

I fully support legal immigration. As young adults, all 4 of my grandparents legally immigrated to the US through Ellis Island.

Since I have traveled to several foreign countries, I have always had to present my passport/entry documents to be allowed legal entry into these countries. I suspect that I would have been arrested and hopefully deported if I had ever attempted to rush past their immigration officials. Why would any American expect different rules (basically no rules at all) for immigrants seeking to enter the US?

Any migrant that enters the US without permission is technically an “illegal” and potentially subject to deportation. If that illegal migrant also has a criminal record (Felony or Misdemeanor) in the US or their native country, why would anyone want them to be their neighbor?

Overall, 54% of immigrant households received at least one form of tax-payer funded assistance, compared to only 30% of native households. The cost is even higher if there are children involved. All total, it is estimated that US taxpayers pay out somewhere between \$182 billion to \$451 billion to support migrants living in the US. Does the US need migrants or do they need the US?

While I can be compassionate for people in need, I prefer a choice in the matter for my “donations”. I tend to be less compassionate, if the government reaches into my pocket and takes whatever money it wants to support even more migrants into the US.

I really do support immigration to those that wish to enter America just as my grandparents did, abide by all of our laws and be a contributing member of society. If a migrant is a criminal, I prefer deportation over taxpayers paying for their room/board in prison. That is not being unreasonable!

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