The Immigration Project

Greater Brunswick Charter School
Reasons for Coming to US

- Better Life & More Opportunities: 16
- Parents Unable to Support Kids in Home Country: 9
- Single Mothers Unable to Support Kids in Home Country: 3
- Lack of jobs in home country: 8
- Political Asylum: 1
“Poverty, family, we had a big family, and not a lot of money and there was barely enough food for all of us and I had to emigrate even if it was to another part of the country to make my life conditions better.”

“I immigrated at the age of 32 when my 2 children were going to start middle school in my country. I didn't have the money necessary to provide them with a better education at a good school. I had little to give them.”
Feelings and Concerns With Immigrating

- Negative feelings: 16
- Sadness due to feeling alone: 8
- Sadness due to leaving family: 6
- Concern with language: 9
- Concern with finding a job: 5
- Concern with discrimination: 2
- Concern with access to education: 1
- Concern with being deported home: 1
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Hopes in Coming to a New Country

- Giving their children a better life: 7
- Having access to essentials: 15
- Progressing as an individual: 1
I had hopes in seeing my daughters with a firm future in which they could develop as professionals and be able to accomplish their goals.”

“My parents hoped we would all go to college and get the education they thought we deserved.”
Sacrifices Made by Immigrants

- Giving up their children: 3
- Giving up professional career goals: 1
- Giving up families: 17
- Giving up everything including homes and assets: 6
Quotes

“We had to leave our loved ones, our house, and I had to quit my job.”

“I had to leave behind everything. I had to leave behind my family, I had to leave behind my home. I had nothing but I feel like leaving my family and home is a lot to sacrifice.”
Effects, Fears, or Concerns with Current Immigration Climate

- Personally affected by immigration policies: 7
- Concern with being separated from family: 3
- Concern with having to take kids to new country: 2
- Concern with being left with nothing: 2
- Concern with safety of undocumented immigrants: 6
Quotes

“A lot of families are being separated due to the current situation. The family is an important cell in our society and to separate it is very painful...parents and children being separated is very difficult.”

“It is hard to sometimes go on social media and look at all the news and things that are happening.”
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