WHO ARE WE?
R.AGE

INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARIES \( \times \) SOCIAL MEDIA = IMPACT JOURNALISM
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Aside from producing multimedia journalism, we create public action campaigns to give the audience an avenue to take action.
STUDENT/TRAFFICKED
ষাট্র নাকি পাচনের শিকার
EPISODE 1:
The Student Trafficking Trade
THE PROBLEM

Foreign students are cheated into studying in Malaysia. This recruitment reeks of trafficking.
Foreign student recruitment needs to be regulated.
THE CAMPAIGN

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Reporting site for students.
7 colleges pledged.

Some dodgy colleges shut down.

Education acknowledged as one avenue for human trafficking.

Bangladeshi student met the Bangladeshi education minister about this issue, on his own initiative.
THE PROBLEM

Refugees are losing refugee protections.
THE SOLUTION

Show this decision is causing harm. Reverse UNHCR’s decision.
UNHCR reversed cessation decision.

More discussion about refugee policies.
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PS: We might need you again.
THE PROBLEM

Migrants are treated like s**t.
Hey, they’re human.
THE FEEDBACK

Learnings from social media reactions.
Lydia Wong: There’s a special place in hell for people exploiting others. These people were seeking education and yet were embroiled in nightmare after nightmare. Thank you R A GE team for quality journalism and bringing this issue into light! Hopefully these poor souls will find their way again.

Md Mahmudul Hassan Roni: Thanks to R A GE team for making this move...I hope it will be very helpful for the upcoming students, they will be more conscious in future. peace 😊

Toin Chong: these evil bastards and asshole colleges must be shutdown! How come Minister of Education allows these institutions operate through license? Reit them all, restrict college operation license. It looks like colleges are easily built in Malaysia, HOPELESS. Even the university that I am studying also scamming its students through scholarship and credit transfer bogus.

Tira: Never knew that this is even happening here among these people. I feel for them and thank you for making this documentary.

Awang Berani: They are not victims at all, we are they come here work and earn more than us. Did u know in perak atleast 500 grocery store belong to bangla? They have their own community support each other.

Yusadianto Mohd Nor: Why antor malaysia illegally at the first place, ???

Paarthibann Tbonn Veerayah: Banglas nowadays overacting in Malaysia.

Chin Yew: They are not Malaysian people. Because of them many people doesn't have work. Pity them? Who gonna pity us?

Zamri Gaijin Roy: who cares..let bangladesh gov tackle this, this is the REALITY of the matter. no issues here whatsoever. MY isnt the COUNTRY. i thi need to deliver justice for them, we shud be more focus on our own well being. tough luck. this is...
Timothy Eustace Chan Imagine being an ethnic minority being subjected to the whims of an arbitrary government and military with nowhere to run. Let us all imagine that.

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Emily Jo Chen why do we need to protect them? Because we are all human. It could easily been us, our country that is going through war. At any day or time, we could lose our homes, our safety and if we dont help others now, who will help us? Where is your compassion?

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

Emily Felicia Luis It's not fair.. 😢1

Sad · Reply · Message · 40w
Refugees No More - mostly negative response

James Jüdgěs  Go back to your country. We had more than enough refugees here. Your country is safe just go back then.

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

Umar Al-Bahanjii  Thats why we dont want you...

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

James Jüdgěs  Azreen Surani this is not our problems. Our problems is we will never forget that who did kill our Grab driver in the first place. I am more care about my countrymen.

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

Martin Kuah  Thaddeus Tan chinese worker came here to work stupid. Not refugee.

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

Martin Kuah  Rohingya deserve no respect from human, they join japanese troop in ww2 to kill innocent.

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

Thaddeus Tan  Martin Kuah why so sensitive bro? Someone called you stupid today? Also I was replying to Naw Zaw stating that “They immigrated in Burma Illegally”, as a point of discussion and a food for thought. Had nothing to do with refugees 😄

So please understand the context before calling people names next time, otherwise might make you look like one instead. Hope your night turns around and have a good day tomorrow.

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Refugees No More - mostly negative response

Azreen Surani R.AGE then who cares....the should Myanmar Govt to take responsible ...send back to thier homeland country

Like · Reply · Message · 40w

Mat Kamil Da ckp bgs kerajaan malaysia bgi tggl di sni..... nk komplen apa lgi.

Like · Reply · Message · See Translation · 40w

Munir Firdaus Mlysia gov stupid,give them citizen authority.

Like · Reply · Message · 40w
The Chin Up Project - We placed the content on a website, not on social media, so no comments!
C Ching Siew Goh Thank you R.AGE for showing the side of the story which not many wish to see. I am blessed to have a helper (I am uncomfortable calling her a "maid" as I feel that de-humanises her) similar to Gina. She's very loving to my kids and she treats my house like her home. Thanks to her i was able to go back to work and have some time to myself. Me and my husband will always extend our appreciation to her by buying her cakes (she has a sweet tooth) and ang pow during special occasion. I told her that when you come to my house, you are part of the family. Which is why i cannot fathom why anyone would abuse maids. They are not your slave. They are here to provide a better life for their own kids back home.

Love · Reply · Message · 2w

Shen Yen Good job R.AGE!!!! Gina moved me to tears.

Love · Reply · Message · 2w

Vera Tay Ee Mun Kong reminded me of aunty... :)) you’re so lucky too!

Like · Reply · Message · 2w

Ee Mun Kong Vera Tay Hahahaha yea

Like · Reply · Message · 2w
Rakibul Arafat Do more positive stories about migrant workers in Malaysia. People should know about them, about their dream and struggle.

MarknJo Ang Most of the time if not all we don’t regard our foreign workers as people with family, relationships, desires but just robots void of feelings just got to smile or greet in acknowledging their presence means much 🙏

Kishen Rao Gosh I hope Iqbal and his friends were paid and treated well/fairly for their hard work, being known how some unscrupulous construction companies take advantage of migrant workers

Gurdip Maan so true and I used to be guilty of this

Rekha Balachandran I think this series is really brilliant. We need to realize we are more alike than we are different. And the “others” who come here seeking better opportunities want the same things we do. I hope this inspires Malaysians to treat the migrant workers with the respect they deserve.

Valery Khoo I have really good, well mannered and responsible Nepalese guards at my condo and I can’t imagine a day without them. Our residents here mostly treat them like family and will always feed them and give them food. When they leave, they are all nicely fattened up. Sometimes I wonder if their families would even believe their suffering here. But we do what we can for them.
THE VERDICT

Although Student/Trafficked and Refugees No More generated more policy changes and response from the authorities, they received a lot of xenophobic, anti-immigrant or nationalistic responses.

Work In Progress generated overwhelmingly empathetic comments from the audience, but did little to change policy.
If you want to change perceptions towards migrants, humanise, humanise, humanise. Don’t portray them as a problem to be solved.

Exposés create a will to solve a problem, but does little to change public perceptions.

Both approaches are needed, but we must understand how to wield them.
THANK YOU