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A Study of People Perception of Illegal Immigrant at

Block Seraya C Putera Jaya Telipok

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#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

Throughout history migration has been one of the most enduring features of human experience. Over the centuries there has been a multitude of reasons why people have sought to move from one part of the world to another. The impact of immigration in Sabah society continues to be a matter of public concern. While the economic impact of immigration in such areas as economic growth, productivity, and employment, has been widely canvassed, there has been less sustained analytical attention given to many of the social issues at the heart of public debate. Matters such as Asian immigration, racism, multiculturalism and social cohesion, have generated controversy and an abundance of rhetoric. Yet in current circumstances, a balanced appreciation of the viewpoints held by various sections of the community on such matters is in danger of becoming swamped by ideology, prejudice, and adversarial rhetoric.

The popular perception of illegal immigrants is of people who set out with the intention of living in another country permanently and working illegally there and it is with them that the communication is primarily concerned. The presence of illegal immigrants often generates opposition. A perception may exist among

some parts of the public in receiving countries linking illegal immigrants to crime increases; an accusation that others may claim is "anti-immigrant". So, here we want to look the people perception of illegal immigrant in Sabah especially in Sepangar area.

#### 1.2 Problem Statement

Lately illegal immigrant has been so much talked by several parties in Sabah especially the government and media. Now, my question is how about the perception people in Sabah especially in Putrajaya Telipok area with illegal immigrant. Are there had a positive or negative perception towards the illegal immigrant at Sepangar.

### 1.3 Research Objective

- To analyze the people perception of illegal immigrant in Putrajaya area.
- To identify the recommendation and solution to prevent or reduce illegal immigrant in Putrajaya area.

## 1.4Scope of Study

The study of this research of people perception about the illegal immigrant will cover the perception of population residents in Block Seraya C, Putrajaya Telipok area. The scope of studies will cover one block in Putrajaya and each of the houses will represent of one respondent.