Millennial Impact: New Generation Immigrant Leaders in Rural California’s Changing Citizenship Regime

What are effective pathways for the emergence of a new generation or millennial immigrant community leaders in rural California? This project examines this question in the context of a still-developing new citizenship regime in rural California.

Millennial Impact is a collaborative research planning project conducted by a diverse team of new generation or millennial immigrant community activists rooted in the rural communities of the California Central Coast.

Our hypothesis is that in the context of the emerging new citizenship regime in California, new generation or millennial immigrant community leaders have the capacity to overcome a set of organizational, political and cultural barriers to immigrant community empowerment.

This planning process will explore a set of leadership development strategies to empower millennial generation immigrants (first, second, third generation, etc.) to help overcome those barriers. It will produce an extensive body of qualitative reports, a plan for expanded collaborative action research, and an experienced team prepared for implementation.

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