

# Georgia's Literature Analysis

## A Developmental Psychologist's View of Operation Babylift - Georgia

This semester we started off talking about group projects that we were interested in researching in and I chose adoption. For the first time in my life, I was actually meet multiracial classmates. It's a very exciting moment to meet new people especially people with different experiences. I chose to be in the group that would research adopted and multiracial individual because I wanted to learn more about them and about their experiences.

In the following article, *A Development Psychologist's View of Operation Babylift* by Edward Zigler, I read that children were mostly adopted from Vietnam because they were sending over after the fall of Saigon government. This was a very sad moment for most people because these babies were innocent and refugees. Most people here felt bad for these babies and the United States government wanted to help but it was hard because most of these babies were sick physically and mentally.

Some people didn't want to take care of these babies and felt forced to help the people from Vietnam. Zigler, explains "again we saw America forced to react immediately to almost overwhelming events rather than to be in control of events through a carefully prepared, sound plan of how to deal with the various contingencies of the human in Vietnam" meaning that Americas didn't have were just forced to take Vietnam kids in to their home. With everything going on, it was probably an overwhelming situation because people were confused and didn't know how to react with the new change. People don't do change and it's obvious that they weren't going to deal with the Vietnam War either. It's hard for people to change their mind and it's even hard for people to have to react that nothing is going on, when really they are going to have a responsibility of a lifetime; raising a child.

The "Operation Babylift" had a big effect on the people of the United States because a large group of children were being sent to America for a new life but people didn't release the diseases and stress these children were going through. Also that the fact they were now illegal immigrants because most of them didn't have papers and were brought into the country illegally. The C-5A was an airplane that took 150 children and 50 parents from Vietnam to bring them here to safely. But the airplane crashed and most of the children on the plane were sick and need mental help. These children shouldn't have been on the plane in the first place because their illness would make them weaker. This admits just was too safe the innocent children but it ended up making these children have more problem: health and law.

Many children that were adopted to this country from Vietnam were forced to start a new life with a new family with new rules. A lot of these children were babies but still needed to understand where they came from and for what reason they were adopted. Many of these children had to face racism and finding their own identity. In school and in real life, they were probably teased and asked all types of questions: "where do you come from", "why are you here", and "why are you different from your parents". All these questions help shape an individual either for better or for worse. Some people understand that they are different and can react to it but others are still confused on what they are and why they are different. It really has to do with the person within themselves.

It's hard for people to adopt children from a country of war because there are so many problems that the couple need to learn to deal with. They need to be able to make their child understand why their country was in war and for what reason they needed to leave. As much as these people just want to help, they need to also understand that these children have been raised in a traumatic environment and all these children want is love. Some people are scared to adopt these children because in the end run they might be problematic and have problems that some don't want to have to go through. People don't want to have the guilt of the responsibility of taking care of these children and some won't adopt. The ones that do end up helping these children end up changing their lives and giving them another chance. Everyone deserves second chances, especially when innocent.