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P	=	Prosperity
Ft	=	Financial Technology
HC	=	Human Capital
SC	=	Social Capital
RA	=	Real Assets

Michael Milken, Berkeley, California, 1965

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Financial Technology

Innovative processes & components including:

- Convertible bonds
- Preferred stock
- High-yield bonds
- Collateralized loans
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- Equity-linked securities
- Securitized obligations (mortgages, credit cards, etc.)
- Derivatives

Human Capital

Productivity:

- Skills
- Education
- Training
- Experience
- Creativity and Innovation
- Habits, including courage and gratitude
- Health
- Immigration

Social Capital

- Rule of law
- Property rights
- Public health
- Universal education
- Religious freedom
- Police/fire protection
- Cultural resources
- Universal suffrage
- Protection of creditors
- Rigorous financial reporting standards
- Transparent markets
- Regulatory continuity
- Environmental protection

Real Assets

- Cash
- Receivables
- Real estate
- Factories
- Capital equipment
- Roads
- Buildings
- Infrastructure
- Natural resources

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Economic Mobility Alliance (EMA)



EMA integrates key partners and Milken Institute programs, each contributing distinct elements toward comprehensive economic opportunity and lasting financial security:

- Pathways to Capital
 - Initiative for Inclusive Entrepreneurship
 - Inclusive Capitalism
 - HBCU Strategic Initiative and Fellowship Program
 - 10,000 Communities
- Invest America Accounts
- Financial Innovation Labs
- FinTech, Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- HBCU Fellowship Program
- Veterans Community Initiative
- Lifetime Financial Security
- IFC-Milken Institute Capital Markets Program
- World Bank-Milken Institute Public Financial Asset Management Program
- Geo-Economics, Climate Resilience and AI
- Community Ownership Society (COS)
- Career Pathways
- Ownership Works
- Operation Hope
- NextLadder Ventures

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Government/Sovereign Wealth Funds (US\$ Billions)

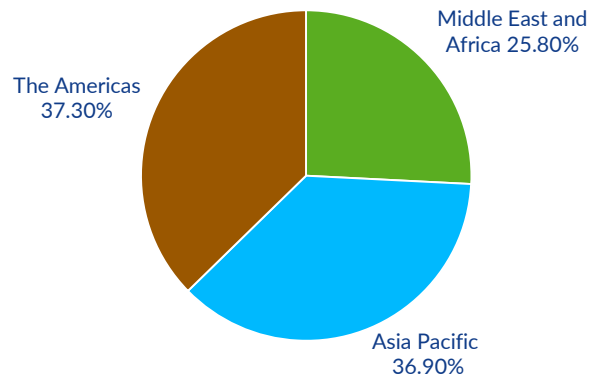
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Source: SWF Institute, ASFA (10/17/2025); Australian superannuation assets as of March 2025

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Global Wealth Distribution

Global Wealth Distribution, 2023



Source: Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2024

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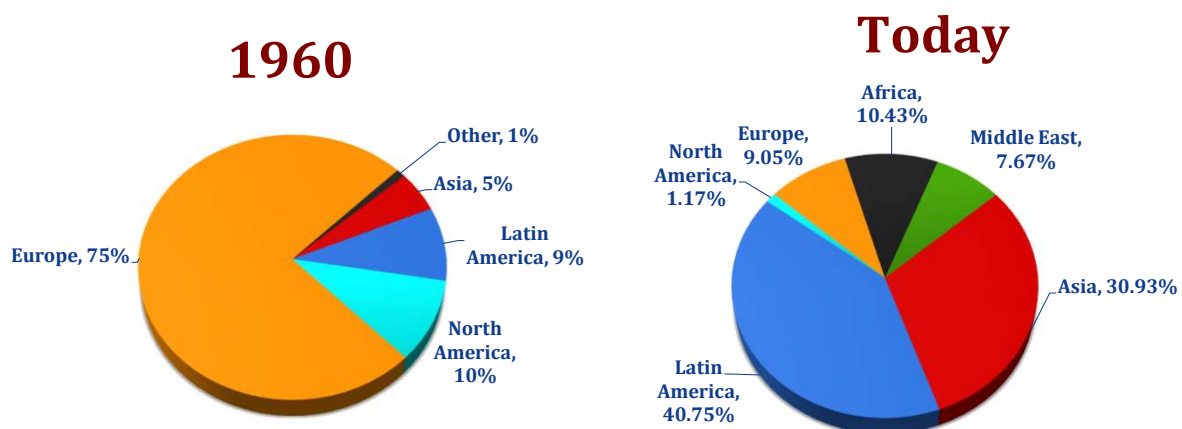
Median Household Income in the U.S. by Ethnic Group

