

The Case for Immigrants

Does America actually need more immigrants? Do they take jobs away from Americans? Do they bring drugs and crime to our country? Are they not educated?

LET'S SEE WHAT THE DATA SAYS...

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1) Rather than take jobs away from Americans, immigrants generally perform jobs US-born employees have no interest in performing

In Table 1, it can be observed that a majority of native US citizens take up high paying jobs that require higher levels of education and skills such as those in the management, professional, and related occupations group. Meanwhile, immigrants generally take up low paying jobs that require lower skill levels such as those in the service occupations group.

However, without these essential job functions, today's American society would suffer to a great extent. Additionally, it is important to note that a quarter of aliens actually perform jobs in the management, professional, and related occupations group while almost half of the naturalized U.S. citizen population perform jobs in this sector too.

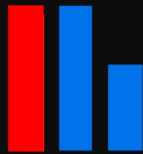
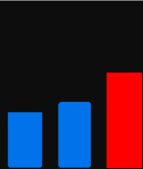
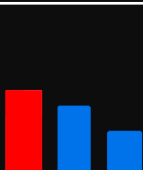

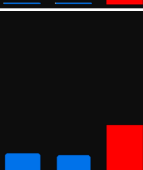
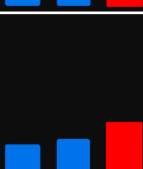
Occupation Group	Total Native Percentage	Total Naturalized U.S. citizen Percentage	Total Alien Percentage	Occupation Sparkline Trends
Management, professional, and related occupations	41.3	41.2	24.8	
Service occupations	16.1	19.4	27.5	
Sales and office occupations	23.4	19.4	12.2	
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.5	0.5	3.1	
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	7.5	6.9	15.1	
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	11.2	12.6	17.2	

Table 1: 2016 Percentage of Native, Naturalized U.S. Citizen, and Alien populations divided based on their occupation groups

2) In 2016, the proportion of immigrants with a Bachelor's degree or higher was greater than native population proportions

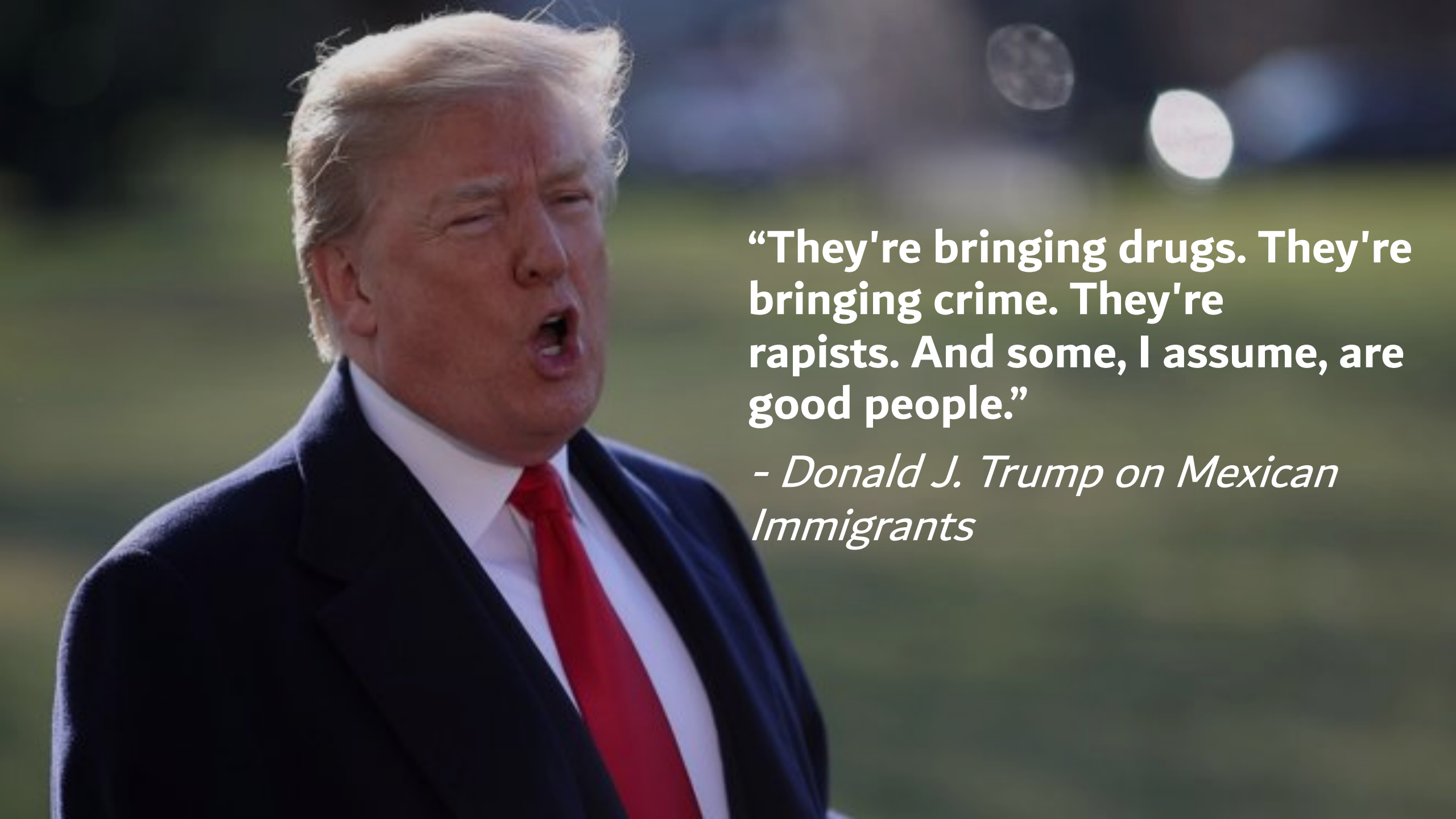
As show in Table 2, the percentage of naturalized U.S. citizens that hold a bachelor's, master's, professional, or doctorate degree is consistently greater than the native population percentage.

