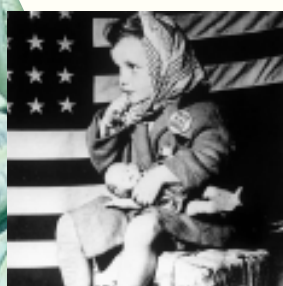
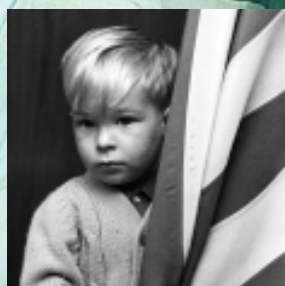


# A Promising Future for America

It is certain that in America the perception of immigrants is changing. Though the contributions of immigrants are often times subtle, the residual effects are far reaching. In many major cities across the country the hard work of immigrants creates jobs and revitalizes communities. As such, it is important to recognize that the laws that form immigration policy have an enormous effect on the prosperity and progress of our nation.

For over two centuries the impact of immigration on America has been debated. Yet, history repeatedly illustrates the value of immigrants. Through labor shortages, economic crisis, and wars, immigrants have sacrificed much to see America succeed. It is that same dedication to freedom and justice that immigrants continue to bring to America today. As we remember our past, and look to the future, let us not forget that America's heritage is a legacy that belongs to all of us. We are a nation of immigrants.



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