➤ India	\$147,730
➤ Taiwan	\$117,650
➤ Philippines	\$100,600
➤ Sri-Lanka	\$94,000
➤ Japan	\$97,690
➤ White Americans	\$84,280
➤ US Median Household	\$70,785
➤ Hispanics	\$65,300
➤ Blacks	\$54,960

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2022), Pew Research Center (2022)

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Where U.S. Immigrants were Born



Note: 'Today' data is a 10-year summary from 2011 - 2020

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.N. Population Division, Migration Policy Institute, Pew Research Center (7/25/2022)

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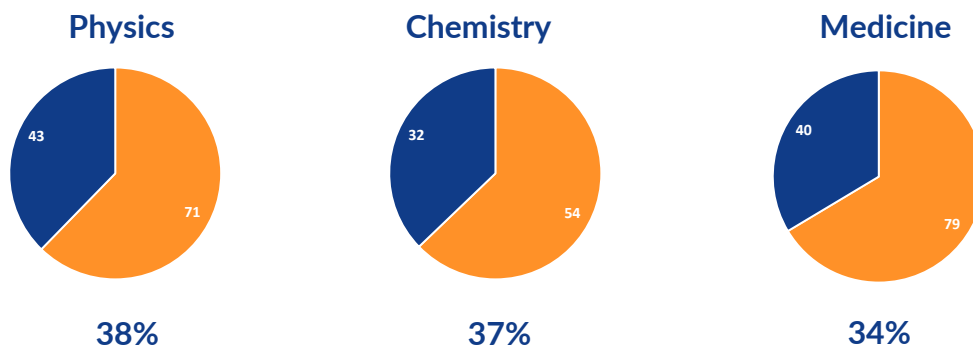
Three Ways to Build Human Capital

- Education
- Immigration
- Health

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Immigrants and Science

There have been **319** Science-Based Nobel Prizes awarded to Americans from 1901-2023. **115**, or **36%** of those winners were immigrants.



Note: These numbers do not include Nobel Prize Winners who immigrated to America after receiving a Nobel Prize, like Einstein, Fermi, or Bohr.

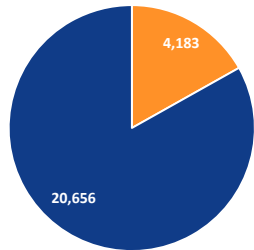
Source: National Foundation for American Policy – Immigrants and Nobel Prizes (10/4/2023)

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Foreign-Born Ph.D.'s in the U.S.

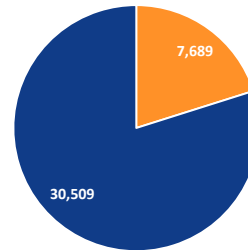
Doctorate Holders in the U.S. Performing R&D as a Major Work Activity

Computer and Information Sciences



83% of all Ph.D. researchers in Computer and Information Sciences in the US are foreign born

Electrical and Computer Engineering



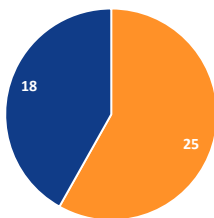
80% of all Ph.D. researchers in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the US are foreign born

Source: National Foundation for American Policy – US Immigration Policy and the Competition with China (12/5/2023)

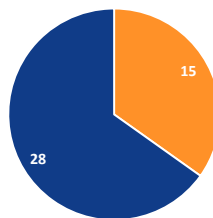
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US-based Immigrant Entrepreneurs in AI

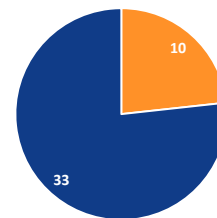
There are currently 43 US-based AI companies valued over \$1 Billion (Unicorns). Of those 43...



