



## Press Release

# Is Immigration Driving Income Inequality in the U.S.?

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The American Action Forum released a new insight examining whether immigration plays a role in income inequality. AAF's Jacqueline Varas finds that immigrants arriving to the United States today are more educated than in the past, leading to substantial wage gains over time; the income distribution of immigrants now closely mirrors the distribution for the native-born U.S. population. Furthermore, the earnings of the lowest-income native workers and immigrants have remained largely steady since 1980, even while the proportion of low-skilled immigrants has increased, suggesting that immigrants are not depressing wages.

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