



Immigration: What does it take to reach the American Dream?

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People say all the time “ I would kill for my child”, but somehow, “I would cross dangerous borders for a better life for my child” is incomprehensible and looked down upon.

Devin Michael Lowe



Immigration: The American Dream

My Journey



Immigration:

PUSH	PULL
Persecution Violence War	Safety and Stability Freedom
Poor wages Lack of jobs	Higher wages Job prospects
Crop failure and famine Pollution Natural disaster	Food availability Better environment
Limited opportunities Lack of services Family separation	Family Reunification Better quality of life Availability of services

Immigration: THE *WHY*

Immigration:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6fDGQpHd_k



Migrants and
Mental Health

WHAT is
Mental
Health?



BIGSTOCK

Migrants and TRAUMA

PRE-Migration
During
MIGRATION
Integration



Immigrants: Generational Trauma

***I END it so
you don't
have to DEAL
with IT***

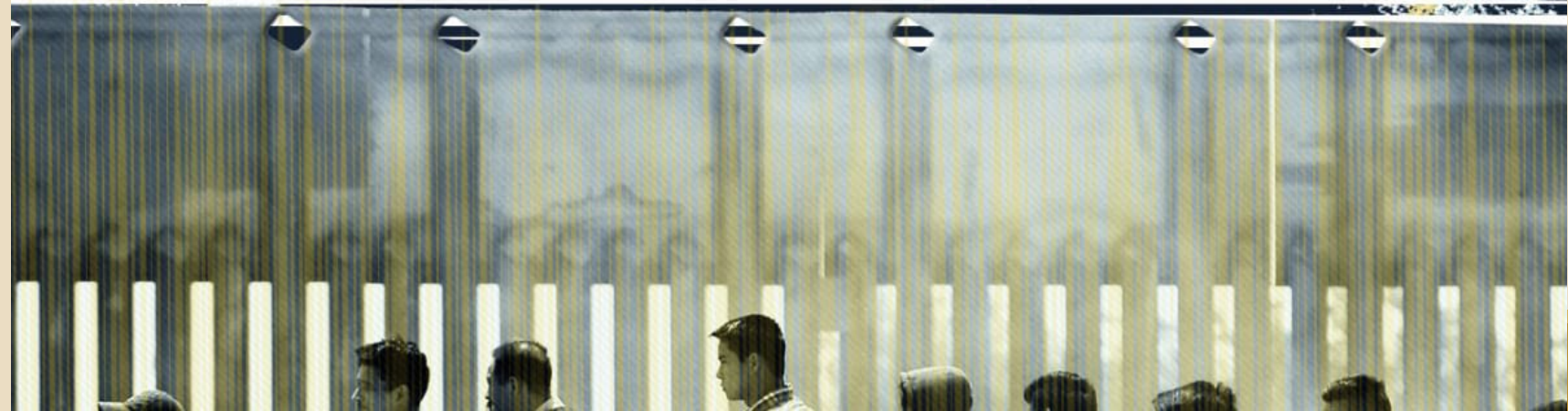
Inter-generational trauma is a concept developed to help explain years of generational challenges within families.

It is the of the oppressive or traumatic effects of a historical event.

Immigrants:
Living in FEAR

Detention Deportation Report

SEPARATION



Immigrants: Generational Violence



Domestic Violence
Discipline

Immigrants: Protective FACTORS

- § Encouragement
- § Consistency
- § Spiritual and Faith
- § Language access
- § Collaboration





Immigration:

Why Care



“We may feel that we're not accepted here, but in our parent's home we're also regarded as foreign. So we don't have a clear identity of who we are. This can be really troublesome for our mental health.”

Immigrants: Spirituality and Values



Immigrants:
Living in TWO Worlds

Two Languages

Two Cultures

Two Homes

TWO GENERATIONS...

Immigration: The American Dream

Immigrants enter the United States with dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. Rather than posing a threat to our democracy, they reinforce and enrich the values that make America the country it is.