42% were founded by an international student who studied in the US first



65% were founded or co-founded by an immigrant



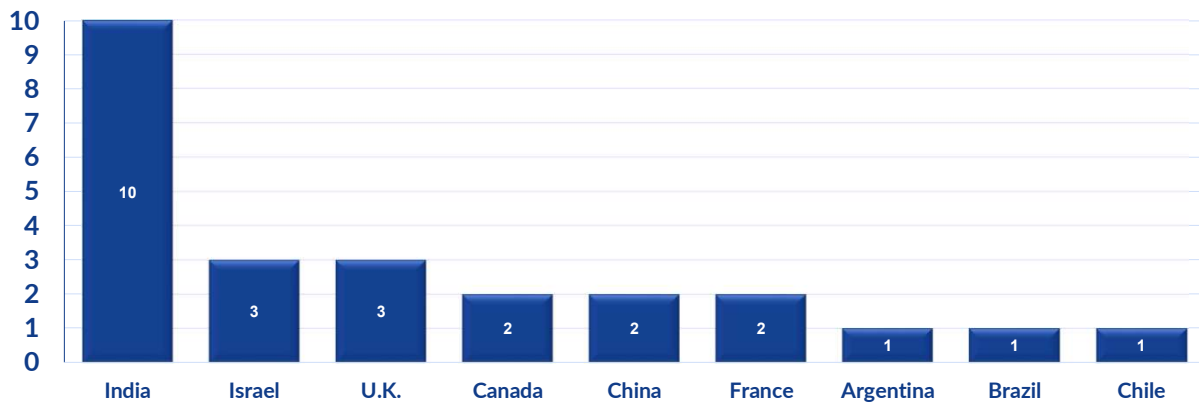
77% were founded by an immigrant, or by the child of an immigrant

Source: National Foundation for American Policy – AI and Immigrants (6/1/2023)

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U.S. AI Unicorns by Immigrant Founder Origin

US-based AI Unicorns by Immigrant Founder Origin Country

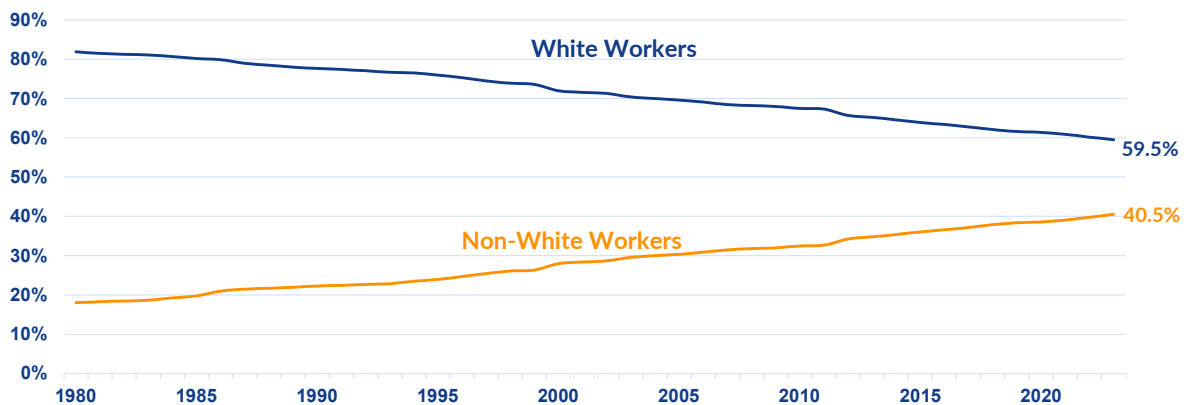


Source: National Foundation for American Policy – Immigrant Entrepreneurs and US Billion Dollar Companies (8/21/2022)

