

New Documentary Citizens* Tackles The Immigration Debate From An Unbiased Angle

At the height of the immigration debate Citizens encourages open and meaningful discussion. Independent filmmakers, Jacob and Jennifer Tapia, are completing the unbiased feature length documentary after four years of research and production which compels a honest evaluation in cooperation with global citizenship.*

SAN MARCOS, Calif. - Feb. 11, 2014 - [PRLog](#) -- The feature length documentary [Citizens*](#) maintains an unbiased and dignified approach to illegal immigration. Filmmakers, Jacob and Jennifer Tapia, of [Handrawn Pictures, LLC](#) were motivated to produce this film because of the unnecessarily definitive and biased stances taken on both sides of the immigration debate. In 2009 they began researching and interviewing immigration experts, law enforcement, and immigrants involved in the various aspects of illegal immigration. Citizens* currently is in post-production and scheduled to be released Spring 2014.

Experiences and observations of law enforcement, immigration experts and undocumented immigrants are disclosed. The wide range of interviewees provides audiences with an unbiased and honest perspective. The filming and interviews takes place in Arizona, Los Angeles and San Diego with discussion focused on the southern border and its surrounding people. Citizens* examines both the current border policy and migration tradition with thought provoking interviews from border patrol, law enforcement, a physiologist, and an economist.

With the intent to bring insight, Citizens* examines the history of immigration across the U.S. southern border. Immigration, both legal and illegal, has taken place for generations becoming a tradition for non-U.S. citizens as well as for the U.S. businesses who employ them. The positive and negative impact immigration has had on people is shared by legal and illegal immigrants. The film makes an interesting connection with tradition, family and economics.

Economics is considered a key motivation of illegal immigration. Citizens* reveals that a foreign nation's economy, in addition to the U.S. economy, will either drive people to migrate or keep them in their native nation. Another influence to the economy for both legal and illegal immigration is U.S. businesses requirement for cheap labor. The conflicting economic effect immigration has on federal and state governments is revealed. Citizens* scrutinizes how the U.S. economic condition fuels the nation's acceptance or rejection of immigration policy.

As the fence is an integral part of the southern border immigration debate, Citizens, interviews law enforcement on the effectiveness of the fence. An interview with a Yuma County sheriff, who despite his reservations, reports an undeniable success in controlling illegal crossings and crime. And a border agent that sees the fence as a "speed bump at best." The interviews with individuals directly involved with the fence, discussing the positive and negative effects, is enlightening.

Citizens* interviews people on both sides of the issues resulting in a documentary that honestly examines the problems with illegal immigration while maintaining the dignity of the people involved. The solutions offered in Citizens* are unique and encourages further reflection and discussion. It will leave you with an empathic understanding that as citizens we must recognize illegal immigration as a global human issue. Citizens* compels us to begin thinking as citizens of the world.

Currently, Citizens*, sponsored by a non-profit organization is running a [crowdfunding campaign](#)

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