

# Immigrants Raising Citizens: The Unbreakable Bond Between Undocumented Parents and Their Children

In the United States, there are an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants. Many of these immigrants are parents, and their children are American citizens. These families face a unique set of challenges, but they also have a unique bond.

Undocumented parents often work long hours in low-paying jobs to provide for their families. They may also live in constant fear of being deported. Despite these challenges, they are determined to give their children the best possible life.



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Citizen children of undocumented parents often have to navigate two different worlds. They may feel American at school and with their friends,

but they may also experience discrimination and prejudice because of their parents' immigration status.

Despite the challenges, the bond between undocumented parents and their citizen children is unbreakable. These families love and support each other, and they will do whatever it takes to stay together.

## **The Challenges**

Undocumented parents face a number of challenges in raising their citizen children. These challenges include:

- **Fear of deportation:** Undocumented parents are always at risk of being deported. This fear can make it difficult for them to focus on their families and their children's education.
- **Economic hardship:** Undocumented parents often work low-paying jobs and may not have access to health insurance or other benefits.
- **Discrimination:** Undocumented parents and their children may experience discrimination and prejudice because of their immigration status.
- **Language barriers:** Undocumented parents who do not speak English may have difficulty communicating with their children's teachers and other school staff.

## **The Triumphs**

Despite the challenges, undocumented parents are raising their citizen children to be successful and productive members of society. These children are:

- **Resilient:** Citizen children of undocumented parents have learned to cope with the challenges of living in a mixed-status family.
- **Determined:** These children are determined to succeed in school and in life, despite the obstacles they face.
- **Bicultural:** Citizen children of undocumented parents are often bicultural, which gives them a unique perspective on the world.

## The Importance of Support

Undocumented parents and their citizen children need support from their communities. This support can include:

- **Legal assistance:** Undocumented parents need access to affordable legal assistance to help them navigate the immigration system.
- **Financial assistance:** Undocumented parents and their children may need financial assistance to help with food, housing, and other basic needs.
- **Emotional support:** Undocumented parents and their children may need emotional support to help them cope with the challenges they face.

Undocumented parents are raising citizen children who are resilient, determined, and bicultural. These children are the future of the United States, and they deserve our support.

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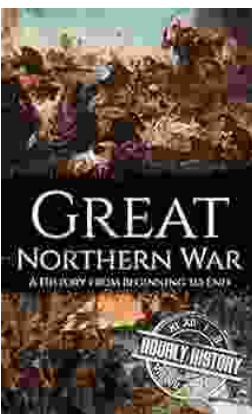


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