

## What if?

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Close your eyes... now open your eyes... take a deep breath in... exhale...

Now, imagine waking up one morning and you are greeted with the beaming sun that is peaking through your curtains, your toes are tucked into your favorite soft and warm blanket, and your heart is filled with the joy of a new day to live. All is well, and all is good, that is until you realize that your DACA status (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) has been rescinded by the Supreme court. Panic, fear, tears... all of this is rushing through your mind and your heart. You will now be laid off because your social security number is no longer valid, you now will risk driving without a license, which could then lead to deportation if you get pulled over by a cop. You are now at risk of DEPORTATION! What if your taken away from your family, your children, your home? What if you must spend months in a detention center? What if everything that is sacred and secure is now uncertain and tainted by policies and unjust laws? What if you're forced into harmful work environments, where employers exploit your work? What if you return to your place of origin and that place is no longer safe or welcoming? What if you wake up one morning with dreams and aspirations and in a blink of an eye, everything absolutely everything vanished into thin air?

This isn't a "What if?" matter for many DACA Recipients and Immigrant communities, this is REAL, this can happen at any given moment in any given day. This is the reality of what I would go through if DACA no longer exists. This isn't a "What If" for many undocumented families, its often times a matter of "when?".

