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Synthesis Plan

1. Introduction.

Every year illegal immigrants enter the United States, most of them seeking work in an already crowded work force. In addition, millions of other immigrants are already employed by American companies, farms, and small businesses. Some commentators, such as R. Cort Kirkwood, a politics and culture writer for *The New American*, believe that these immigrants hurt the American economy. In his article, “Illegal Aliens: Economic Consequences,” Kirkwood argues that “[i]llegal aliens are not only weakening the country financially,” but also exploiting government social welfare programs (18). However, some indicators suggest that illegal immigrants may be essential the economy. This situation has led some commentators to support a guest worker program. A guest worker program might ease concerns by critics, such as Kirkwood, and strengthen the economy in two ways: ensuring taxes are paid in the system and maintaining a steady work force of immigrants.

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3. Outline with possible sources

Topic 1. Do illegal immigrants take jobs from American citizens?

Sources: Kirkwood (argues that illegal immigrants are bankrupting the city of Maywood, CA)

Nadadur (claims that illegal immigrants take jobs American citizens won't take)

Hanson (agrees with Nadadur and shows that the more education a worker is, the less likely he/she is to accept jobs now filled by illegal immigrants)

Topic 2. Do illegal immigrants contribute to taxes?

Sources: Hanson (statistics about the average pay immigrants make)

Nadadur (statistics on how much illegal immigrants pay into the system)

Topic 3. Are low wage earners needed to keep inflation down?

Sources: McPelt (illegal immigrants work for lower wages; this allows prices of goods and services to remain low)

Nadadur (lower wages for farmworkers permits food prices to remain low)

Topic 4. Do illegal immigrants strain governments?

Sources: Kirkwood (claims that illegal immigrants contribute "virtually nothing" in relation to how much they draw from the system)

Loller: (illegal immigrants pay into the system but have little opportunity to withdraw those payments)

Bodvarsson and Van den Berg (chart demonstrating difference between how much immigrants in Texas pay into government compared to how much they benefit)

Topic 5. Are guest worker programs a solution?

Sources: Louch (many programs actually drew in highly educated immigrants)

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Human sexuality is a very complex part of life. Everyone has sex and most never really think about its purpose. In his book, *Getting off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity*, in a chapter entitled, “Pornography: What Is Sexuality For?” Robert Jensen explores how “intimacy and sex are never risk free” (154). He wonders why we do it if we know some of the consequences that follow, how men and women view sexuality differently, and even the purpose of pornography. Jensen illustrates the difference in views on sex for men and women. Most often men have sex for the physical pleasure and women do for the emotional pleasure. If men are in search for beauty for the sole purpose of their physical satisfaction, women are merely victims of their judgment. Human sexuality is associated with a number of risks. Significantly, sex is notorious for damaging self-esteem. This leads to the concept that the high demand for sex appeal may severely damage the self-esteem of people in today’s society.

2. Thesis:

Human sexuality and the high demand for sex appeal may severely damage the self-esteem of people in today’s society.

3. Outline with possible sources:

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Comment [1]: Not factually accurate

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Comment [2]: This might be an assumption.

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Comment [3]: “We” is fine, but it lacks an antecedent.

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Comment [4]: In your summary for the opening, try to avoid any side-issue that aren’t part of your paper. In fact, your paper might be fine without these four sentences (moving directly to the idea of risk).

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Comment [5]: The ideas are fine, but the wording could be improved. “the high demand for sex appeal” is not exactly clear.

Topic 1- How is appearance judged in certain groups?

Sources- Jensen (the demand for pornography, men judge women to achieve erotica)

Swami (television programs that seek to redefine “real” women)

Lowery (how first year college students felt about their bodies)

Topic 2. What extent do people go to in order to be beautiful?

Sources- Postrel (the beauty products cosmetic companies sell)

Simmons (exercising and avoiding obesity)

Cohen (what women do to impress men)

Topic 3. Why do people try so hard to be beautiful?

Sources- Jensen (male judgment on females)

Swami (television appearance as role models)

Simmons (to impress fellow college classmates)

Cohen (to live up to the expectation men place on women after watching porn)

Topic 4. How does society try to improve the ideal image?

Sources- Postrel (the Dove campaign for real beauty)

Swami (showed the effects of using average women on their television shows)

Lowery (promoting health and exercising as a positive way to improve body image)

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Comment [6]: Very nice outline. It looks like you have a good structure here with good source use.