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Increasing Diversity in the Workforce

Percentage Representation in the U.S. Workforce



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, The Washington Post

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Wealth Patterns in Selected Countries

2022 wealth per adult in 1,000 U.S. dollars (rounded)

Country	Median	Average	<\$10,000	>\$1 million
Australia	\$247	\$497	9.9%	9.4%
Germany	\$61	\$257	10.5%	4.1%
Japan	\$104	\$216	11.6%	2.6%
France	\$133	\$312	15.5%	5.6%
Singapore	\$99	\$383	16.0%	6.7%
United States	\$108	\$551	17.5%	9.0%
United Kingdom	\$152	\$303	19.6%	4.8%

Source: Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2023 (1/26/2024)

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20 Year Median Wealth Growth – Developed Nations

20-year increase in median wealth per adult (inflation adjusted)

Country	2002*	2022	% Increase
Uruguay	\$7,570	\$33,522	342.8%
Norway	\$51,224	\$143,887	180.9%
Germany	\$26,512	\$66,735	151.7%
Canada	\$57,824	\$137,633	138.0%
Denmark	\$79,430	\$186,041	134.2%
Korea	\$42,234	\$92,719	119.5%
Switzerland	\$79,450	\$167,353	110.6%
Australia	\$126,971	\$247,453	94.9%
Sweden	\$47,048	\$77,515	64.8%
United States	\$79,315	\$107,739	35.8%

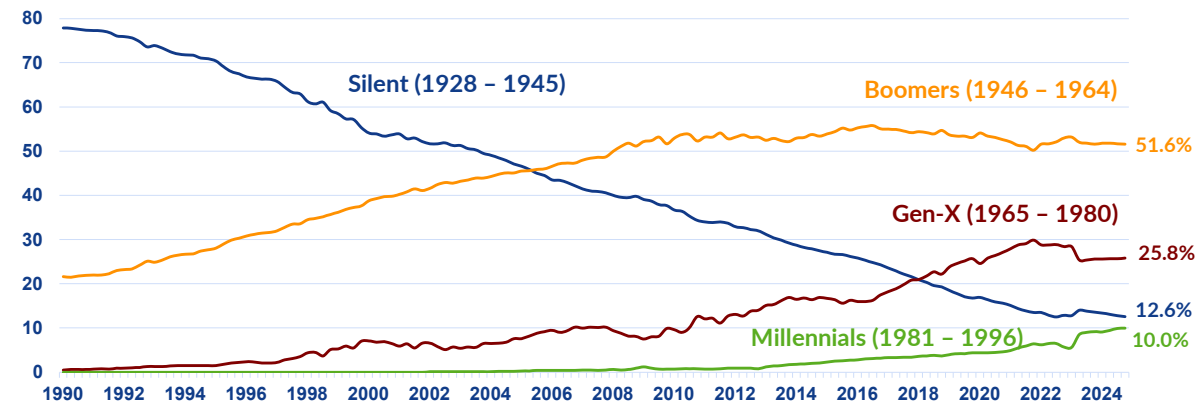
Note: 2002 figures are inflation-adjusted to 2022 levels

Source: Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report 2023, Author's Calculations (1/20/2024)

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Wealth by Generation

Distribution of Household Wealth, Percentage



Source: Federal Reserve Economic Data (Q3 - 2024)

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Life Expectancy: It's All in Your Neighborhood

- As you travel north from midtown **Manhattan** to the **South Bronx**, life expectancy declines by 10 years. That's six months for every minute on the train.
- In **Baltimore's** inner city, a man's life expectancy is 63; not far away, in the Greater Roland Park/Poplar neighborhood, it's 83.
- Between the **Chicago Loop** and the west side of the city, the difference in life expectancy is 16 years.