This means that a higher proportion of naturalized aliens who originally immigrated to the United States either hold or complete an undergraduate degree or higher while living in the country. As such, a great portion of immigrants in the US are well-educated which benefits both American society and economy through advances in research, technology, and potential job creation.

Education Level	Total Native Percentage	Total Naturalized U.S. citizen Percentage	Total Alien Percentage	Sparkline Education Trends
Less than 9th grade	1.9	10.4	22.2	
9th to 12th grade (no diploma)	5.7	6.9	13.7	
High school graduate	29.7	24	25.8	
Some college or associate's degree	29.1	20.3	11.7	
Bachelor's degree	21.2	22.9	14.8	
Master's degree	9.2	10.3	8.6	
Professional degree	1.5	2	0.9	
Doctorate degree	1.7	3.1	2.3	

Table 2: 2016 Percentage of Native, Naturalized U.S. Citizen, and Alien populations divided based on their education level.

**Meanwhile, some prefer to
believe the words of men on a
higher podium spreading
empty rhetoric such as...**

A close-up photograph of Donald Trump speaking outdoors. He is wearing a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a red tie. His mouth is open as if he is in the middle of a sentence. The background is blurred, showing green grass and some out-of-focus lights.

“They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.”

- Donald J. Trump on Mexican Immigrants

3) A majority of aliens are solely apprehended for their undocumented status

As per Table 3, one can easily observe a trend between aliens apprehended and aliens returned. Since the data bars for the two columns are practically the same between the years 1970 and 2000, it can be assumed that most aliens are apprehended for crimes solely related to their undocumented status for which they are often returned to their country of origin. As such, a great majority of immigrants are not the rapists, criminals, and drug dealers Trump would have you believe but rather undocumented aliens that often left their country in pursuit of a better lifestyle.

This trend continues from 2000-2016 however, the number of aliens apprehended are split between being removed (a harsher sentence) and returned.

