

Article Review
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Is the Biden administration ready to respond to a Haitian Immigration emergency?

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What is one concept that stood out to you in this article?

The major theme of this article is mainly around the topic of mass migrations that are happening in Haiti. "People are fishing for opportunities so that they can flee.

This is the crisis within the crisis professionals, students and families are leaving the country." (Jean Denis Saint-Félix, S.J; 2022). According to this article the

condition of Haiti appears to be worsening, the combination of the natural disaster and the growing influence of violence that stems from the gang culture makes Haiti a

dangerous place to live. "We know the government is really not functioning in Haiti these days," (Bill Canny; 2022) This comment really stood out to me, i knew that it

is bad in haiti but, from what they are saying in this article it appears that the government seems to have a non-existent presence in Haiti. Haitians appear to not be

receiving the same welcoming treatment of that of other migrant countries, such as Ukraine just to give an example.

What implications does this concept have for Missions?

I think mission organizations need to partner up with the government to seek to foster in a change of perspective towards Haitian migrants. The Haitian people should

also be offered an opportunity for asylum and I think mission organizations should assist in the transitions of migrants coming to America in search for a safer life,

away from danger in their respective countries.

What needs to change in your life as a result?

"I think that at times immigrants are being used as a political football.... We need to make sure we're focused on these people as human beings who have the same

rights as all of us."(Bill Canny; 2022). This statement from the article really stood out to me. I think its important that we always try to do our best to spread love to the

world. I need to be mindful that there are people outside of our local communities that need our help, and I must be willing to help in any capacity that I am able to.

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