

Research Assessment #9

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Subject: Immigrant Petitions for Victims of Domestic Violence

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Findlaw. "The 'Domestic Violence Green Card': Immigrant Visa Petitions for Victims."

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Assessment:

I've decided that for my Final Product to be successful, I really need to begin doing a better job of documenting everything that I'm learning. Although I am doing plenty of research and take a lot away from my primary mentor visits, I don't have a cohesive way to compile all of this information. Because of that, this week for my assessment, I decided to go back to working on Research Assessments. At my last mentor visit, I worked for a while on finding different websites that could be helpful to my Final Product, and settled on this one about applying for green cards and citizenship status for my Assessment.

A lot of the information included language that I've heard plenty of times during mentor visits and client meetings, however it was really helpful having it all laid out for me in an easy-to-understand format. Sometimes Anna talks to me like I completely understand everything going on, and even though I really appreciate the way she takes me seriously, I can feel in the dark from time to time. Because of that, articles like this are really beneficial to me.

In this article, I learned that there are certain qualifications needed to apply for a U visa or VOWA. I knew previously about the two, but this article helped me understand the distinctions between the two a little better. One question I still have is what exactly is "good moral standing"? I think I've wondered this before after reading some other article, so at this point, I definitely think I should ask Anna or do some outside research.

It said that kids 14 and younger are automatically considered “in good moral standing,” so clearly it’s something that can be assumed for younger children. Still, I think that after wondering about this multiple times, I should probably look into it now.

Another thing that I found really interesting is that the article gives few time frames on how long the processes described actually take. I feel like this is something that has come up a lot since I’ve started reading these kind of informative articles on legality and legal options at the beginning of the year, but they rarely provide a timeline. I understand now the qualifications to obtaining a U visa or VOWA, however I don’t know how long that is likely to take and what is expected to happen in the meantime, while someone is waiting for the verdict. Based on what I know from speaking to professional immigration attorneys, it would be a long process because the government seems to work really slow with matters like these, but still, I have little clarification.

In conclusion, it was a very interesting article that gave me some great insight into the specifics of options for victims of domestic violence. I think that easy to understand explanations like the one in this article are what I should strive for in my own Final Product. Even so, I have many questions remaining and I think I should pursue answers as my Final Product will require lots of depth and comprehension in regards to the information included.