this article:

Power corrupts...

Written by FergE on 2006-04-06 20:16:50

...and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

This is a problem wherever there are leaders of any description; when people have power, they are usually corrupted on some level by it- this corruption leads to oppression of the masses, and after a while they decide to sieze power by overthrowing the old rule. The problem with revolutions is that they are always won with blood, and the sort of people who get into power following them are usually not the sort of people who should have power over people; violent militaristic regimes start this way- In the long term It's usually better if the old rule stays in place. But I agree that it would be better if we could avoid corruption... I guess whatever it is in the human psyche that makes people want to mess things up for everyone else is the same thing that causes corruption, and if we didn't have this, we wouldn't need leaders at all- we'd all just behave ourselves of our own accord...

"It's a very dangerous thing to do exactly what you want"- Flaming Lips

No solutions here...

Written by andradaa on 2006-04-01 13:27:00

Sure, there are many corrupt leaders in the world, and lots of innocent people suffer because of their inappropriate behaviour, but what can we do about it? as much as we try, there will always be corruption in this world, because let's face it humanity has both good and evil in it...the only problem is.. sometimes, the evil part takes over the good one...

point

Written by kira on 2006-03-24 14:55:46

I agree you have a good point of view. You are straight to the point and are not afraid to show/share you views.

Examples?

Written by m.beer on 2006-03-22 14:23:45

It's a good point Amelia but can you give specific examples of corruption and the suffering it causes? That way it will be possible to think about ways of approving the situation.

Add the examples to your proposal.

Mr Beer

Immigration*Created by: sarah.c*

My name is sarah cooper. I am 16 Years old.

I feel very strongly about many issues one of which is fair trade another which is immigration. If people just imported the produce from 3rd world countries then people wouldn't have to enter the western world illegally to sell their produce. It seems obvious to me that we should just buy directly from developing countries.

*Last edited 17.03.2006 by: sarah.c***Comments on this article:****re:Fair trade comments***Written by sarah.c on 2006-03-29 16:39:19*

I completely agree my statement was simply saying that it seems so simple and it's the government that is stopping us from making the world a fairer and nicer place. I was simply making the statement that it is ludicrous.

slave labour- cheap and c*Written by henry on 2006-03-24 15:07:07*

Fact is stuff made with cheap labour in a dingy sweat shop somewhere is cheaper. Until governments create some kind of incentive for companies to pay their workers a fair wage they're going to use the cheap stuff every time and make the biggest profit possible.

Fairtrade*Written by chris_cufc on 2006-03-24 15:00:58*

It is more complex than that. The UK and many other MEDC's will only buy their produce if it will benefit us. Buying directly from producer will not solve the problems of illegal immigration.

Fair trade*Written by m.beer on 2006-03-22 14:25:48*

Why do you think this doesn't happen Sarah? What stops countries in Europe buying directly from the developing world? (You could research the restrictions that the EU impose and the subsidies that EU producers enjoy) Do you think this can be changed?

Add this to your proposal - a good start so far!

Mr Beer

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Proposals:

Freedom and security*Created by: Ahura*

Freedom and security is a fundamental and major part of a stable and peaceful society, without these two elements our democratic institutions can not function properly. Therefore we must protect our society and people from shadow of terror and barbarism but we must not forget that unnecessary protectionism and overwhelming surveillance of people within the society could create a police state which will cross our democratic values and norms and will compromise the basic civil rights of people. In this regard we have some suggestions for better and more effective solutions to the problems.

- 1:- Cross Cultures Understanding and Dialogue.
- 2:- What/why is Terrorism?
- 3:- Reduction of Global Economic injustices and poverty
- 4:- Destruction of barriers between the World of Rich and Poor
- 5:- Effective Security measurers without introducing new legislations.
- 6:- Human Rights and Freedom

We believe that four above points will provide us with some kind of information about the cause of instability in our mother earth despite our promises and commitment to create millennium 2000 as millennium of peace and prosperity for all.

*Last edited 18.04.2006 by: ahura***Consumption and Globalisation***Created by: Tom*

Due to our massive consumption increase over the past century, the planet is suffering badly. The polar ice caps are melting, pollution is increasing and animals are dying. How does one go about tackling such an all-encompassing subject? Is it even possible to solve this issue? Not really.

Already Humans have damaged the Earth beyond repair. All efforts being made are either too inefficient or too late.

