

— AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL —

EVERYWHERE IMMIGRANTS HAVE
ENRICHED AND STRENGTHENED
THE FABRIC OF AMERICAN LIFE.

— *John F. Kennedy*

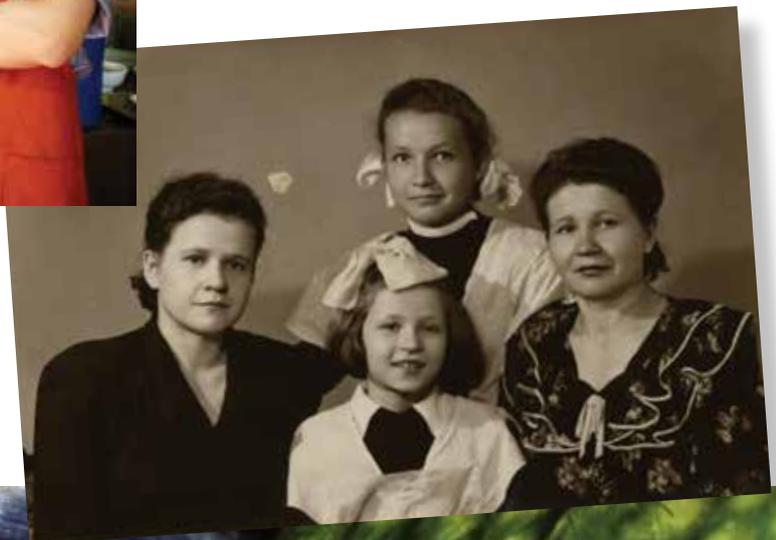
THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL

honors, protects, and promotes laws, policies, and attitudes that preserve our proud history as a nation of immigrants. Through research and policy advocacy, legal education and litigation, educational outreach and international exchange, the Council seeks to help shape a 21st century vision of American immigration.



Established in 1987 as a not-for-profit organization, The American Immigration Council exists to promote the prosperity and cultural richness of our diverse nation by existing to:

- **Honor** the enduring contributions of America's immigrants
- **Protect** fundamental constitutional and human rights
- **Promote** sensible and humane immigration policies that reflect American values.





THE AMERICAN
IMMIGRATION COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT
OUR NATION'S MORAL AND ETHICAL VALUES
MUST BE REFLECTED IN THE WAY WE
welcome IMMIGRANTS.

WE HONOR OUR IMMIGRANT HISTORY BY REMINDING AMERICANS THAT OUR COUNTRY WAS BUILT BY HARD-WORKING, IMMIGRANTS DREAMING OF A BETTER FUTURE.

In order for our country to continue to lead, we must challenge Americans to consider how immigration continues to enrich their lives today. We honor the diverse fabric of our nation by lifting up the exceptional contributions and accomplishments of immigrants and by creating opportunities to learn from the experiences and knowledge they have brought to us.

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Through its Community Education Center (CEC), the Immigration Council creates opportunities for open dialogue, creative teaching, and critical exploration. The CEC provides teachers, mentors, and youth leaders with the valuable resources necessary to prepare informative and effective immigration

programs in public schools and community centers across the nation. These programs include the annual Celebrate America creative writing contest, which challenges hundreds of fifth grade students to explore the effects of immigration on their own lives. Additionally, the Change in Motion multimedia contest is designed for young adults adept in new media to explore immigration through production of video and other multi-media projects. The Center also supports educators by offering mini-grants to fund innovative immigration projects that can be replicated in classrooms across the nation.



The Immigration Council also creates opportunities for cross-cultural exchange through its International Exchange Center (IEC). The IEC sponsors international training and internship programs which allow American host companies to create a synergy of the best ideas from many cultures for the benefit of all. The IEC also organizes periodic study tours to various cities around the world, giving Americans the opportunity to experience the culture and history that have influenced our exchange visitors and the immigrants who now call America home. With nearly 5,000 alumni from every corner of the globe, our influential program has facilitated meaningful person-to-person diplomacy for more than 13 years.

WE PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL IMMIGRANTS BY INSISTING ON AND FIGHTING FOR FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS IN U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW. Through its Legal Action Center (LAC), the Immigration Council uses litigation as a tool to protect the rights of noncitizens. Whether litigating in the federal courts, or in the immigration court system, the LAC seeks accountability and responsibility from the government agencies that administer the nation's immigration laws.

The LAC has established itself as a leader in litigation and collaboration among immigration litigators across the country. Working with partner organizations, we organize national litigation meetings and litigation trainings and help develop coordinated litigation strategies.

In addition to litigation, the LAC provides critical resources to the legal community through both technical assistance and practice advisories which cover substantive and procedural issues in immigration law. The LAC mentors others members of the legal community and lectures on various issues at law conferences nationwide.

SINCE OUR FOUNDING,
THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL
HAS GONE FROM HAVING AN
impact IN THE COURTHOUSE TO THE
SCHOOLHOUSE, TO THE STATE-HOUSE
AND NOW THE CAPITOL.

—Ben Johnson,
Executive Director, American Immigration Council



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promote

WE PROMOTE RATIONAL POLICIES AND PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS ON IMMIGRATION THAT ARE FUELED BY FACTS, NOT FEAR. Through its Immigration Policy Center (IPC), the Immigration Council provides policymakers, the media, and the general public with accurate information about the role of immigrants in U.S. society. The Center's research provides a solid, fact-based foundation for the immigration debate. The IPC's reports and materials are widely disseminated and relied upon by opinion leaders. IPC staff regularly serve as subject-matter experts in the press and on Capitol Hill.

All too often, the debate about immigration is dominated by fear and misinformation. The IPC works to ensure that fact is separated from fiction in these critical debates. To do this, we monitor and rapidly respond to myths and false statements and work to disseminate an affirmative narrative on the enduring contributions of immigrants to U.S. society.



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THOSE WHO KNOW ITS MAGNIFICENCE AS
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COUNTRY 'OUR OWN.' WHAT WE ALL SHARE
IS A DESIRE FOR OUR FAMILIES TO ENJOY
AMERICA'S BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITIES
WHILE EXTENDING TO ALL OUR FELLOW
CITIZENS JUSTICE AND THE BLESSINGS
AND FREEDOMS UPON WHICH THE
NATION WAS FOUNDED.

—Gerda Weissmann Klein,
Founder of Citizenship Counts, Presidential Medal of Freedom and AIC Honoree



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