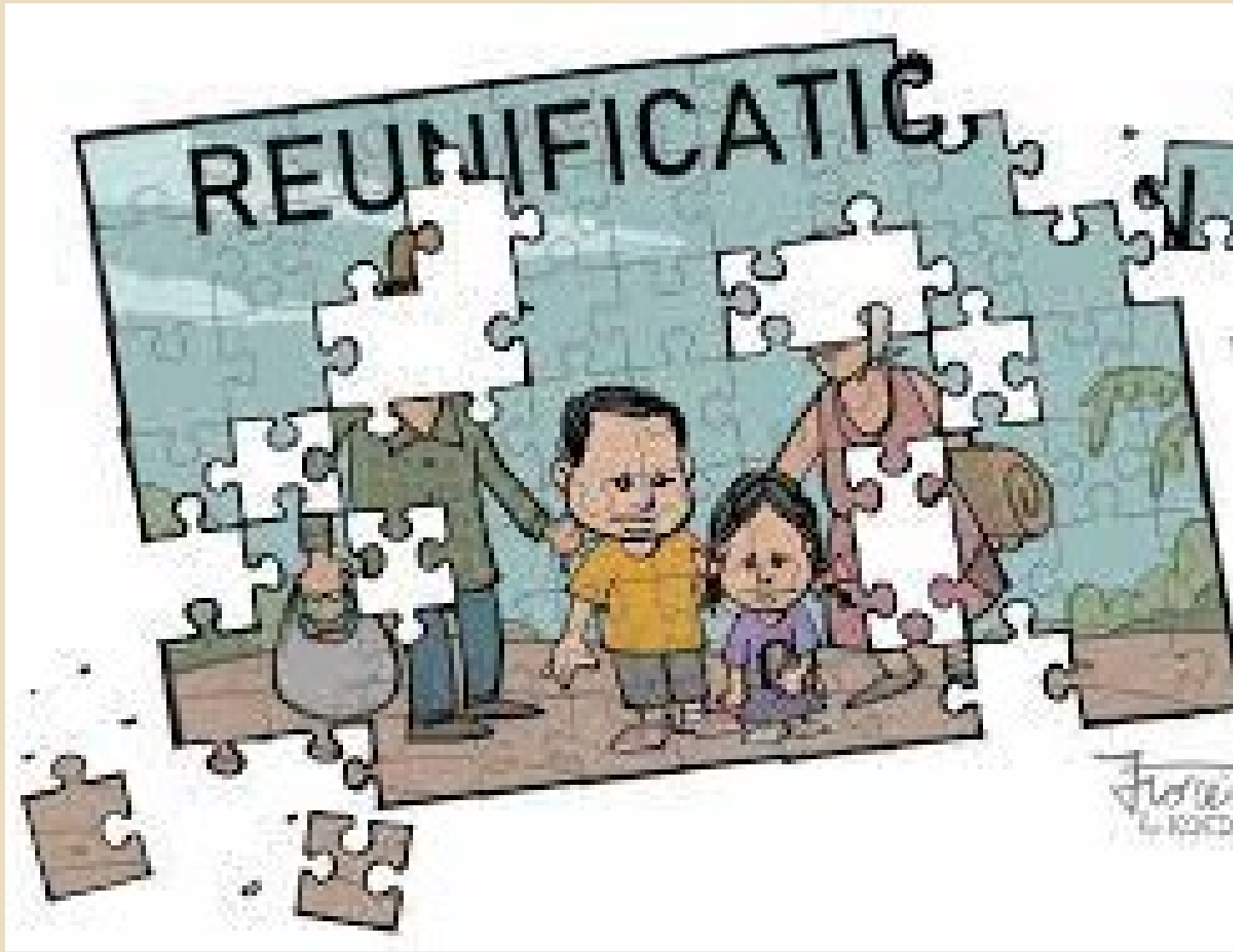
Carlos Gutierrez, Former U.S. Secretary of Commerce

Immigration:

Refugee Status Asylum Status

a person who has been
forced to leave their
country in order to **escape war,**
persecution, or **natural disaster.**





Immigration:
where is the line?

