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This thesis presents the results of Iranian women's marriages with Afghan illegal immigrants. The initial idea was to determine the citizenship status of these families' in Iran. This research looks at the status of Afghans in Iran who married Iranian women. Because of the intolerable conditions in Afghanistan, they have flown to other countries especially Iran. They hoped that the marriage with Iranian women may help them to obtain Iranian citizenship. The Iran government not only accepted to grant Iranian citizenship to them, but their children could not get any Afghan or Iranian identity. My hypothesis in this research is that the Iranian government will not grant Iranian citizenship to these families due to various reasons such as protecting the national security. The statics documents results supported my hypothesis by showing the growing population is one of various factors that can be a threat to national security. For his reason, the Iranian government cannot grant Iranian citizenship to these Afghans. Granting Iranian citizenship to Afghans will open Iran's borders to other immigrants to come to Iran. The consequence of this action caused an already large population in Iran to grow even with more negative consequences, Providing benefits and facilities like education, health and housing and the most important economic problem for original Iranian are the Iranian government's concern. And a very large population will create more difficulties for Iran and pose threats the growing population implies unemployment and more economic problems which, if not addressed in time, can threaten Iran's national security.

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Tesis ini membentangkan hasil perkahwinan wanita Iran dengan pendatang tanpa izin Afghanistan. Idea awal adalah untuk menentukan status kewarganegaraan daripada keluarga-keluarga ini ' di Iran. Kajian ini telah mengkaji status Afghanistan di Iran yang berkahwin dengan wanita Iran . Kerana keadaan tertahan di Afghanistan , mereka telah terbang ke negara-negara lain terutamanya Iran. Mereka berharap bahawa perkahwinan dengan wanita Iran boleh membantu mereka untuk mendapatkan kewarganegaraan Iran. Kerajaan Iran bukan sahaja diterima untuk memberikan kewarganegaraan Iran untuk mereka, tetapi anak-anak mereka tidak boleh mendapatkan identiti Afghanistan atau Iran. Hipotesis saya dalam penyelidikan ini adalah bahawa kerajaan Iran tidak akan memberi kerakyatan Iran untuk keluarga-keluarga ini kerana pelbagai sebab seperti melindungi keselamatan negara . Yang statik dokumen keputusan disokong hipotesis saya dengan menunjukkan penduduk yang semakin meningkat adalah salah satu daripada pelbagai faktor yang boleh menjadi ancaman kepada keselamatan negara. Atas sebab itu, kerajaan Iran tidak boleh memberikan kerakyatan Iran kepada Afghanistan. Pemberian kewarganegaraan Iran untuk rakyat Afghanistan akan membuka sempadan Iran untuk pendatang lain untuk datang ke Iran. Akibat daripada tindakan ini menyebabkan penduduk yang sudah besar di Iran berkembang walaupun dengan kesan yang lebih negatif, Memberi faedah dan kemudahan seperti pendidikan, kesihatan dan perumahan dan masalah ekonomi yang paling penting bagi asal Iran kebimbangan kerajaan Iran . Dan penduduk yang sangat besar akan mewujudkan lebih banyak kesukaran bagi Iran dan menimbulkan ancaman penduduk yang semakin meningkat membayangkan pengangguran dan masalah ekonomi yang lebih yang, jika tidak ditangani dalam masa, boleh mengancam keselamatan negara Iran.

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