Can the planet survive the way we consume? No. In fact, at our current rate, we'll probably see major food shortages before the end of our lifetimes. If we actually wanted to solve the problem, we'd have to convert to subsistence farming, where every family will have to provide their own food. Unfortunately, most people are unwilling to go to such extreme measures.

To sustain development, steps to stabilise third world countries will have to be made and technological advances will have to be introduced to the farmers. While this may cost a lot in the short term, it will benefit mankind as a whole in the long term. Yet again, this seems to be something many people are unwilling to do, since they only really care about their short term profits.

To be a responsible consumer in the world of globalisation, one would have to make sure all the wares he or she purchases have an acceptable amount of the profits going to the farmers and workers who made these things. One would also have to make sure purchases originate from countries where the profits will do a great deal of good, and not feed a country that is already far too rich.

A company called Max Havelaar is making sure the all sales made are benefiting the farmers who work so hard to make these great things. The concept driving this organisation is called "Fair Trade", which revolves around the concept that the people that make and / or produce these goods should get the most money. If every company and organisation did this, then the farmer's situation would improve drastically, thus making development both stable and profitable.

*This text was written by Jesper, Tom and Morten.***Articles on country profiles (selection):**

Minority religions in Romania*Created by: marik*

Minority religion is the religion held by a minority of the population of a country, state or region. Minority religions may have a stigma that may or may not be justified. An example of a stigma is using the term cult with its extremely negative connotations for certain new religious movements. People who belong to a minority religion may be subjected to discrimination and prejudice, especially when the religious differences correlate with ethnic differences.

The Romanian Orthodox church is the predominant religion in our country. The Government officially recognizes 15 religions. The Constitution of Romania sustains that freedom of thought, opinion and religious beliefs may not be restricted in any form whatsoever. No one may be compelled to embrace an opinion or religion contrary to his own convictions.

In addition to this religious cults shall be independent from the state and shall enjoy support from it, including the facilitation of religious assistance in the army, in hospitals, prisons, homes and orphanages.

To sum up, firstly take in consideration this fact before judging a minority religion. You can also be, going to another state, part of a minority religion and I'm positive that you will like to have the same rights as the rest of the population..

*Last edited 12.04.2006 by: marik***security when having fun***Created by: Sorina*

In the spare time you do have to feel safe in every situation .. place...whatever.. For example when you are in the park with your friends having fun and there are thieves around you, you must assure that everything goes on well, that nobody is trying to steal your goods. Moreover, you must announce the authorities when you see that something is not ok...and when stuff are going weird.

In my opinion, security shouldn't be a problem for today's society. But it seems that it has become a problem because most authorities can't manage to stop murders and thefts from having place.

We, the citizens, should feel safe even when going in a disco or in crowded places. There are bodyguards who are there to protect us and furthermore, to stop fights and conflicts.

In fact, to my mind, the population should educate itself by trying to understand the fact that if we help the society develop, we develop and we improve ourselves.

*Last edited 11.04.2006 by: sorina***schools - a safe learning environment***Created by: claudia*

Generally, people have to feel safe wherever they are. In my opinion, schools are the very places where we, students, should feel safe. Therefore, to my mind, the Government should give us the minimal conditions that can assure a safe learning environment. Thus, we should have the certainty that nobody is going to kidnap us or that nobody is going to become a hostage in his/her own school. Terrorism is to be found everywhere around the world. We've all heard about the 9/11 tragedy or what happened in Madrid or London. This must stop! We can't let the world get under the control of terrorists because it will affect us, too. Let's try to do something and to militate for security in any activity that we have, especially in schools, which should be the place for creating mind-leaders, not "mine(d)-leaders"...

Last edited 08.04.2006 by: claudia

Housing

Created by: M.C.

The houses in Denmark are build strong and stabile to resist the changing weather and climate.

Introduction

We now have the pleasure to tell about, how the houses are here in Denmark. We will take a closer look on which kind of houses we have, how many we have of each, the special situation with the owned and rented houses, the living area and of course the house quality in general.

