

## RETURN MIGRATION IN LATIN AMERICAN CONTEXTS:

WHO ARE RETURNING FROM US? ARE THEY DIFFERENT OR NOT BY COUNTRIES?

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### INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

As we know, United States of America is most important reception country in the world. Specially, Latin American has a large tradition migration to United States. Mexico and Central American countries have important proportions of population living in that country. However, South American countries have increased their contribution in the migration flows, as well.

In response to financial crises, migratory policies and government actions in many regions of America, focused on persecutions to undocumented immigrants, and anti-immigrant environments, migrants go back home. Many reasons could be behind of decisions to return (personal and family decisions and deportation process). Recent US Department of Homeland Security's data shows up a sustained trend of flows migratory

returned; Latin American countries dominated by its participated in these population movements from United States of America.

This research seeks to describe socio demographics profiles of returned migrant in Latin American contexts. Specially, it aware of changes and continues, among different generations, about demographics and socio-economics profiles´ returning migrant in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Colombia y Ecuador. It pretends to contribute to promote discussions about return migration, and its inclusion in Latin American´s social research agendas.

Few researches have been conducted about socio demographics profiles´ returning migrants in Latin America. In this regard, I intend to answer the following research questions: who are returning migrant? Are there changes in theirs sociodemographics characteristics? Are they self-selection by certain sociodemographics characteristics? Are they different by origin countries?

#### DATA AND METHODS

This proposal research will be based on Mexican Migration Project and Latin American Project databases, which provided empirical evidence about migratory trajectories of household head´s and family members. The project has been conducted in several countries in Latin America by Princeton University and Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico).

Basically, the databases allow you to identify the time in which occurred the migratory return of United States of the head of household. Given the prospect of lifetime, is possible to know the socio-demographic characteristics and economic of the returnees. It is intended to a descriptive analysis of the sociodemographic characteristics of the population returned according to country of origin. Through a comparative look at the time is also intended discuss possible changes and continuities in the profiles sociodemographics in generations and return contexts.

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

It would be to expect findings about differential in profiles sociodemographic's returned migrants, according to countries of origin and generations. The differences could be understood on the basis of the decisions that guided the homecoming. It would be to expect findings about differential about generations in same countries, as well.