

# Cutting Immigration Programs Is No Solution

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Nothing demonstrates the concept of “E Pluribus Unum” (“Out of Many, One”) better than a naturalization ceremony. On June 18, I got to witness one such special ceremony. It was special not only because I saw immigrants from countries around the world become United States citizens, but also because I was one of them. It is almost a cliché to say it is a great honor to be an American Citizen, but I take this privilege very seriously, and I am sure the many others who have been given this great gift do as well.

My journey to U.S. citizenship began through the Diversity Visa program. The “DV Lottery” has drawn stiff criticism over the years from some who want to put an end to the program. National security issues and the economic climate have stirred a lot of immigration debate over the last couple of years. If we believe in the principles on which this country’s immigration laws are based, however, there is no reason to eliminate the DV Lottery. [Read more ...](#)