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## THE DEPORTATION OF SICK ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS-IS IT MORAL?

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In recent decades, efforts have been made by migrant workers from third world countries, to immigrate to developed countries in order to improve their wages and quality of life. This is often done in contravention of immigration laws of the destination country, especially when seeking a better life, such as infiltration of migrant workers to the United States from Mexico. This phenomenon also existed in Israel, especially from the Egypt border. The possibility of sick illegal immigrant's access to health care institutions in most European countries is limited to emergency situations. In the United States, hospitals deal with the constant need to health expenditures, some are choosing "unlawful" deportations of illegal patients in order to save money. Utilitarianism states that the ends justify the means' i.e. the value of an action is determined by its contribution to overall utility and happiness while minimizing the suffering. This doctrine argues that actions are morally correct, as they tend to increase happiness. This philosophy depends on consequentiality and is considered as a selfish approach, as it doesn't take into account any kind of suffering which the society may face due to a particular action plan. In contrast, deontology is based on fairness and social justice. The moral value of the action lies in the act itself. There are things that are worth doing and there are things that we will do and no matter what will be the outcome. The presentation will highlight the questions that arise from the debate about the morality of deportation of sick illegal immigrants, the ethical approaches involved and conclusions regarding health coverage for illegal immigrants.

### Biography

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