Sources: Donald Berwick, MD, MPP, "The Moral Determinants of Health," AMA Journal, June 12, 2020; Michael Marmot, The Health Gap, Bloomsbury Press, 2015

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Access to Opportunity based on ZIP Code



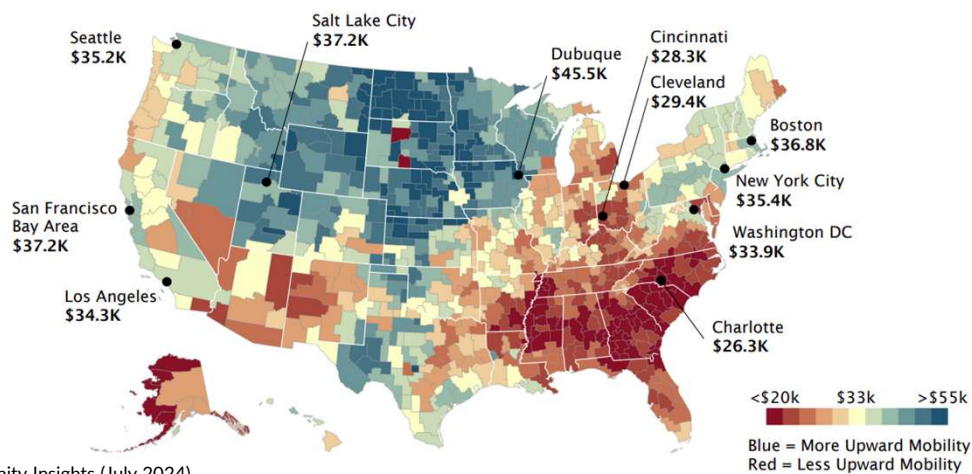
- In Charlotte, North Carolina, 4.4 percent of Charlotte's kids from the bottom quintile of household income moved to the top.
- In Salt Lake City, a person born to a family in the bottom fifth of household income had a 10.8 percent chance of reaching the top fifth.

Source: Opportunity Insights – Director Raj Chetty

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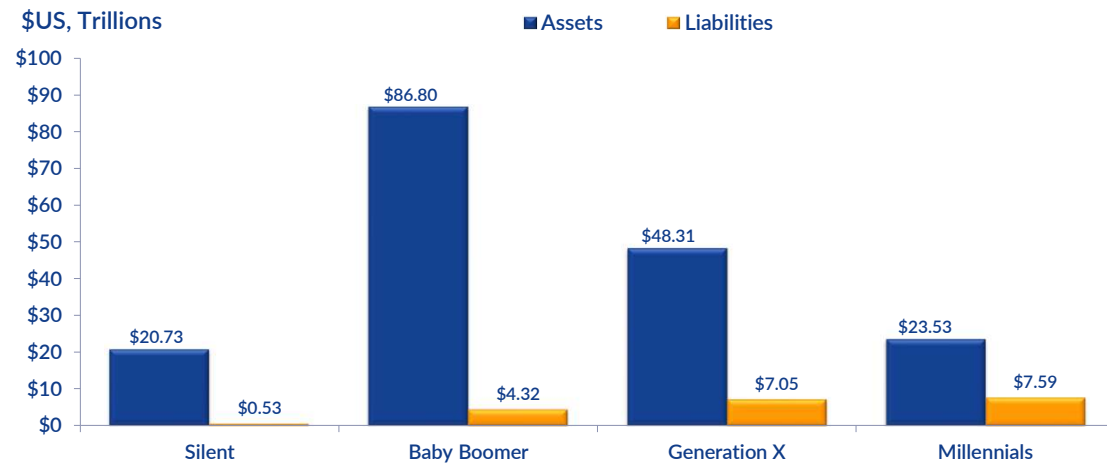
Opportunity Atlas