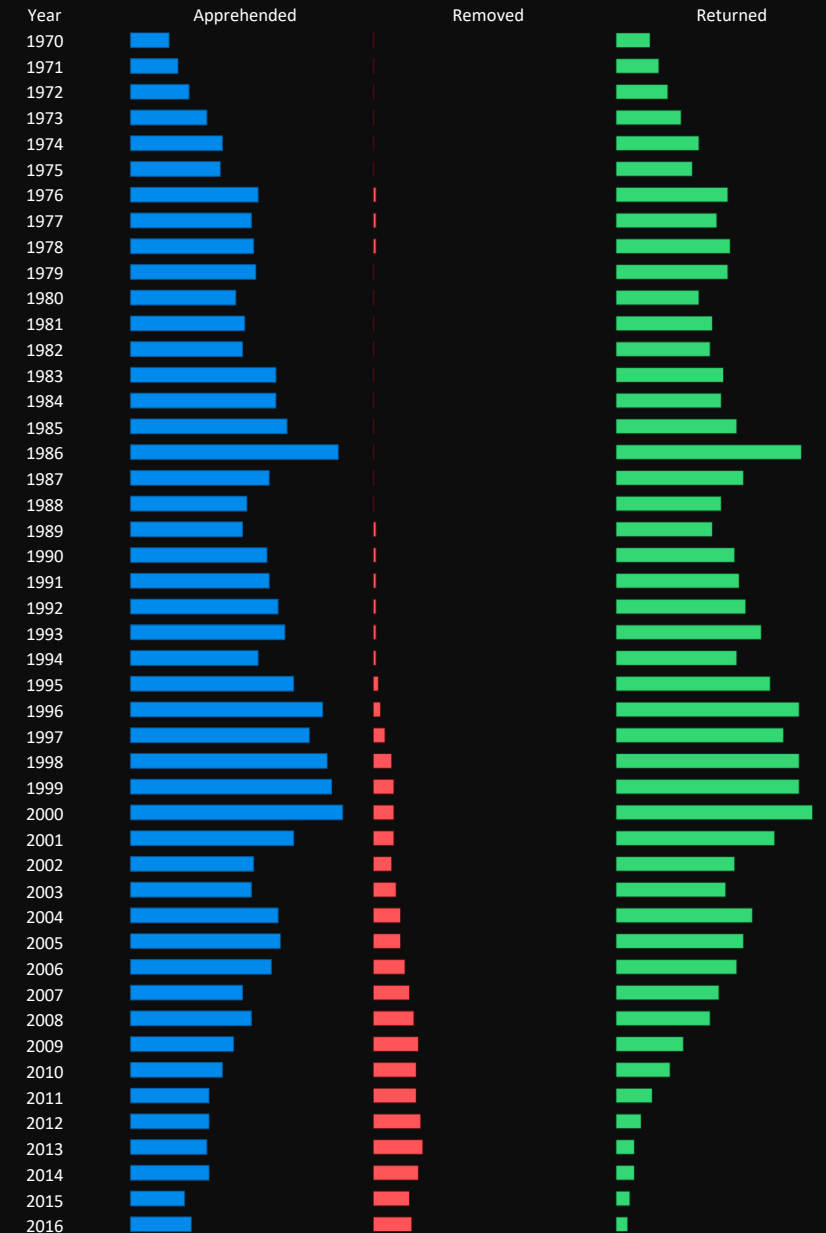


Table 3: Graphical Representation of the Number of Aliens Apprehended, Removed, and Returned between 1970 and 2016

