

FACTS: Immigrants Aren't Stealing Your Jobs or Lowering Wages

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1. Immigration Boosts Job Creation

Countries with more immigrants tend to experience **faster GDP growth**:

- In the **U.S.**, immigrants contributed **\$579 billion** in taxes in 2022 (federal, state, and local taxes) (*source: American Immigration Council*).
- **UK** government projections: A **350,000 increase in net migration** will reduce borrowing by around **£7.4 billion** (\$9.1 billion) by 2028 (*source: UK Government Office for Budget Responsibility*).

2. Immigrants Do Not Displace Native Workers

Studies show that immigration doesn't lower employment for local workers. Instead, it contributes to a **growing economy**:

- **In the U.S.**, foreign-born workers make up **17% of the workforce**, but contribute **25% of GDP growth** (*source: National Academy of Sciences*).
- Immigrants often fill jobs **native workers are unwilling to take**: Studies show that **lower-skilled immigrants** typically take jobs that involve night shifts, long hours, or physical labor that many local workers avoid.

3. Immigration Has Little to No Impact on Wages

Immigration has a neutral effect on wages for native workers:

- Research by **George Borjas** (Harvard economist) found that immigration's impact on local wages tends to **cluster around zero**, meaning it neither drives wages down nor up significantly in most cases (*source: George Borjas, Harvard University*).
- In a **2021 study**, the **Economic Policy Institute** found that the wage impact on native-born workers due to immigration was **small or negligible**, especially for high-skilled workers.

4. Immigrants Actually Raise Wages for Some Groups

Immigrants boost wages for non-college-educated workers:

- **In the U.S.**, immigration has **increased the wages** of non-college-educated workers over the past 20 years (*source: National Academy of Sciences*).
- For example, **immigrants' role in child care and elder care** has helped local workers increase their **participation in the labor force**. **Affordable child care** made possible by immigrant workers has allowed more women to join the workforce.

5. Immigrant Entrepreneurs Drive Job Growth

Immigrants start businesses at higher rates:

- Immigrants are **80% more likely** to start a business than native-born citizens (*source: National Bureau of Economic Research*).
- **In the U.S., half of all venture capital-backed companies in Silicon Valley** have at least one **immigrant founder** (*source: Partnership for a New American Economy*).
- **Immigrants founded 55% of all U.S. “unicorn” companies** (startups valued at \$1 billion or more) (*source: National Venture Capital Association*).

6. Myth of “Immigrants Taking Jobs”

Immigrants do not take jobs from native-born workers:

- **Unemployment among Black Americans** remains at historic lows, even with rising immigration. For example, **Black unemployment hit a record low of 5.4%** in 2022 (*source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*).
- Studies show that immigrants contribute to job creation rather than job loss. For instance, in **California**, which has one of the highest immigrant populations, the unemployment rate is **lower than the national average**.

Key Takeaway:

- **Immigrants help grow the economy, increase job opportunities**, and have **little to no negative impact on wages** for native workers.
- Anti-immigrant claims about job theft and wage reduction are **not supported by data**.
- **In 2022**, immigrants contributed **\$1.6 trillion** to U.S. consumption of goods and services (*source: National Academy of Sciences*), highlighting their significant economic role.