

Undocumented and Empowered

How different legal environments in California and Arizona impact the psychological outcomes of undocumented individuals

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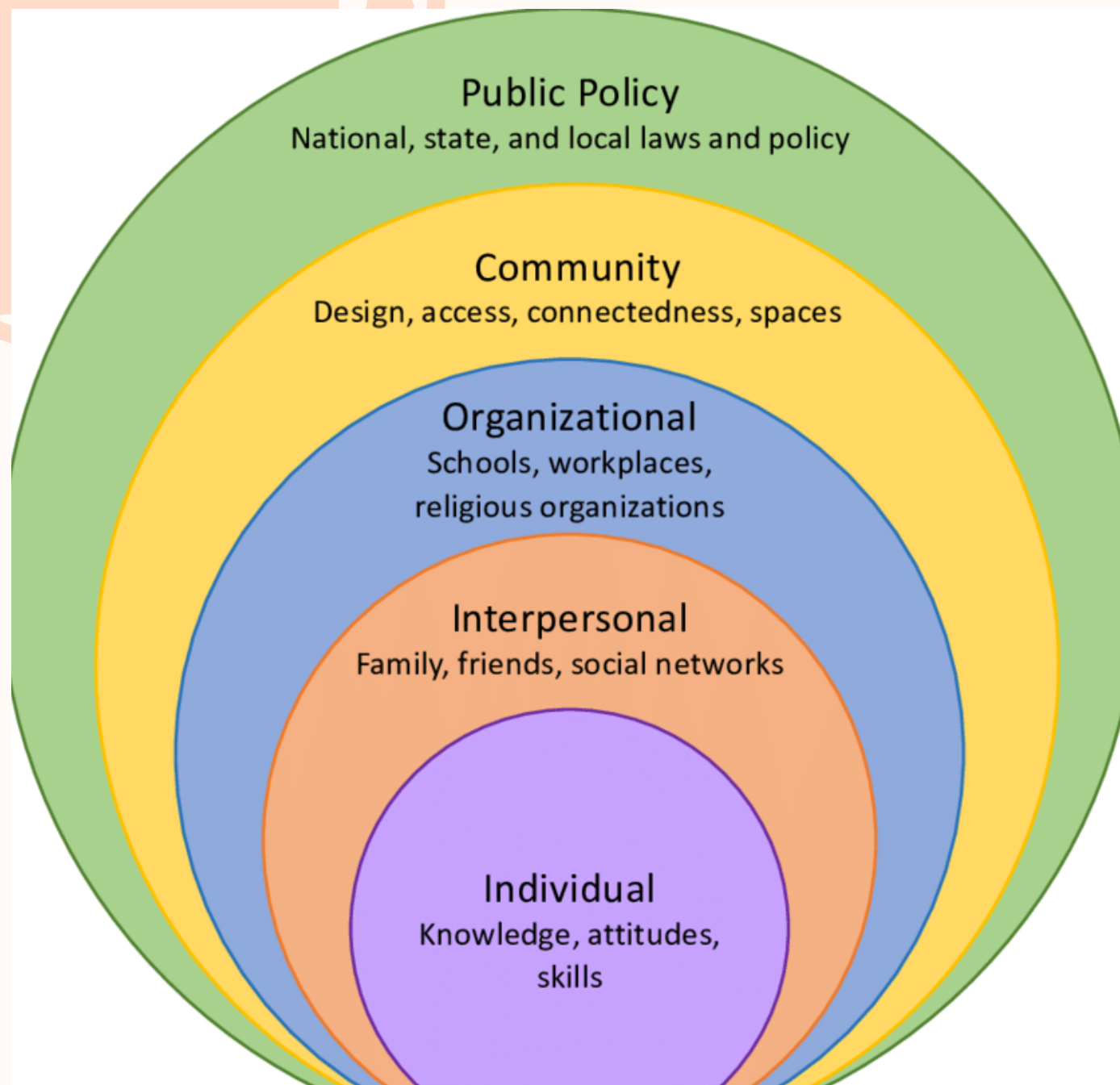
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Introduction:



“Different anti-immigration policies between states create different contextual and environmental stressors which result in differing levels of fear, worry, and stress for undocumented youth and their families.”



A System of Checks
and Balances: State
vs. Federal
Governments



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Splits the ruling power between the legislative, judicial, and executive branches
- Creates and maintains policies that apply to state governments and all individuals residing in the United States

STATE GOVERNMENTS

- All state governments have the same model of government as the Federal Government
- Creates their own bills and policies that when passed into law, are followed by individuals residing in that particular state

(State and Local Government | The White House, n.d.)



