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Dissertation Title: “An Exploration of How Immigrant Youth Develop a Leadership Identity Through Sport Participation”
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THEME	ATTRIBUTES
IMMIGRATION	Reasons for Leaving Home Country
CHALLENGES IN NEW COUNTRY	Sociocultural Challenges
	Economic Challenges
FACILITATORS IN NEW COUNTRY	Social Facilitators
SPORT PARTICIPATION	Sociocultural Factors
	Economic Factors
LEADERSHIP	Leadership Dispositions
	Leadership Skills

RESEARCH QUESTIONS / PROBLEMS:

1. How do immigrant youth describe the reasons for leaving their home country and challenges in the new country?
2. How do immigrant youth describe their experiences in sport participation?
3. What are the perceptions of immigrant youth about leadership?
4. How do immigrant youth connect their participation in sports to the stages in their development of a leadership identity?

METHODS:

- Qualitative instrumental case study

RESULTS / FINDINGS:

- Five major themes emerged in analysis of individual interviews: (a) immigration, (b) challenges in new country, (c) facilitators in new country, (d) sport participation, (e) leadership. These themes contribute to immigrant youth leadership identity development.

SIGNIFICANCE / IMPLICATIONS:

- Sport participation can help immigrant youth (a) develop a range of skills and competences, (b) increase their confidence in social interactions, (c) set goals for future, (d) serve as role models, and (e) be the change agent in their family and communities as they develop a leadership identity.