

Are We Really “A Nation of Immigrants”?

How many times have you been told “we are a nation of immigrants”? Of course, America is full of wonderful immigrants who are some of our best Americans and have contributed mightily to the United States growing into a mighty power.

But the people who say “we are a nation of immigrants” are often trying to say that immigration is the principal reason for America's greatness, and that's just not true. People come to America from all over the world **not** because we have a large diversity of ethnic populations; they come because America is a land of freedom and opportunity, and the reason why we are a land of liberty and opportunity for all is not because of a diversity of immigrants but because of the type of government created by the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Those two documents, which have endured for more than two centuries, set up a form of self-government that is unique in the world and is the fountainhead of our liberty. Those two documents laid the foundation for the United States to grow in prosperity while maintaining individual liberties.

Those two great American documents were not written by immigrants. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 48 were native-born Americans and 2 of the others came to this country as babies. Of the 39 signers of the United States Constitution, 32 were native-born Americans. The few signers of both documents who were not native-born all came from Great Britain or British colonies.

It's important that we teach history to our young people as it really happened, rather than as the liberals wish it had happened. It is a historic fact that it was a very inspired group of native-born Americans who created a system of government that has enabled us to survive and prosper in freedom. It's no wonder that our Constitution prescribes that “no person except a natural born citizen” of the United States is eligible to be elected President.

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