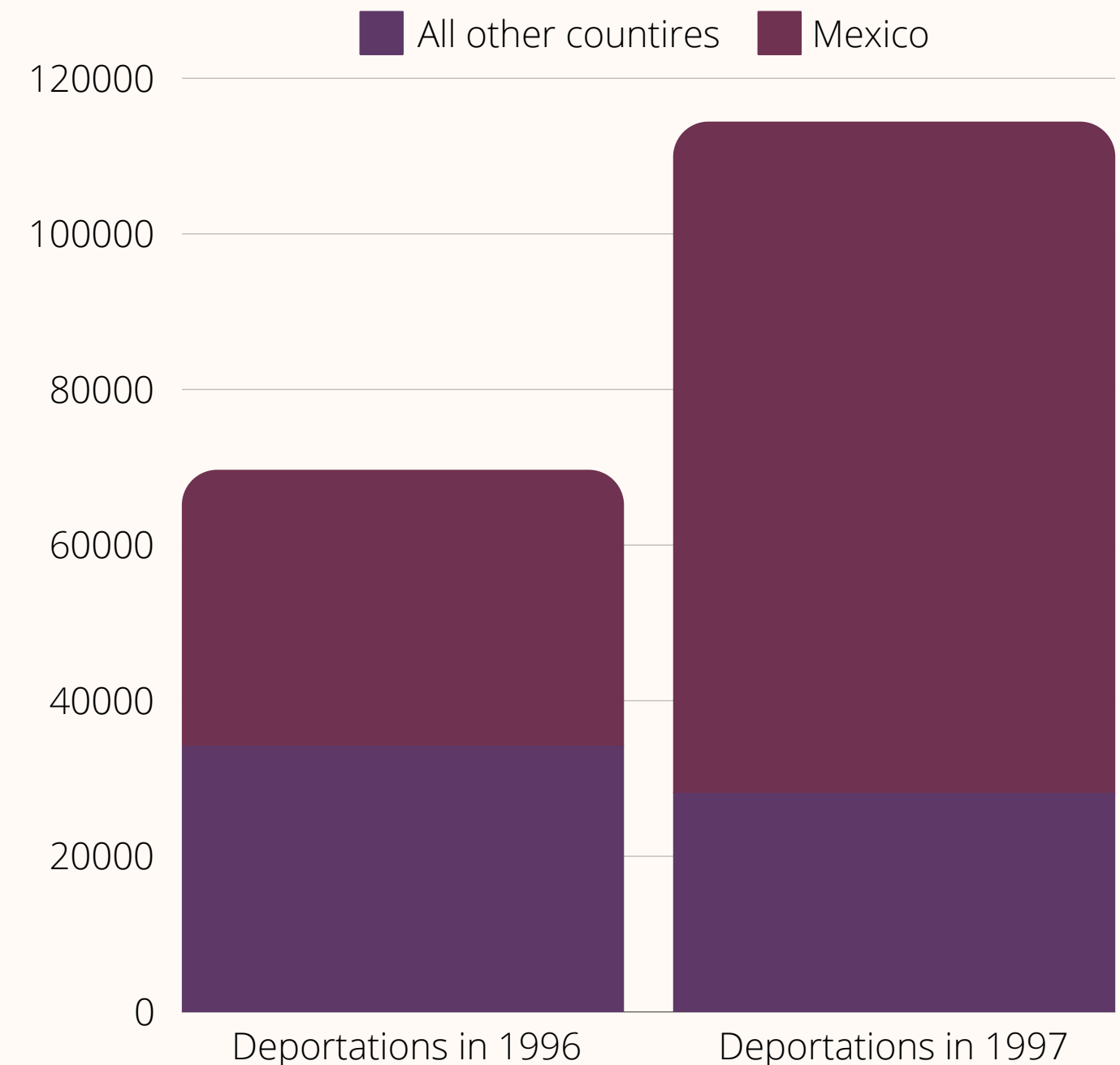
Illegal Immigration
Reform and Immigrant
Responsibility Act
(IIRIRA)



Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA)

POLICY BREAKDOWN:

- Enacted in 1996 as an attempt to crack down on illegal immigration to the U.S.
- Penalties for crimes committed by undocumented individuals were harsher
- Imposed a new rule that immigrants seeking asylum must file their paperwork no later than one year after arriving in the U.S





Arizona Senate Bill
1070



“Show me your papers” Provision:

BILL BREAKDOWN:

- Legally gave law enforcement the authority to ask to see proof of citizenship for any individuals who looked to have “reasonable suspicion” of being undocumented

ARIZONA
SB 1070
ANTES INMIGRANTES / AHORA DELINCUENTES

The logo for Arizona SB 1070 features the word "ARIZONA" in large, bold, black capital letters at the top. Below it, "SB 1070" is written in the same style, with a pair of black handcuffs superimposed over the number "1070". At the bottom, the phrase "ANTES INMIGRANTES / AHORA DELINCUENTES" is written in smaller, bold, black capital letters.

