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Topic Proposal

The topic I have chosen for essay number 3 is the denial to grant financial assistance to undocumented immigrants in New York during Covid-19. In a video from New York Post, New York's governor, Andrew Cuomo, responded to a question regarding California governor, Gavin Newsom's decision to grant \$500 to undocumented immigrants in California during the global pandemic. Cuomo's response was, "We're looking into it but we have real financial problems". The thesis I came up with as a response to this video is that undocumented immigrants living in New York deserve to be compensated with the same financial compensation like other New Yorkers during the pandemic.

Some politicians and generous contributors who organized aid and relief stations to combat this issue which Governor Cuomo is choosing to ignore are Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Catalina Cruz, and George Soro. These are people whose ideals and actions are very similar to the belief I hold about undocumented immigrants during this global crisis. Ocasio-Cortez proposed many ways to assist undocumented immigrants with aid during the outbreak of Covid-19 such as relief packages. Catalina Cruz, a New York State Assembly Woman for District 39, has already begun to distribute hot meals as well as fruits and vegetables to everyone she represents, including the undocumented. Lastly, George Soro, philanthropist, pledged \$130 million to help the state of New York recover from the massive hit they took with the virus.

I decided to include these people and their contributions to emphasize how strongly I disagree with Governor Cuomo's decision to exclude undocumented immigrants from receiving aid. With Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Catalina Cruz and George Soro's decisions, I plan to discuss the financial portion of the aid which the undocumented should be receiving and how their ideas are ones that the Governor should consider.