Average Household Income at Age 35 for Children born in 1980 whose Parents Earned \$27K



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Assets and Liabilities by Generation

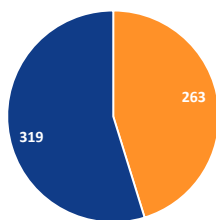


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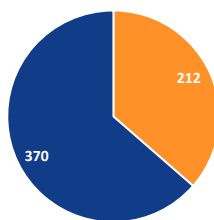
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Immigrants and Entrepreneurship

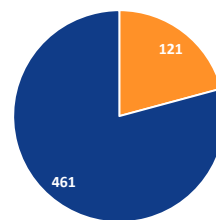
There are currently 582 private U.S. Start-Up Companies valued over \$1 Billion (Unicorns). Of those 582...



55% were founded by an immigrant



64% were either founded by an immigrant, or by someone with parents that emigrated



79% were founded by an immigrant, a 1st generation American, or are currently operated by an immigrant

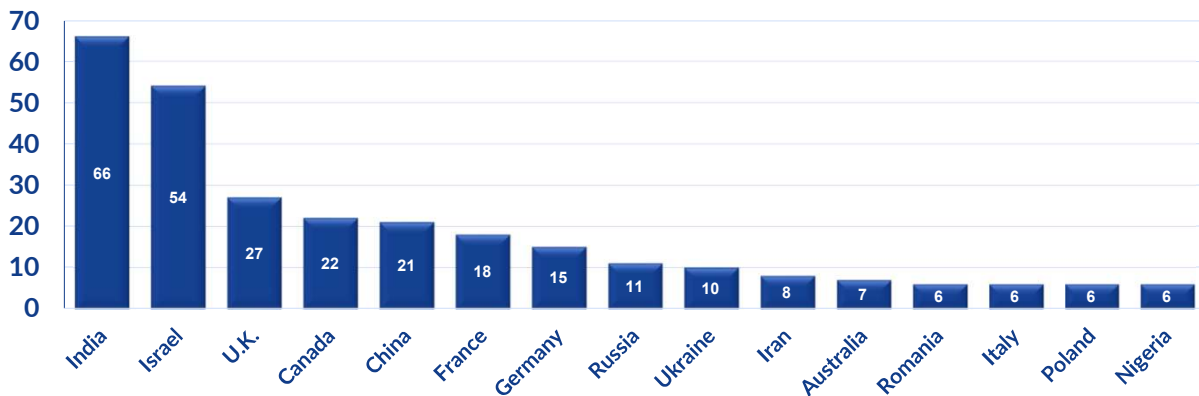
Note: The term 'operated' indicates an immigrant is part of the C-Suite

Source: National Foundation for American Policy – Immigrant Entrepreneurs and US Billion Dollar Companies (1/26/2023)

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U.S. Unicorns by Immigrant Founder Origin Country

Current Private Unicorns Founded



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Problem Statement:

Americans Are \$\$ Divided – Threatening Democracy

- 60% Live Pay Check to Pay Check – No Investments or Compounding – Wealth Gap At All Time High
- Lack Basic Financial Literacy – Cold Start Problem
- Negative Impact to HS Graduation, Mental Health, Safety, Families and Entrepreneurialism
- American Losing Faith in Free Market Capitalism (54% actively neg)



Source: Nadeem, R. (2022, September 19). Pew Research Center.
Axios | SurveyMonkey Poll (2021, June 15): Capitalism and Socialism.

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INVEST AMERICA

**401k-like private investment account for all Americans at birth,
seeded with \$1,000 from the government,
invested in the S&P 500 (Lock Box).**



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INVEST AMERICA

The Solution

Core Principles: Invest America Accounts



Private Property

These accounts will be the private property of the account holder.



Seeded by Government

For all Americans at birth, an initial seed of \$1,000 by the Federal Government.



Tax-Deferred Growth

Accounts will be able to compound on a tax deferred basis.



