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America Standing Against its Creators

Within the last decade, the subject of immigration has become ubiquitous in the United States. For centuries, this nation has been built with the hard work and support of non-citizens; despite this contribution, Many people, commonly politicians, with the power to change the way America deals with immigration have been skeptical when it comes to what they should do. Regardless of the numerous, reasons that immigrants belong here and deserve to be here politicians remain obdurate in doing so. Politicians are obsessed with controlling immigration because they feel threatened by the inherent power that immigrants can have in the United States.

Looking back in history it is very clear that the same immigrants that have been pushed out of America were the ones that built it and its customs in the first place. In 1871 native German, Jacob W. Davis partnered with Levi Strauss, also native to Germany, and created his own design of blue jeans, an idea that sparked a trend still used today. Another major trend created by an immigrant still used today is the shopping mall or shopping center. Architect Victor Gruen, born in Austria came to America in 1938 right before WWII, he had fled his home when Hitler came in and overthrew it. In the 1950s he designed the shopping center, his design inspired many others and just like the previous gentleman, sparked a very popular trend. The next example is fairly ironic, the White House itself was designed by James Hoban, and

ultimately built by slaves, he was native to Ireland. He too was an architect and arrived to America in 1785. Just from these few examples, it's clear that when immigrants were “welcomed” here they weren't living the lap of luxury and lounging around they were getting to work. It's easy to kick someone out of a project if they aren't doing anything in it or have no intention of helping but for immigrants, that's never been the case. Even though America wasn't their original home they treated it that way, they wanted to be proud of the place they now called home but were pushed away from it in the end.

It's clear that immigrants have done great things for this country, so why are politicians so against having them live here in harmony? One of America's many great cheerleaders rooting against immigrants is none other than, so-called, President Donald Trump. CNN posted one of Trump's addresses to immigration he specifically pointed out the fact that immigrants that come here are “gang members, drug dealers, criminals, and rapists that prey on our very innocent citizens.” In past speeches, he has also gone on to say that immigrants are one of the primary reasons that American citizens are losing jobs and money. These are all very serious and dangerous accusations and if they were proven correct then there would definitely be something to worry about. The New York Times stated that there are roughly 11 million undocumented immigrants residing in the U.S. keep in mind that this number does not include legal immigrants. According to CNN Politics, the number of inmates in state and federal prisons who are not U.S. citizens is 73,665. This might seem like a large number at first but the article continued on to say that that's only about 5% of the total prison population. Trump boldly stated that a large majority of immigrants have turned out to be criminals, looking at the recent evidence that is clearly incorrect, yet the ones that don't deserve it are constantly slandered.

Past President Barack Obama had a few things to say about this topic during his presidency as well. In the Obama White House Archives, there is a detailed list of ways that immigrants have and continue to better America and better the lives of its citizens. One of Trump's many points was that the immigrants were taking American jobs away but, according to Obama and his research team, they are doing exactly the opposite. On the website, the fourth highlighted point is that 7.5 percent of non-native Americans are self-employed and working jobs they created for themselves compared to the 6.6% of native-born Americans that are unemployed both by themselves and their country. If that isn't good enough the article goes on to say that according to the Fiscal Policy Institute, small businesses owned by immigrants employed an estimated 4.7 million people one year and those same businesses generated more than \$776 billion annually. Just from these few facts, it's clear to see that the immigrants have been a scapegoat for all of America's problems.

Now, even though former president Barack Obama was in a powerful position within politics he was an exception of this issue. In the past Obama himself was accused of being an immigrant and was put down by many other politicians when he was running for president. Even though he did not suffer the same hardship as the immigrants, he still faced the trials of being the first black president. This gave him the empathy he needed to see the importance of immigrants in the U.S.

By now it should be very clear what immigrants are capable of. Politicians have constantly gone against immigrants and have targeted them since they set foot on this "precious" land. America has been known for its troubled times, many of those times caused by the citizens themselves. When asked, immigrants might say that obtaining more power within this country

will simply give them more opportunities and respect, But on closer inspection, their power will transcend and they could probably change the views and rules that Americans have now. To avoid this from happening, politicians have been sure to keep a tight leash on the immigrants that are here and that try to come here.

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