Kind of houses

We have almost all kind of houses here in Denmark. Because of the cold winter and the changing weather, is most of the houses strong, heavy and thick isolated. The old houses aren't isolated that much, but they are heavy and strong so they resist the cold wind. The new houses are not so heavy and strong, not in the same way. The houses are robust, but the walls are not so thick and heavy than the old ones. Now the material is more light, but with at thicker layer of isolation. The point with a thicker layer is not just to keep the heat, but also to protect the environment. According to the Kyoto- agreement, which Denmark had signed in 1997, we have to reduce our CO2 release by 21%, and thicker isolation is one of the steps forward.

About 62% of the popu-lation lives in individual houses and 30% in flats (2001). Some few years before 2001, was it 50% that where living in flats. The most of the flats are placed in the large cities, and it is usually young students that lives in places like that, and when they get older and have kids, they move to a house outside the city.

Size of population

In a worldwide context Denmark and Sweden have the largest and best pro-vision of housing in relation to the size of population. When we take a look at the statistics, we can see that most of the detached houses exist of 199sq.m. and that most of the 4-person families live in 5-roomed detached houses.

House quality

We Danes think that it is very important that the family lives comfortably, and we often spend a lot of money in our homes. Most Danish houses and flats are of a high standard and are usually spacious. In most families, children have their own room. The proportion living in flats are reducing, and we are buying more individual houses than ever.

Size of houses (living area)

The average living area in Denmark is about 109 square meters, which means that every average Dane has about 52 square meters at his disposal. The facilities in the Danish homes have been improved since the 1970, where almost 33% of houses and flats where without either their own toilet, bath or central heating, nowadays the proportion has fallen to less than 7% and it's mostly baths that are lacking.

Central Heating

Many Danish houses are heated by central heating, which usually is oil or natural gas. Since 1985 has there been a high rise in the number of dwellings, which are heated by district heating or natural gas. In 1985 the proportions were 38% and 1% against the proportions 59% and 13% today.

About us

Most of Danes speak English. It is therefore easy for foreigners to get in contact with us. Many foreigners in Denmark learn Danish, although Danish is a difficult language to learn. This makes it easier to talk to people, and it also makes it easier to be integrated into the Danish society. We are perhaps a little reserved, but generally open and tolerant when you get to know us. The best way for foreigners to get integrated into the Danish society, might be to get a job and to be open to Danes.

Moving to Denmark

If you want to move to Denmark, but not have found a permanent place to live, can temporary housing be a solution. Temporary housing is usually for one to three months.

Renting

99% of all people that move to Denmark choose to rent a property, especially if their stay in Denmark, is of a short period of time. You may choose to buy your own property, but that depends on your financial. Buying a house instead of renting, is that you will earn money over time because of the low situation, and the duration of your stay. If you are going to stay for a longer period of time, buying is the best solution. The advantages of interest make the prices of the properties rising.

Buying

Property prices in Copenhagen are low compared to many other European cities such as London and Paris. While a 100 square meters flat in London costs around 5.6 million Danish kroner, a similar flat in Copenhagen costs approximately 35% less. It takes time to find the right property. If you are going to be stationed in Denmark, it might be a good idea to start looking for a property before you arrive. This can be done by using the Internet.

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Health In Denmark

Created by: Aryana

The last couple of years, public health has been under examination in Denmark, and it is proceeding towards increasing the efforts in prevention. For example, the government has to take action in order to arrange healthier lives for Danes and then prevent the so called welfare diseases. Like, several patients' organisations are active in the work of prevention.

In Denmark everybody has the right to go to hospital, and it is free of charge in the case of sudden illness and accidents or sudden many diseases. You can call 112 and it is the number to call in case of an emergency.

EC/EEA is one of the national's insurance companies, who are covered by the public health insurance of an EC/EEA country, will be covered by the public health insurance in Denmark as well within six week.

Public health care in Denmark covers hospitalisation, medicine and a range of treatments.

Refugees, foreigners and citizens living in Denmark are also covered by the public health insurance. The public health insurance ensures that everybody resident in Denmark has equal access to the public health services. Those who come to Denmark, have to wait 6 weeks to become eligible for public health insurance. The public health insurance is financed by taxes paid by people, and most health insurance services and hospitalization is free of charge in Denmark.

When any refugee or citizen from EU countries moves to Denmark or from other countries like Switzerland, Turkey, Pakistan, Morocco, Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina who has or have been covered by the public health insurance in their countries, they will be covered by the Danish health insurance as well, as soon as they are registered here.

Children and young people under age of 16 have their own health insurance certificate, but they are not independently insured. They come under their parents' insurance group.

