

**5 MYTH:** Immigrants are taking our jobs.

**FACT:** U.S. Corporations are the ones that exploit workers regardless of their immigration status. They move factories abroad, replace workers with machines, steal \$50 billion yearly from workers wages and invest significant amounts in union busting making it hard for workers to fight back.

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Studies have found that there is no direct correlation between increased immigration and the loss of jobs by U.S. citizens. Good jobs disappear from so many communities not because migrants have arrived, but because corporate executives close factories and other workplaces, or replace workers with computers and machines.



**6 MYTH:** Working people will live a better life once we mass deport immigrants.

**FACT:** All workers will have a better life by saying no to mass deportations and uniting against the capitalists.

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Mass deportations will not raise living standards for U.S. workers because immigrants did not cause the deterioration in living standards. Corporate and government practices did. The real reason why working people, born here or abroad, experience so much hardship is that the wealth we create goes to a tiny handful of ultra-rich people and the corporations they own, and the government that represents them.



# 6 MYTHS ON IMMIGRATION DEBUNKED

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**1 MYTH: Immigrants come here to get free services.**

**FACT: Immigrants come here because of U.S.-imposed sanctions and economic policies that make it impossible for them to survive at home.**

The U.S. government has imposed economic sanctions on 30% of the countries of the world, including 60% of poor countries. Sanctions prevent foreign trade, often causing the economies of these countries to spiral into a deep economic and humanitarian crises. They impose hunger and desperation, and leaves working people little choice but to flee.

**2 MYTH: Undocumented workers entering the U. S. are criminals and a threat to all of us.**

**FACT: Undocumented people commit fewer crimes than citizens.**

There is no data to back up the claim that undocumented immigrants endanger workers in the United States. The American Immigration Council recently published a fact sheet debunking the myth. It points out that from 1980 to 2022, the immigrant share of the U.S. population more than doubled, while the total crime rate dropped by 60.4%. The Council found that immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than the American-born, and that welcoming them into U.S. communities can even increase public safety. The government reports that immigrants are not a threat to national security.

**3 MYTH: Undocumented workers don't want to go through the usual process of legally becoming U.S. citizens.**

**FACT: Even though immigrant workers pay taxes, work hard and contribute to their communities, there is no clear legal pathway to citizenship.**

The immigration system in the United States is highly restrictive, convoluted, difficult to navigate and has long been in need of updating. It provides no clear path to legalization and it makes it almost impossible for undocumented workers to meet the eligibility criteria. Expenses in immigration fees mount up to thousands of dollars. Even those who are protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy struggle to meet the eligibility criteria despite living most of their lives here and paying taxes.

**4 MYTH: Immigrants take away the social services that should be going to the native-born.**

**FACT: Undocumented workers paid \$100 billion in U.S. taxes in the last decade, but are ineligible for the most basic government social services.**

While the immigrant population in this country makes up a large portion of the labor force in critical industries such as agriculture, construction, healthcare, and technology, undocumented workers are ineligible for public benefits like welfare, food stamps or Medicaid. Even immigrants going through the legal process of becoming citizens often have to wait long periods before accessing many services.

Benefit Type	Eligibility
Tax Credits (Refundable)	Ineligible for most tax credits; ITIN holders with U.S. children can receive the Child Tax Credit
Pell Grants & Student Loans	Ineligible
Unemployment Insurance	Ineligible
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Ineligible
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Ineligible
Social Security	Ineligible
Medicaid	Emergency service only
Health Care Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance	Ineligible
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	No federal care; some states cover for labor and delivery, prenatal, and postpartum care