(Arizona SB 1070, n.d.)

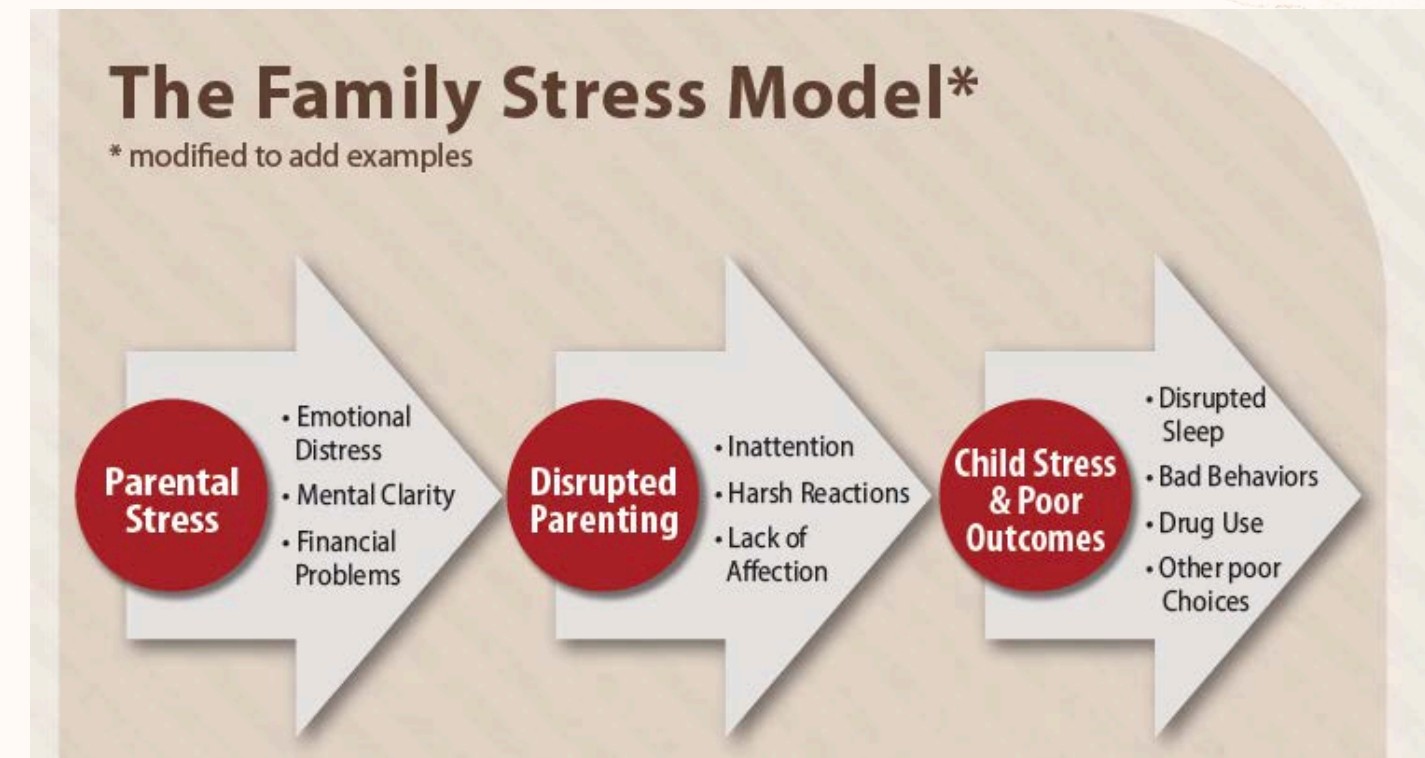
Psychological Effects of SB 1070:

ALTERED INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT:



(Rubio-Hernandez & Ayón, 2016)

INCREASED PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS WITHIN FAMILIES:



(Impacts of Immigration Actions and News and the Psychological Distress of U.S. Latino Parents Raising Adolescents - ScienceDirect, n.d.)