Denmark has a well developed public health service, like, good specialists, hospitals, home care, visiting nurses and children's dental care. The health service is based on principles of equal right to health services for all citizens. The health service has not a centralised structure. Therefore the local government and countries make the decisions about guidelines issued by the Ministry of the Interior and Health. For example, the council may decide that certain operations are to be performed in one particular hospital in the council than in all hospitals in the council.

Denmark has a good law to give chance for the residents to choose their doctors themselves. And when you have to fill in, the forms for the health insurance certificate you receive a list of general practitioners in your area of residence. If you are in insurance group 1, you have to choose one particular doctor. The doctor's name, address and phone number will show on your health insurance certificate. You can get a new doctor if you wish, but if you belong to insurance group 1, you can change your doctor by contacting your county. The change will take at least 14 days after the county receives payment for issuing a new health insurance certificate. But if you are in insurance group 2, you do not choose a particular doctor, but may consult a new one whenever you want.

It does not cost anything to get a new doctor, but you have to pay for the new health insurance certificate you will receive after a change of doctors. When you want to choose your doctor you are free to choose that at which hospital you want to be hospitalised and there will be special hospitals which have special wards for children as well who need to be admitted. In some hospitals the parents can stay overnight with their child not in all hospitals, to choose the right hospital for yourself and your family, you can get information from hospital before to choose it.

Danish hospitals have waiting list that patients must wait to be handled and this waiting list depends on the hospital and the kind of treatment you need, some times it takes months to get the treatment sometimes it takes a couple of weeks. But there are also private hospitals and clinics in Denmark. At the private hospitals you pay for your treatment or you pay for your insurance company and then you will be observed and get treatment.

In Denmark, if you are badly hurt you can go to the emergency ward, which is open 24 hours a day.

The emergency ward is just for those, who are dangerously hurt or seriously ill. Usually, the illness or the injury must have occurred within the last 24 hours in order for the emergency ward to accept the patient, otherwise patient will not be able to treat. Some emergency wards want a report or an examination letter from a doctor before admitting patients.

When you go to an emergency ward, health insurance certificate and information about any medicine you might be taking is necessary, same is for children, and all treatment at the emergency ward is free of charge.

The visiting hours are different from hospital to hospital in Denmark. In some hospitals relatives can come at all times of the day, but in most places visiting hours are in the afternoon and in the evening. The individual hospital can inform you about

visiting hours while selecting your hospital.

Denmark has a high degree of social security. Public employees receive full salary during illness and this is also the case if you need to report that you are sick at work. All privately employed wage earners receive sickness benefit during illness. More and more agreements also make the employee eligible for full salary on the first day of the child's illness.

Last edited 08.05.2006 by: aryana

Religion

Created by: Sana

Editors: lamia

Religion is a topic which people talk a lot about in Denmark now a days because of the problems Denmark and Danes have faced by printing Muslims' holy prophet Mohammad's drawings in a newspaper called Jyllands Post. You might have seen the demonstrations, burning the embassy, burning of Denmark's national flags and attacks on Danes outside Denmark in the news on television. All that happened because of the religion and that is why we have chosen religion as a topic in our country profile. Religion is a very interesting topic and we would like to tell you much more about religion and the different religions in Denmark.

Religion is a system of thoughts, feelings, and actions which is shared by a group and that gives the members an object of devotion, by which individuals may judge the personal and social consequences of their actions. Religion is an acknowledgment of the extraordinary, the mysterious, and the supernatural.

Religion is a personal or institutionalized system which is grounded in belief and worship. Religion is the life or condition of a person in a religious order. It is a set of beliefs, values and practices based on teachings of a spiritual leader.

There is an official state religion. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the national church, and it is the only Church that is subsidized directly by the Government. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the only religious organization that can receive funds directly through the tax system, and pastors from the Evangelical Lutheran church receive wages that are subsidized by the state and not fully covered by voluntary taxes. Members of other faiths, notably Catholics, have argued that the system is not fair, and that although the Government provides for religious freedom, it does not provide for religious equality.

The Government generally respects this right in practice. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the state church. It is freedom of religion here in Denmark. The Government tries to protect this right in full and does not tolerate its abuse, either by governmental or private actors.

The Government does not require the religious groups to be licensed; however, the State's permission is required for religious ceremonies, such as weddings, if they are to have civil validity.