FAMILY PETITION

PRO:

There is hope

Family reunification

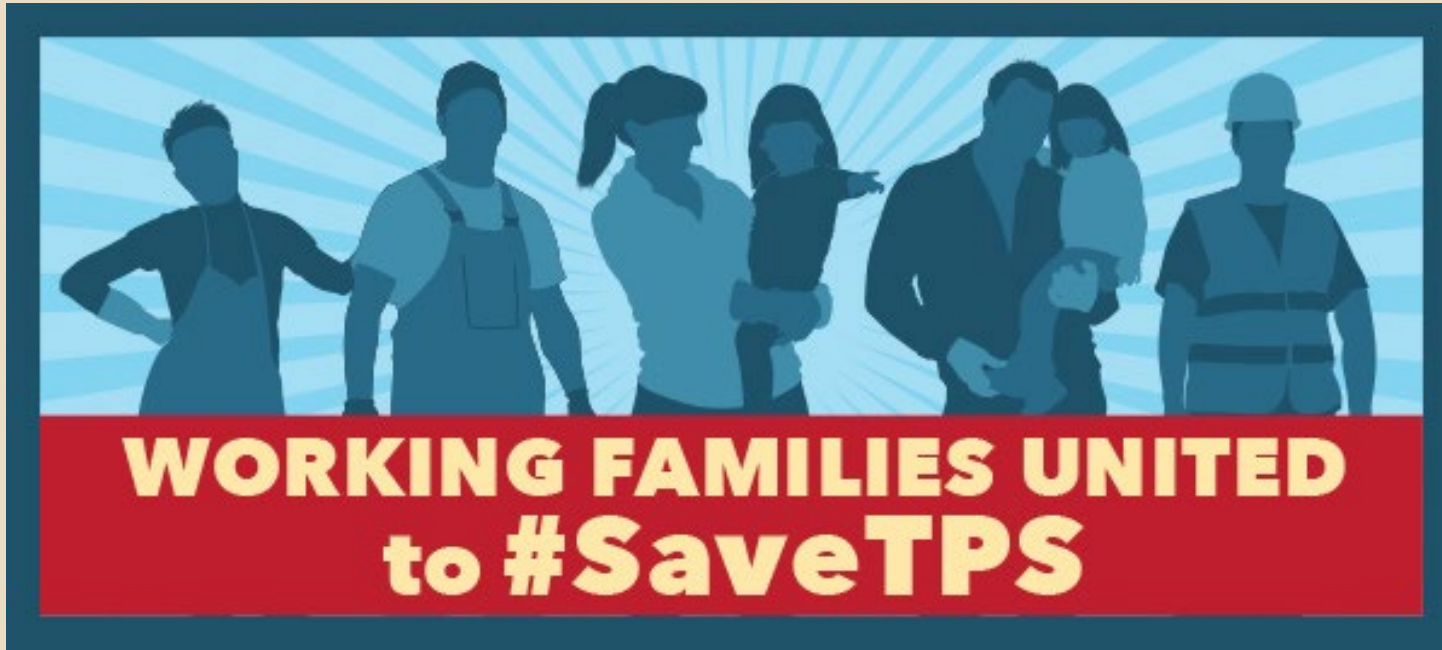
CON:

