

## "Immigration" to the US

**Motion: Immigration is good for a country.**

Myth/prejudices/cons	Reality/pros
○ Immigrants take away jobs.	○ They do jobs nobody else wants to do.
○ They don't want to work	○ They work hard to make a living, to make ends meet.
○ They are a burden on the welfare system.	○ They work hard, earn their own money.
○ They commit crimes.	○ According to statistics they don't commit more crimes than other groups of society.
○ They live on taxpayers' money.	○ They pay taxes by buying food etc./ sales tax.
○ They strain public services like schools, hospitals.	○ They boost the economy because they increase demand.
○ They change the neighborhood: property becomes less valuable.	○ They are ambitious. To be strong enough to leave everything behind in your home country is a good prerequisite for a successful life in a new country.
○ They accept lower wages and thus depress wages for unskilled local workers.	○ They are desperately needed in many areas, like e.g. agriculture (fruit pickers), private households (cleaning women), childcare (nannies), nursing homes.
○ They might be terrorists.	○ They integrate quickly, because they believe in the American Dream and want to climb the social ladder.
○ They bring a foreign culture and the native culture is lost.	○ Foreign culture can help people to understand/accept other people's ideas/values/traditions/religion.
○ The foreign culture might become too dominant, oust, push away, or suppress the native culture.	○ A diverse society is more interesting/challenging, it offers more opportunities to learn and move forward.
○ America welcomes legal immigration, but not illegal immigration. WE came legally!	○ America has always been a country of immigrants.
○ Foreigners don't want to integrate, this leads to a segregated society.	○ They try to adapt to American society.
○ Immigrants don't want to learn the language.	○ They learn the language quickly if they are given a chance to go to school.

A word cloud centered around themes of immigration, society, and work. The words are arranged in a dense, overlapping manner. The largest word is 'Society', followed by 'culture' and 'work'. Other prominent words include 'immigrants', 'American', 'language', 'jobs', 'wages', 'immigration', 'crimes', 'American Dream', 'foreign', 'burden', 'taxpayers', 'unskilled', 'segregated', 'boost', 'nannies', 'welfare', 'integrate', 'legal', 'ambitious', 'economy', 'households', 'neighborhood', 'agriculture', 'demand', 'childcare', 'terrorists', 'adapt', 'services', 'workers', 'change', 'diverse', 'illegal', 'schools', and 'immigrants'.

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