

Germany's Open Door Policy

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The honors ARCH research project will primarily focus on the topic of Germany's Open Door Policy and how this controversial policy broadly effects the social, economic, and political climate in Germany. If the current number of refugees taken into Germany does not decline, Germany will face harsh economic realities due to the sudden and ill-proportioned amount of people residing in Germany. This, in turn, may lead to political upheaval and if refugees are not properly integrated, can have a higher likeliness of social mistrust and unrest. In order to test these outcomes, different analysis' must be conducted on the current political, economic, and social German climate. By assessing each of these factors, conclusions formatted for the most likely probability may be drawn. It is, of course, vital to use structured analytical techniques such as Devil's Advocate and Bias Check under the realm of Intelligence Analysis to properly identify and interpret likely outcomes. The topic of Germany's policy is an important topic as it involves not just the security of Germany but also the security of the entire European Union/those under the Schengen Treaty. Since borders within Europe are relatively unchecked, these migrants may exit Germany and enter into other countries with little control/oversight. The effects this policy have on the country and its' allies impact the entirety of the world and certainly must be taken into account in drawing policies for the United States. While there are many positives to Germany taking in so many refugees, there are equally as many negatives; and each must be weighed upon the other to determine the full benefits of this policy and its impacts.