Long wait

Immigration: *VAWA/ U-Visa/T-Visa*

Immigration Relief for
Survivors of
Domestic Violence and
Other Crimes





Immigration:
*Temporary Protection
Status (TPS)*

TPS eligibility

Ongoing armed conflict

An environmental
disaster

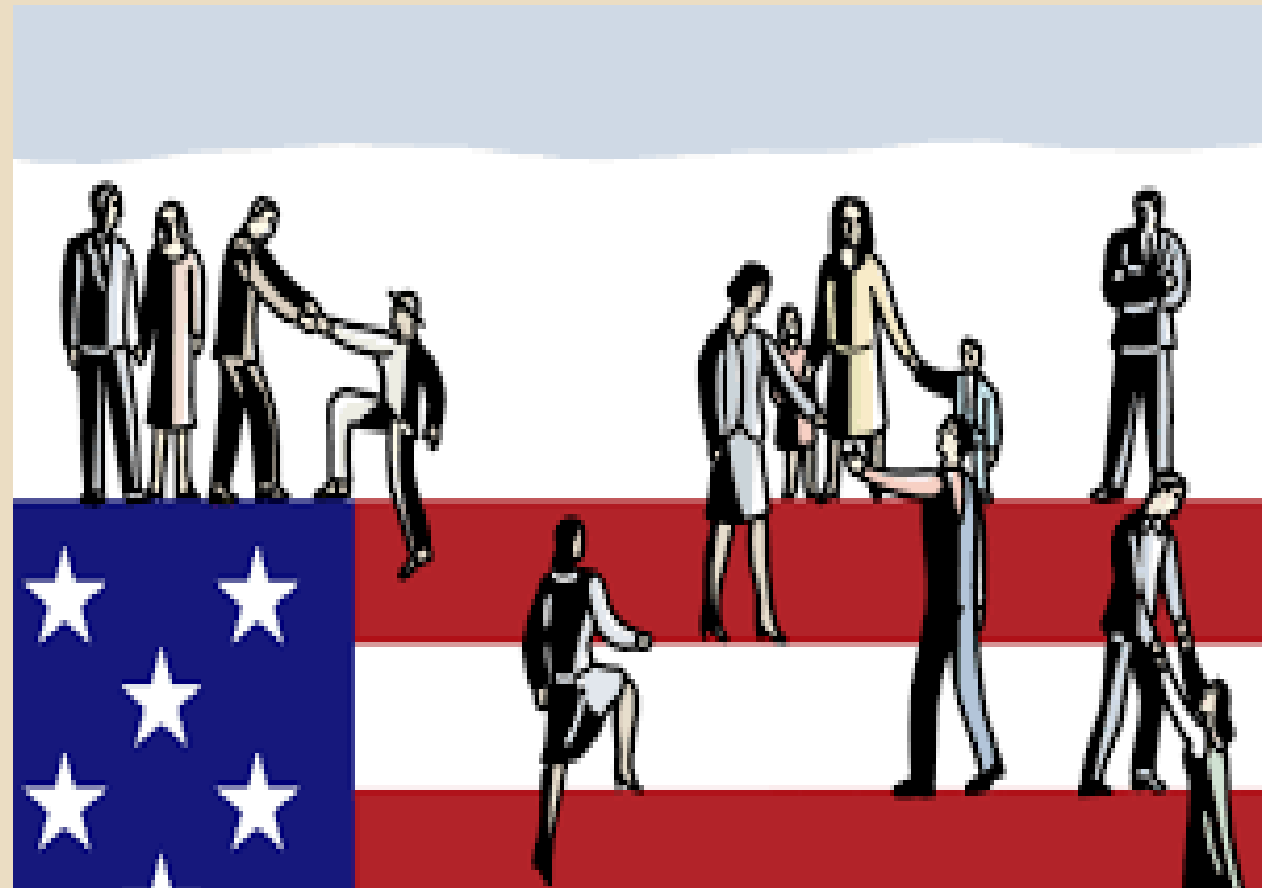
Other extraordinary
and temporary
conditions

Immigration: DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival)



DACA ELIGIBLE
RESIDENTS **1,114,709**
95% EMPLOYED
TAXES PAID **\$6.2B**
ENTREPRENEURS **46,737**

Immigration:



Legal Permanent
Resident

Citizenship

"A broken immigration system means broken families and broken lives."

- Jose Antonio Vargas



Immigration:
Myth or Fact?

United States Data

Number of Immigrants: **44,788,044**

Immigrant Share of Population: **13.6%**

Immigrant Taxes Paid: **\$492.4B**

Immigrant Spending Power: **\$1.3T**

Number of Immigrant
Entrepreneurs: **3,242,085**

Number of Eligible Immigrant
Voters: **22,070,327**

Source: 1-year 2019 American Community Survey



Immigration: The American Dream

Immigration:
Dream or
Nightmare?

Title 42 Family Separation



Immigration:
Dream or
Nightmare?

Mix Family
Status

Services Gaps





KANSAS

Immigrants in Kansas

203,385 Immigrant Residents

7.0% Immigrant population

2 of 5 immigrants in Kansas are Naturalized Citizens

35% of the immigrants population is undocumented

1 of 11 Kansas workers is a immigrants

• Data Year: 2019

Immigrants economy in Kansas

Immigrant Taxes
Paid:

