

An emigrant from a developing country: autobiographical notes

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Abstract

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Autobiographical Notes I. In: Kregel J.A. (eds) *Recollections of Eminent Economists*. Palgrave Macmillan, London. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-349-09776-0_4. Why People Migrate from developing countries to developed countries? Generally, people prefer to live their whole life in their homeland, where they born and used to spend their childhood and youth. Love for the motherland exists in our nerves. An emigrant sees a bright future for his offspring in the countries, so he prefers to migrate to developed countries. 7. Religious or Racial Reasons:- A Jewish living in Egypt should prefer to migrate to Israel. Similarly, a Christian would have more liberty in a Christian majority country as compared to a country where Muslims or Hindus are in majority. 8. War. People from a war affected countries would always prefer to migrate. Most autobiographies are written from the first person singular perspective. This is fitting because autobiography is usually a story one tells about oneself. It would not naturally follow then that the writer would recount his or her past from a second or third person perspective. Jean Quigley confirms this point in her book *The Grammar of Autobiography* by saying that "As soon as we are asked about ourselves, to tell our autobiography, we start to tell stories. Self-Evaluation and Introspection. Though the intent of the majority of autobiographers is authenticity, they, unlike biographers, are not expected to reveal all about their subject. If "emigrants" is selected, bubbles will appear over top countries of destination, sized according to the estimated emigrant population in each country. (Hover over individual bubbles to learn the population sizes by country.) Selecting "immigrants" as the population indicator will display bubbles over key countries of origin for the immigrant population of a selected country based on estimated population size. Notes: Because governments collect statistics on international migrants in varying ways, there is no consistent cross-country definition of this population. The UN P

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Migrant-destination countries desiring smaller, more productive in ows of developing-country migrants could achieve this goal by assisting income growth and poverty reduction overseas. 4In a developing country with relatively high average incomes and extensive networks of low-income migrants to assist other low-income migrants ($\theta^* > 0$), such as Mexico, selection on unobservables might be intermediate or slightly negative (Fernandez-Huertas 2011; Ambrosini and Peri 2012). A richer model would include the decision e cts of uncertainty in the destination wage, w_1 , which could further raise the slope of $p(w_0)$ (Batista and McKenzie 2019; Bah and Batista 2018), particularly if higher-income families are better able to self-insure (Gazeaud et al. Cite this chapter as: Roegen N.G. (1989) An Emigrant from a Developing Country: