

Dream

In our modern world, it may seem that no one shares a common similarity, but they do. All Americans share the dream to have an equal opportunity to achieve success through determination, initiative and hard work. Immigrants do to. Our country itself has been strengthened and enriched by dreaming immigrants' blood, sweat and tears. Through their dedication, immigrants are helping to write the next chapter of the American dream.

However, Immigrants face many challenges in present day America, unlike ever before. They are barricaded in reaching their dreams by a wall built out of fear, anger, and depression. This is caused by so many immigrants in all communities as well as my own, being afraid of being deported, killed, or arrested. The cause of this is from many issues, like the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program which protects immigrants who came to The U.S illegally during childhood by granting childhood immigrants permits preventing deportation. Another major issue is other forms of illegal immigration by people who couldn't immigrate to the U.S legally and could face dear consequences. All of these issues greatly affect my community since we are all fearful of what could happen next to our neighbors, friends, or ourselves. Also, according to U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement, "In FY2017, ICE conducted 226,119 removals." That equals up to many families in our communities as well as mine being torn apart, like a piece of paper with family members taken and deported. Many may argue that immigrants are criminals and deserve deportation, arrest, or other punishments, but we cannot just place labels on immigrants as being criminals since not all of them are. Most immigrants are just people who dream of a better future and want to achieve this in a safe environment.

As in Pandora's Box, underneath all the pain, anger, darkness, fear, depression and all of the traumas in today's world, there is always hope and this applies to what's happening currently to immigrants. In my community, many issues over immigration affects us, but we stand strong being a welcoming and inclusive community to all immigrants and individuals no matter if we could face the consequences. Specifically, in my school, we are piloting a program called Sit With Us which is an app that helps

student ambassadors which are people who want to give the gift of friendship and promote inclusion. I am currently involved in this program and I know the app can impact immigrants who are feeling down or troubled with making friends because of something happening at home, like a family member's deportation. In our Local News, I also hear of individuals doing projects to promote the inclusion and happiness of others which can really affect immigrants, like Boy Scouts who are doing many projects which heavily impact our community and, its immigrants. My community has also been doing its best efforts with helping people who do not speak English and also for promoting the learning of different languages to combat the language barrier many immigrants have, so they can feel welcome. This has been heavily supported by school English Learners Development and Language Learning programs. Immigrants have been supported in many, different ways in my community. How about yours?

Moreover, in many ways, immigrants continue to move forward, helping to write the next chapter of the American dream by successful employment, opening their own dream businesses, and charities. Specifically, in the area of employment, many are achieving success with the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting in 2016 that 25,799,000 were employed and foreign born. Immigrants are opening their own dream businesses and charities with 18% of small businesses being owned by immigrants, according to the Small Business Administration. Many are also helping to pioneer America ahead by joining major corporations wanting to change the future or making their own for these common purposes.

So In many ways , Immigrants have helped to write the next chapter of the American Dream by overcoming their many different challenges through their successful employment, opening their own businesses and charities.