

Response to Immigrant Stories
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From listening to the immigrant stories, I learned that people come to the US from all over the world, but they all have one thing in common; and that is the pursuit of a better life. For some it was education, some were seeking political refuge, but they all came with the intent of improving their own lives or the lives of their families. For the immigrants and their families, coming to America meant coming to a place where they would prosper. Some immigrants came here with nothing but the clothes on their backs and their legal documents. Others packed up their entire family with their young kids and traveled across the world in pursuit of a better life for themselves and their family. I admire the bravery of those families. I can't imagine what it would be like to uproot your entire life and travel to the other side of the world without looking back. I also admire the immigrant children's ability to adapt to their new world. For example, one family immigrated from the Philippines, and one of the kids from that family has placed her roots and is pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor. This shows that the families are making the most of their new lives in America.

Along with the similarities, there were lots of differences between the four immigrants whose stories I listened to. The first was their home country. No two immigrants that I listened to came from the same place. They came from the Philippines, Somalia, Thailand, and Norway. As I mentioned before, the immigrant families came for the same purpose, but they had different ways of making that happen. Some families packed up and simply left, while one family came seeking political refuge. Another difference is that not everyone who came to America stayed here. For example, one girl from Somalia returned there after she realized her desire to know her father. She went back and her life was changed because she realized that she wanted to help the people in Somalia. There are lots of amazing stories behind each immigrant family, and they are all very unique.