\$1.5B

Immigrant
Spending Power:
\$4.4B

Immigrant
Entrepreneurs:
12,164





Immigrants economy in Kansas

Taxes Paid **\$147.3M**

State & Local Taxes
\$69.9M

Federal Taxes **\$77.4M**

Total Spending Power
\$1.2B

YOUR role





Immigrants: Advocacy and Policy



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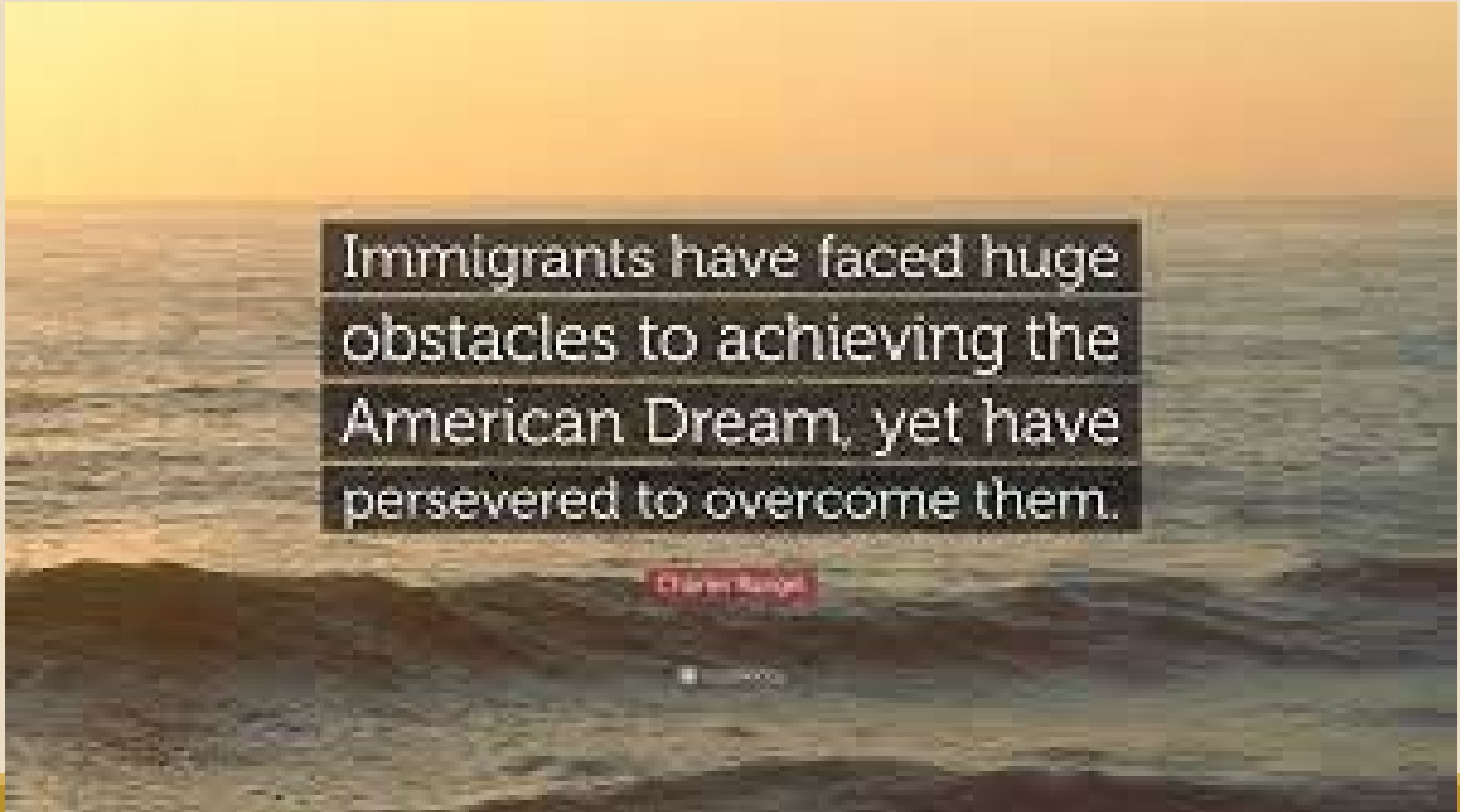
§*law enforcement officer of the officer's duty to cooperate with state and federal agencies*

§H.R.6

§To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes

§Extension of DL

Immigrants:



Immigrants have faced huge obstacles to achieving the American Dream, yet have persevered to overcome them.

Close

Immigrants: QUESTIONS



Thank You

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