Religions in Denmark

- Christianity
- Islam
- Hinduism
- Baptists
- Baha'i
- Sikhism
- Buddhism
- Judaism

As you can see above that there are many religions in Denmark, there could be some more religions which are not registered.

It's difficult to see religion in one country and isolate, you have to see it in a larger point of view.

We are I mean to say I and Sana are Muslim and we know much more about Islam, and that's why we have more information about Islam, as you can see in the following table.

As we all know that Islam is one of the second religions in the world and there are 1,3 milliard Muslims in the world.

There are 170.000 Muslims in Denmark, and 25 million Muslims lives in Europe.

Islam is the fastest growing religion and the second largest religion in the world.

I have got the below information in one of the Islamic website it shows the growth of Islam in the world and the total population.

Muslims in Asia (1996) 1,022,692,000 (30%)

Muslims in Africa (1996) 426,282,000 (59%)

Total Number of Muslims on the Earth (1996) 1,482,596,925

Total Number of People on the Earth (1996) 5,771,939,007
 Percentage of Muslims (1996) 26%
 Islam annual growth rate (1994-1995) from U.N. 6.40%
 Christianity growth rate (1994-1995) from U.N. 1.46%
 Total Number of Muslims on the Earth (1998) 1,678,442,000
 Expected Number of Muslims on the Earth (2000) 1,902,095,000

This table below shows the growth of Islam:

North America (1989-1998)	25%
Africa	2.15%
Asia	12.57%
Europe	142.35%
Latin America	-4.73%
Australia	257.01%

Among every four humans in the world, one of them is Muslim. Muslims have increased by over 23,5 percent in the last fifty years up to nearly 1.6 billion. By comparison, Christians have increased by only 47 percent, Hinduism, 117 percent, and Buddhism by 63 percent.

Holy scripts

Koran is the holy script in Islam.

The Bible is holy script in Christianity.

Hinduism have some kind of text that they believe on it and its their holy script.

Buddhism has holy script like Islam and Christianity, Buddhism's book is like bible or Koran.

Judaism's holy script is a low book; they have to follow all the lows that are on that book.

Baha'i's holy scrip is the man who had written a book, and the book is all about their religion when he was in life so he was the holy script but now his book is the holy script.

Sikhism has also some text like Hinduism, and that is their holy script.

Baptist is one of the religions which is not registered, so that why we can not give you any information about it.

That is all what we want to tell you about, and we hope that this information will be useful for you guys.

Written by: Lamia & Sana

Last edited 01.05.2006 by: sana

Freedom & Security

Created by: Ahura

Freedom is an important part of every democratic country. States build upon strong foundation of democratic and secular institution will progress in the future and remain so, for generations to come. Denmark is considered one of the most tolerant nations in the world. In Denmark people exercise freely their religion, expresses their political views and every group of people live side by side without any deep social discrimination, which makes this land an open society. Economic freedom is also part of Danish democratic institution; according "Index of Economic freedom 2006" Denmark is a complete economically free country.

Individual Freedom of every citizen is guaranteed through the constitution of Denmark. Today fears of terrorism and need for providing utmost security for every citizen has extreme importance but unwisely calculated laws to combat terror endanger the individual freedom of the citizens. We have to understand that no law should be made, that can marginalize and take away unnecessarily the civil rights and freedom of individuals.

Denmark was a good host for immigrants and refugees in past years, because of its longstanding support for tolerant, progressive, democratic and peaceful society in Denmark and other part of the world. The Constitution provides freedom of religion, and the Government generally respects this right in practice. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the state church and enjoys some privileges not available to other faiths. There was no change in the status of respect for religious freedom during the 2005, and government policy continued to contribute to the generally free practice of religion. The generally amicable relationship among religions in society contributed to religious freedom. In resent days you may heard about Cartoons depicting Prophet Muhammad with a bomb in his turban, where that anger thousands of Muslims around the world. It opened yet another door for better definition of Freedom of expression and respect for other faiths.

Should we take the path of extreme openness that can hurt the sentiment of others and make the existing sensible and difficult environment more problematic and completely stops the process of healing among cultures or the path of deep fanaticism which can end in isolation and hatred for people of other faiths, or should we work to achieve the path of

enlightenment and understanding of all cultures and civilizations.