4) Putting the data it into perspective































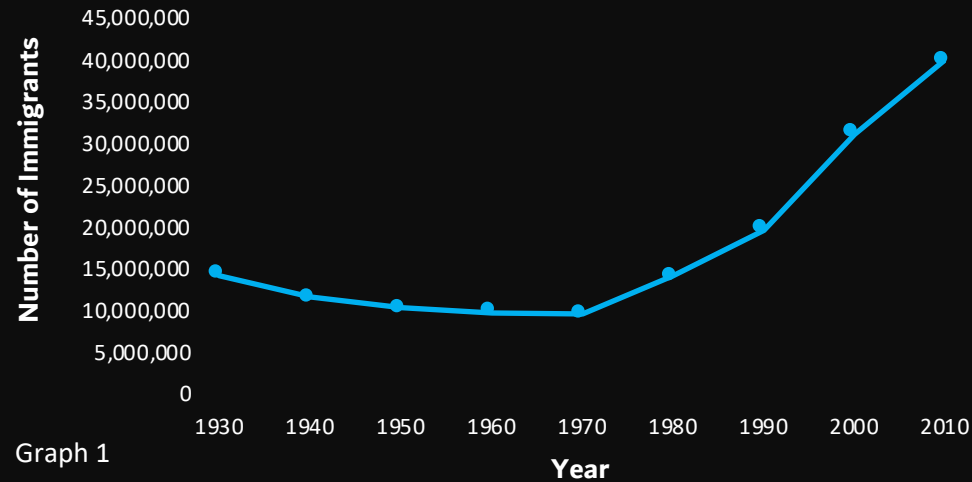
Year	Number of Aliens	Foreign Born as a Percentage of the U.S. Population (%)	Aliens Apprehended	Aliens Returned	Aliens Removed
1930					
1940					
1950					
1960					
1970					
1980					
1990					
2000					
2010					

Table 4: Graphical Representation of the Number of Aliens, US Foreign Born Population Percentage, Aliens Apprehended, Aliens Removed, and Returned between 1930 and 2010

Based on Table 4, one can discern that the crimes committed by aliens/immigrants, which primarily consist of documentation status-based crimes, are so few compared to the number of aliens in the United States over decades. As such, an overwhelming majority of immigrants living in the US are not criminals whatsoever but rather law-abiding aliens.

5) Immigrants may actually help the US Economy?!

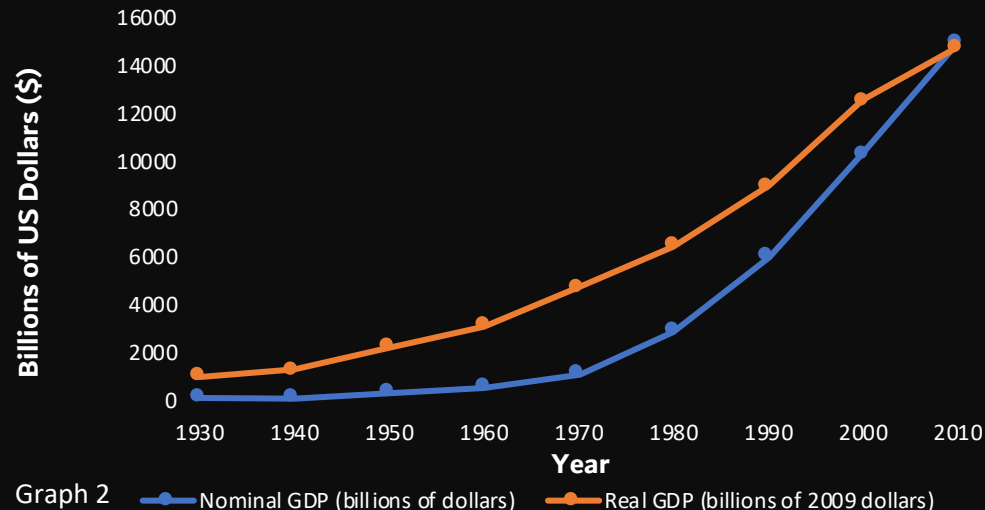
Number of Immigrants in the US Over Decades



As observed from the graphs on the left, the trends between the number of immigrants in the US over decades positively correlates with the upward trajectory of the United States' Nominal and Real GDP from 1970 onwards. As such, the correlation between the two factors may suggest immigrants actually help the economy.

However, one would also notice that while the number of immigrants in the US was reducing between 1930 and 1970, the country's GDP was steadily increasing still. This may indicate that the increase in GDP from 1970 onwards may not have been solely due to the increase of immigrants in the US but other factors such as an increase in the country's total population.

US Economy GDP Over Decades



Nevertheless, the steep, similar rise in the nation's GDP following the rise in the number of immigrants in the US indicates that their presence and employment helps the nation as a whole.

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