

# A 'Nation of Immigrants'?

## The Founding Fathers vs. Today's Politicians

*"We define ourselves as a nation of immigrants.  
That's who we are -- in our bones.  
The promise we see in those who come here  
from every corner of the globe, that's  
always been one of our greatest strengths."*

**President Barack Obama**  
January 29, 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada

*"Our nation is a nation of immigrants... As  
Americans, we all do our part to contribute; we  
are all the better for having hardworking new  
immigrants as contributing members of our  
communities..."*

**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid**  
From his web site

*"The United States is a country made up of  
immigrants, and it is part of what makes us so  
strong and vibrant. In America,  
the beauty is in the mix."*

**House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi**  
From her web site

*"Those who live closest are the ones who can  
get here. Everyone in the world should have the  
opportunity through an orderly  
process to come to this country."*

**Sen. John McCain**  
Tucson Citizen, Oct 16, 2004

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*My opinion with respect to immigration is, that  
except of useful mechanics and some particular  
description of men and professions, there is no use  
of encouragement.*

**George Washington, 1794**

*"The influx of foreigners must, therefore, tend to  
produce a heterogeneous compound; to change  
and corrupt the national spirit; to complicate and  
confound public opinion; to introduce foreign  
propensities. In the composition of society, the  
harmony of the ingredients is all important, and  
whatever tends to a discordant intermixture must  
have an injurious tendency.*

**Alexander Hamilton, 1802**

*"[Immigrants] will bring with them the principles  
of the governments they leave, or if able to throw  
them off, it will be in exchange for an unbridled  
licentiousness, passing, as usual from one extreme  
to another. It would be a miracle were they to stop  
precisely at the point of temperate liberty."*

**Thomas Jefferson, 1782**

*"Providence has been pleased to give this one  
connected country, to one united people, a people  
descended from the same ancestors, speaking the  
same language, professing the same religion, at-  
tached to the same principles of government..."*

**John Jay, 1787**

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