



Contribution of Immigrants to American Society

Economic Impact:

- Immigrants are **80% more likely** to start a business than American-born citizens.
 - Nearly half of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or their children. These companies employ millions of Americans.
- Immigrants are **more likely** to take dangerous jobs that many U.S.-born workers avoid.
 - Particularly undocumented immigrants who are the backbone of the US's construction and agriculture sectors, two high-risk industries.
- Mass deportation of our undocumented immigrants would reduce U.S. GDP by at least **4%** and likely trigger a recession.
- International students also contribute massively to the US economy. For every 3 international students, 1 U.S. job is created/supported.

Cultural Impact:

- E pluribus unum ("out of many, one") isn't just a motto stamped on our currency, but instead a framework for how American culture was developed and continually evolves. American culture, as we know it today, carries the fingerprints of immigrants at every turn.
- Immigrants have defined American entertainment and art: Eastern European immigrants built Hollywood's studio system, German-born Emanuel Leutze painted *Washington Crossing the Delaware*, and generations of immigrant musicians — from Yo-Yo Ma's cello, to Carlos Santana's guitar, and Gloria Estefan's voice — have shaped the sound of American music.
- More recently, Lin-Manuel Miranda, son of Puerto Rican parents, created Hamilton — the Pulitzer Prize-winning, quintessentially American musical.
- Immigrants have left their stamp on architecture as well, Chinese-born I.M. Pei designed many of our nation's landmarks including the JFK library.
- Patriotism runs deep among immigrants — they're more likely than American-born citizens to say they're "very proud" to be American.

