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# Abstract

The Research is based on Birth tourism in the CNMI and how it affects the United States. The Student writer used literature resources and methodology to support the research question. Overall, the process took a while and gathered enough sources for the research report. Reading four non-academic resources and three academic resources was helpful. Interviewing people who are experienced of birth tourism and one victim of the process. The student writer also made surveys for NMC students to answer and will hopefully help with the research paper. Overall the research process took about 2 months and the student writer has gathered information to support his thesis and research question.

# Introduction

Tourists giving birth has been an issue for the past few years in the CNMI. The issue of tourism birth in the CNMI has also made it in the USA today making it a nationwide phenomenon, the issue we face towards birth tourism also effects the United States. The answer to this question is that any child born in the CNMI or the fifteen islands between the Philippines and Hawaii can become a U.S citizen. Are Chinese tourist taking advantage giving birth in the CNMI due to their over populated country? China is the most populated country in earth with a staggering 1,415,045,928 in the year 2018 and you can only give birth to only 2 babies maximum. Another advantage to this issue is that Chinese citizens want their children to become a U.S citizen, but the U.S and CNMI has stopped this issue by rejecting any pregnant tourist from traveling to the U.S. There are two ways that this issue is currently going on, Chinese citizens wants their children to become a U.S citizen and giving birth in the CNMI would exclude the conflict in China since the CNMI does not have limits regarding birth’s. The Student writer has researched the statistics on how many Chinese citizens have given birth in the CNMI for the past years and how many of their children are born a U.S citizen.

# Literature Review

The CNMI has faced an issue regarding tourist’s giving in the commonwealth for a decade. For instance, “In 2012, more than two thirds of births in Saipan were to Chinese women.” (Lowry, 2017). Mainly Chinese, since the 2010 census, the rate of tourist’s giving birth in the CNMI has been dramatically increasing in the last 8 years. The cause of tourist’s giving birth in the CNMI affects the Unites States as well as the tourists who are allegeable for U.S citizenship. The student writer gathered information published on the Saipan Tribune titled “Births by foreign parents raise questions” written by Erwin Encinares, the student writer must view the article a total of 3 pages and gather data to support the thesis statement. The article generally talks about the commonwealth trying to control the tourist’s birth rate. An example would be, “The USCIS visa waiver program [could] also be revisited, that is, instead of granting a 45-day visitor waiver, it may be reduced to 21 days like other countries’ visa waiver for U.S. citizens,” suggested Santos (Encinares, 2016) who is the Senate Health and Welfare committee chair Sen. The article verifies that the CNMI has made restrictions regarding tourism births and they are following the U.S restrictions on the visitor waiver to hopefully reduce the issue.

# Methodology

The Student writer has searched for evidence from a person who has experienced the issue and investigate the process when a tourist gives birth in the CNMI rather than their own country. The anonymous victim said, “My mother chose to give birth in Saipan because she believed that the benefits are much better and will result to a better future for me and my sister”. (See Appendix C.) This resulted in both victims being a U.S citizen, but the mother was deported to China. An interview was made to a former immigration worker in Saipan and she said that 10 years ago the numbers for pregnant Chinese tourists coming to give birth was not as high as they are today. (See Appendix C).

In China, you can only give birth to two babies maximum. The student writer has asked students with a survey regarding his questions and 25% said yes and no and majority of the students equally answered yes and no so it is a maybe. (See Appendix A). Many students said that they don’t support tourist giving birth in the CNMI which resulted 75%. The student writer also asked what the student opinion on the reason tourists was why gives birth in the CNMI and they all believed that they want to be eligible to be a U.S citizen. Data was collected from Dr. Kathleen Brush and she stated based on her notes, “Most would not qualify for a work green card because they do not have special skills that are in demand, and/or would not find a sponsor”. (See Appendix B).

# Conclusion

Gathering all these information and facts hopefully answered my research question. Throughout the past years, U.S. citizens have raised questions and articles states that it must be stricter regarding birth tourism. Since China had made the law to only maximum of 2 children and if a Chinese citizen goes over 2, they must pay a fee for the child. The U.S. citizen benefit is better for Chinese citizens in their opinion because Chinese citizens wants their children to become a U.S. citizen so that they could have a green card which is a sanctuary for immigrants, which means that if they give birth in the CNMI their child is a U.S citizen which makes the child eligible to grants U.S citizenship to the spouse. The best strategy to do is to prevent pregnant tourist from traveling and that issue was resolved in 2016. The numbers of birth tourism have now been dropped in the last two years due to this solution. (Encinares, 2016).

