TMC immigration project update call notes | July 12

* TMC: Update on themes for story collaborations, many immigrant groups, particularly the most marginalized (e.g. Black immigrants, undocumented, Muslims) are not participating in larger/mainstream media campaigns like I Am An Immigrant due to narratives that erase/silence their experiences and voices. So, they’d appreciate narratives from independent media that are more inclusive and center the most marginalized since their stories remain underreported.
* Fi2W: Update on ways to collaborate on their new Unidos app targeted to young Latino voters; contact managing editor Pablo Medina Uribe (email: pablusioumeo@gmail.com) and Stephanie Rodriguez (stephisphere@gmail.com) to send your stories for use on the app or other ways to collaborate
* Lisa (Making Contact): If we did something like #immigrantvoices or #immigrantstories it would be bland and not sticky; not for immigrants, but we should center immigrant voices to audience not as familiar to struggles
* Manolia: From conversations we’ve had with immigrant groups over the last few months, it seems that their focus this summer and fall is in two areas: 1) providing info/resources to families impacted by SCOTUS DACA/DAPA decision 2) GOTV efforts
* Jody (The Progressive): Given our audience, don’t see us reaching Trump supporters. Are we trying to reach concerned citizens who may feel immobilized and by informing them we move them into action?
* Lisa: We’re trying reach folks who are disheartened, for them to have new sense urgency and personal connection to immigrants; some of that has to do with stories where immigrant communities have built power; impact on people’s lives and where people have been building power; it’s a tall order, but it starts with the stories.
* Jo Ellen: some of our members’ audiences are protectionists; leads towards anti-immigrant sentiments (even among progressives)
* Jody: Maybe our stories should deal with: Why do people end up migrating US and how its related to NAFTA, trade policies? How do you talk about that level of xenophobia without why migration happens?
* Jo Ellen: Based on this call and conversations we’ve had with our members (and immigrant groups) over the past few months, we will send a project proposal to members.
* Other next steps: reach out to west coast members for community event in Cali