California Proposition 187



Effects of Proposition 187:

**IMMEDIATE EFFECTS:
DECREASED USE OF PUBLIC
FACILITIES**



(Marx et al., 1996).

**LONG-TERM EFFECTS: INCREASE
IN YOUTH ACTIVISM AND
GOVERNMENT TRANSPARANCY**



(DEANGELO ET AL., 2016)



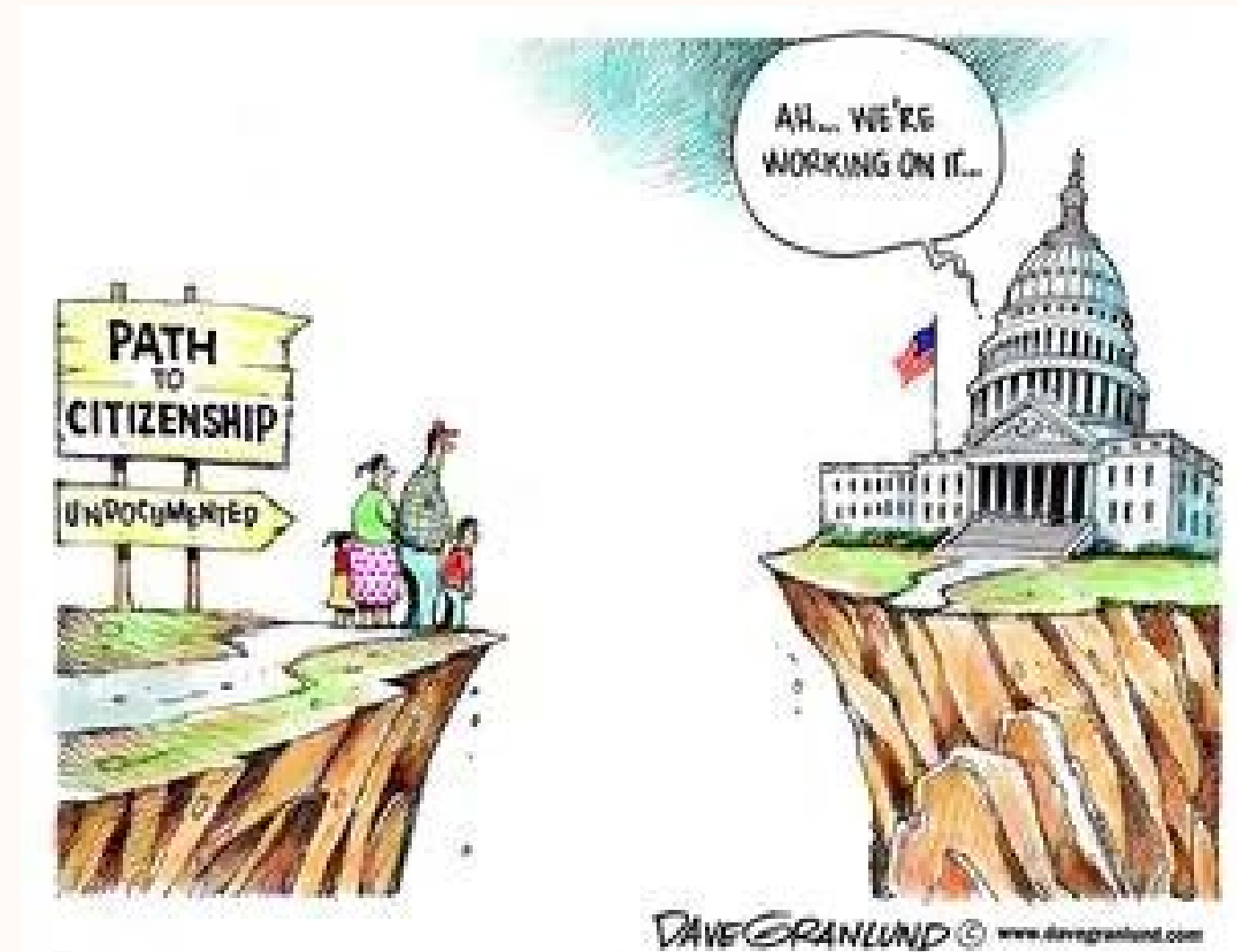
Next Steps and Conclusions:



Conclusion:

MOVING FORWARD...

We need a better and more conclusive immigration policy. Federal government needs to step up and create a better/easier pathway to obtaining legal status



“NO INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER A CHILD OR AN ADULT, SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THE EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM THAT COMES FROM THE CONSTANT FEAR OF DEPORTATION”



*Thank
you*