



THE SILENT VOICES OF THE H-2A PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

The Bracero Program

The H-2A Program

Is the H-2A Program good or bad?





ISSUES WITH THE H-2A PROGRAM

Verbally and Physically
Mistreated

False Wages/No Wages

Hazardous Living
Conditions

Operation Blooming
Onion: November 2021



METHODOLOGY: MIXED METHOD



DATA ANALYSES/ARCHIVE STUDY:

ANALYZED REPORTS FROM NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARLY ARTICLES, GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS, AND NEWS ARTICLES

INTERVIEWS:

INTERVIEWED 3 WASHINGTON STATE OFFICIALS WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE H-2A PROGRAM AND H-2A WORKERS AND CEO FOR THE RECRUITING ORGANIZATION CIERTO GLOBAL



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Having more oversight to hold people/organizations accountable

Educate H-2A workers about their rights, ethical and unethical behaviors, and injustices prior to starting a contract

Certify recruiting organizations in the United States to hold them accountable

Most importantly, giving H-2A workers a voice

WORK?

**FARM LABOR
WANTED**

—APPLY—

**FARM LABOR OFFICE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG.
314 W. MAIN**

GOOD WAGES • • NO EMPLOYMENT FEES





The End

