



# 1 in 4 Americans are immigrants or children of immigrants

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**Muslim women prayed during a protest in Copley Square Sunday.**

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President Trump's order Friday to at least temporarily stop admitting refugees and immigrants from

certain countries sparked a passionate, vocal outcry.

There were many reasons cited for the criticism, including by people who called the move unjust, un-American, or unconstitutional, or worried that the strategy might ultimately backfire.

And, for many, it was personal.

It's likely that many people at least know someone who immigrated here or whose parents did. That's because more than one in four Americans are either the children of immigrants or immigrated to the United States themselves.



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As of 2015, people born outside of this country accounted for 13.9 percent of the US population, while second-generation immigrants accounted for another 11.9 percent, according to data from the [Pew Research Center](#).



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# How many immigrants come here, and from where?

President Trump's ban on immigrants and refugees stands to disrupt thousands of people's lives.

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The share of the population that are either first- or second-generation immigrants has risen since the 1980s, but it was higher through much of the first half of the 20th century.

## First- and Second-Generation Share of the Population, 1900-2015

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Note: First generation immigrants are those born outside the U.S. Second generation immigrants are those born in the U.S. with at least one immigrant parent.

Source: 2000-2015 data and all second-generation data from Pew Research Center analysis of Current Population Surveys (IPUMS); historical trend from Passel and Cohn (2008) and Edmonston and Passel (1994)

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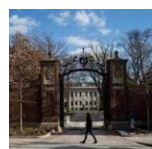
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Lynn Roy says she is seeking damages “caused by the defendant’s negligence and wanton and reckless conduct.” [MORE...](#)

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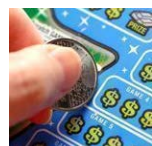
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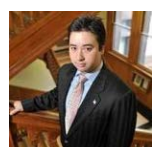
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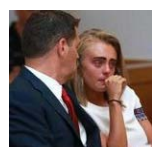
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## Cambridge city councilor to leave politics

Cambridge city councilor Leland Cheung, the first Asian-American on the council, announced this week that he intends to leave politics. [MORE...](#)

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## Michelle Carter receives 15 months in jail; will remain free pending appeal

A judge sentenced Michelle Carter to two and a half years, with 15 months to serve and 15 months probation, for goading her boyfriend to kill himself in a high-profile texting suicide case. However, he allowed Carter to remain free while awaiting appeal. [MORE...](#)

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