The freedom of expression is the route of a free society and it constructs the main paler of democracy but exercising this right needs caution and responsibility as we live in a very small world with many different cultures, religions and views that should also be respected.

They are 49 recommendations outlined by the liberal governing party of Denmark to prevent terror acts and also promote cooperation between two intelligence agencies, by increasing camera surveillance of public areas, transport centres and other places where large groups of people can be gathered for meetings or sporting events. The recommended law also gives increasing power for police and other law enforcement agencies to access to telecom and internet service to identify terrorists with out a court order.

"We have to ensure that intelligence services as well as the police have the resources and the means for preventing terror acts and for solving crimes," said Rasmussen.

There are many mix reaction to Mr Rasmussen's recommendations from all part of society. Some even argue that there is no need for new laws to prevent terror but exiting laws can be effective, because new ones can create unnecessary restrictions on the public.

Terrorism has been a major issue in Denmark occupying newspapers and television news during the last 5 years. Many people suspect that Denmark, being a coalition partner in Iraq, is very likely to be the next country under fire. Terrorism is a great danger to the life of all people living in a society, so dealing with it needs to engage all part of society, starts from personal level to state level. There are great deals of need for understanding of terrorism in Danish society, so every one can play their parts to recognize and stop the terrorist acts before it happens. We are also cautious that new anti terror should not weaken our judicial system, where it can protect us against from false conviction and deliberate targeting of ethnic minorities living in the country.

Even many more people argue that complete security represents an end to personal freedom and turn a democratic society to a police state with you're watched by 24 hours with surveillance cameras around cities.

The world is unsafe place to live and the clash of cultures even makes the problem bigger and raises the alarm. Denmark is also venerable along all countries from threat of terrorism and locally extreme forces, which could disturb the life of follow citizens, if get the chance.

But free societies should not sit down against extreme forces, and fanatic. Freedom is important part of Danish society, and keeping it is our responsibility.

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Immigrants, Refugees & Ethnic Minorities:

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1. One solution could be that we let more foreigners in legally to support the decreasing workgroup in Europe.
2. By helping developing countries to archieve a better economy through industrialization, agricultural etc thus providing employment and improving standards of living.

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Many foreigners of Middle East and Africa immigrate to Europe every year. This is often to escape war and poverty, but also to live under better circumstances with better jobs and being able to recieve better education.

While many foreigners immigrate perfectly into the community, many are left behind with neglect from the countries citizens and it's government.

Many are not able to learn the language, get a proper job, befriend citizens of the country and overall, being an immigrant in a foreign Europe country can be quite hard. Racism and neglect is often seen throughout many areas of overpopulated immigrants. Both racism from immigrants, and from the countries's original citizens.

- Whether or not there is or will be a shortage of working people in the future
- How the European community can improve the integration of immigrants, refugees and ethnic minorities to avoid xenophobia and racism
- How we can avoid so many people desperately trying to get into Europe from Africa

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Danish Labour Market

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Unlike many other labour markets in Europe, the Danish labour market is not heavily regulated through legislation. For many years, the Danish labour market has mainly been regulated through collective agreements negotiated between trade unions and employer organisations.

The Danish labour market is healthy in relation to the rest of Europe. Eighty two percent of the Danish workforce is unionised, and there are many rules in place that regulate pay, work hours, sick leave and dismissal. One of the reasons the labour market is so healthy is that there is a large number of women, with approximately seventy-five percent of women are active in the workforce.

"As a worker on the Danish labour market, everyone, regardless of their nationality, has the right to an employment contract with information on all relevant employment conditions including; a job description, information on working hours, holidays, pay, etc. Furthermore, everyone has the right and the opportunity for membership of a trade union. As part of the employment contract, the employer must indicate which collective agreement or other agreement the employment contract is covered by."

Because of an economic upturn during the 1990's, the unemployment level is lower than most other European countries. In the Danish labour market, the unions and the Employers discuss and make collective agreements, which, in effect, replace legislation to do with minimum wage and similar.

Denmark is one of the top five countries in Europe in relation to acceptable salary levels for professionals and management. Additionally, the Danish workforce is the most competitive in Europe and there are no restrictions when it comes to overtime. This allows countries to operate up to 24 hours a day, all year round. The excellent reputation of the Danish labour market is said to be due to the awareness in Denmark of the importance of education and a good work environment.

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