# Appendix

Appendix A

Pilot Survey

1. Do you think tourist giving birth in the CNMI benefits us?
2. Yes
3. No
4. Other
5. Approximately how many pregnant tourists have you seen in the CNMI? (Non-Us Citizen)
6. Number
7. In China, you can only give birth to two babies maximum. Do you think this is the reason why Chinese tourists give birth in the CNMI?
8. Yes
9. No
10. Other
11. Do you support tourists giving birth in the CNMI?
12. Yes
13. No
14. Other
15. In your opinion, why do you think tourists give birth in the CNMI?
16. Short Answer

# Appendix B

Questions to Experts

Adrian Cruz

1. In your opinion, what is the main purpose of tourist’s giving birth in the United States?
2. In your experience, is it possible for tourists to become U.S. citizens when their child is born in the U.S. and turns twenty-one similar for all nationalities?
3. Is there a specific race in which a foreigner gives birth in a country the most?
4. How does having family members with different nationalities impact families?

Dr. Kathleen Brush

1. In your opinion, what is the main purpose of tourist’s giving birth in the United States?
2. Do you believe the United States is experiencing issues due to tourist’s giving birth in the United States? If so what?
3. In your experience, what generally happens after a tourist gives birth in the United States?
4. Do you think tourist’s giving birth in the U.S. help or hinders the economy?

# Appendix C

Former Immigrant Worker

Question

1. How many pregnant Chinese tourists have you seen arriving in the island? Was it bad as today? Was there more?

Victim of birth tourism

1. How long has your mother been on island?
2. How long was your mother staying in China before coming to Saipan?
3. Is your father a U.S Citizen?
4. Do you know the reason why your mother gave birth to you on Saipan?

# Reading Notes

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Reading Notes to fill out when reading course and outside reading materials for assignment

Note Taking Sheet: Reading # 1

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Directions: Fill in the information below, and keep with all of your resources. This will help you when it is time to write both your outline, paper, and annotated bibliography.

1. Author’� s Name: Press Release Erwin Encinares

2. Author’� s Credentials (Press Release)

3. Publisher [or title of organization]: Saipan Tribune

4. Heading of Section [title of reading]: Births by foreign parents raise questions

5. Year Written: Nov 30 2016

6. Pages: 1

7. Website URL: https://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/births-foreign-parents-raise-questions/

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| **Main Ideas/Points** | **Important Quotations** | **Supporting Details** | **Relevance to Your Assignment** |
| * Tourists giving birth in the CNMI is dramatically increasing year after year. | * “It is very concerning that this parity [between Chinese and other ethnicities] is very large, but I’ve had several meetings with CBP. There are a lot of things that come into play here”. Demapan said. | * Regarding the USCIS visa waiver, instead of granting a 45-day visitor waiver, it may be reduced to a 21-day visit. | * This source shows me the statistics I need and the information towards experts who are currently investigating this issue. |
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Was it published in a reputable source? Yes.

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1. Author’� s Name: John Langan

2. Author’� s Credentials (Press Release)

3. Publisher [or title of organization]: College Writing Skills

4. Heading of Section [title of reading]: The writing process

5. Year Written: 2014

6. Pages: 23-49

7. Website URL:

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| **Main Ideas/Points** | **Important Quotations** | **Supporting Details** | **Relevance to Your Assignment** |
| * Prewriting * Questioning * Making a list * Preparing a scratch outline * Writing a first draft | * “The following pages describe five prewriting techniques that will help you think about and develop a topic and get words on paper. * Freewriting * Questioning * Making a list * Clustering | * Questions include why, where, when, who, what, and how. Ask as many questions. | These sources are usefu; to help me make an essay that has all the writing technology. |
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1. Author’� s Name: CNMI Department of COMMERCE

2. Author’� s Credentials (Press Release)

3. Publisher [or title of organization]: 2010 CNMI Census

4. Heading of Section [title of reading]: 2010 CNMI Census Village Population and Housing Statistics

5. Year Written: 2012

6. Pages:

7. Website URL: http://commerce.gov.mp/2012/06/2010-cnmi-census-village-population-counts/

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| the CNMI Census gathers all the number of people living in the CNMI including different ethnicities |  | * Saipan currently has over 20,000 Asians currently living in Saipan. | The academic source uses statistics and accurate numbers for the population of Asians. |
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Note Taking Sheet: Reading # 4

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1. Author’� s Name: Lowry, L

2. Author’� s Credentials (Press Release)

3. Publisher [or title of organization]: The SAGE International Encyclopedia

4. Heading of Section [title of reading]: “Birth Tourism”

5. Year Written: 2017

6. Pages: 155-156

7. Website URL:

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| **Main Ideas/Points** | **Important Quotations** | **Supporting Details** | **Relevance to Your Assignment** |
| The book covers the tourist industry from every aspect such as: birth tourism, financial tourism, etc. | “In 2012, more than two thirds of births in Saipan were to Chinese women.” | * The book covers the issue in the CNMI and stated that it is cheap to go here on the island. | Discusses the tourist industry with every detail. |
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Was it published in a reputable source? Yes.

It is an academic source.

Other important information : An article written by a person who receives information from experts.

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