



Letter: Immigrants strengthen America

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Numbers don't lie — except when someone is trying to make a political point (“Immigration has negative impact,” Our Readers’ Views, June 6). The Pew Research Center numbers may be correct, but I believe “political spin” was used in this letter about a contentious subject. The immigrant’s U.S.-born children (who by law are U.S. citizens and not immigrants) were added to increase the totals and was likely crafted to make a larger political statement.

First, you need to know that all immigration numbers are estimates. Second, the years given in Pew’s article (“Key Findings about U.S. Immigration”) for these estimates are 2016-2017. I did not find data for the 2018 year that she mentions. Third, the numbers used for the children of immigrants are not found in the Pew article.

Whether you see immigration as negative or positive seems to be where you stand on the political divide. However, Pew also offered this: The majority of Americans (62 percent) say that immigrants strengthen the country, while more than a quarter (28 percent) say that immigrants are a burden. If you want more immigration facts, please review the complete reports by Pew and also by the Cato Institute.