Benefit Matching

Encourage Employers, Family and Philanthropic organizations can contribute to accounts.



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Execution



Harness the Power of Private Markets



- **CEOs representing millions of employees have endorsed & will contribute to the Investment Accounts of Children of Employees.**
- **401ks are \$75 B annual contribution; total of \$13 T.**



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Research



Harness the Power of Compounding

- **>\$10 K in 7th Grade**
- **\$150k at 30**
- **\$1 M at 50**

Invest America \$1000 at Birth and \$750 Annual Contribution										
Rate	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	9%	10%	
Age 5	\$ 5,857	\$ 6,045	\$ 6,240	\$ 6,442	\$ 6,650	\$ 6,866	\$ 7,089	\$ 7,320	\$ 7,558	
Age 10	\$ 10,370	\$ 10,990	\$ 11,654	\$ 12,365	\$ 13,127	\$ 13,943	\$ 14,816	\$ 15,751	\$ 16,751	
Age 15	\$ 15,352	\$ 16,722	\$ 18,241	\$ 19,926	\$ 21,795	\$ 23,868	\$ 26,169	\$ 28,723	\$ 31,557	
Age 20	\$ 20,853	\$ 23,368	\$ 26,256	\$ 29,575	\$ 33,394	\$ 37,789	\$ 42,851	\$ 48,682	\$ 55,402	
Age 25	\$ 26,927	\$ 31,071	\$ 36,006	\$ 41,891	\$ 48,917	\$ 57,315	\$ 67,362	\$ 79,392	\$ 93,805	
Age 30	\$ 33,632	\$ 40,002	\$ 47,869	\$ 57,609	\$ 69,689	\$ 84,700	\$ 103,377	\$ 126,643	\$ 155,652	
Age 35	\$ 41,036	\$ 50,355	\$ 62,303	\$ 77,669	\$ 97,488	\$ 123,109	\$ 156,295	\$ 199,345	\$ 255,258	
Age 40	\$ 49,210	\$ 62,357	\$ 79,863	\$ 103,272	\$ 134,689	\$ 176,980	\$ 234,048	\$ 311,205	\$ 415,674	
Age 45	\$ 58,235	\$ 76,271	\$ 101,228	\$ 135,948	\$ 184,472	\$ 252,536	\$ 348,294	\$ 483,316	\$ 674,026	
Age 50	\$ 68,199	\$ 92,401	\$ 127,221	\$ 177,652	\$ 251,092	\$ 358,508	\$ 516,158	\$ 748,131	\$ 1,090,104	
Age 55	\$ 79,200	\$ 111,100	\$ 158,846	\$ 230,879	\$ 340,246	\$ 507,140	\$ 762,805	\$ 1,155,580	\$ 1,760,203	
Age 60	\$ 91,346	\$ 132,777	\$ 197,323	\$ 298,810	\$ 459,554	\$ 715,603	\$ 1,125,210	\$ 1,782,492	\$ 2,839,403	
Age 65	\$ 104,756	\$ 157,907	\$ 244,136	\$ 385,510	\$ 619,215	\$ 1,007,983	\$ 1,657,703	\$ 2,747,073	\$ 4,577,466	



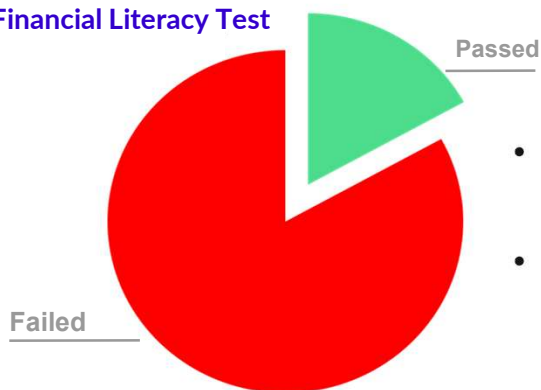
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Problem Statement

Harness the Power of Education

FINRA Financial Literacy Test



- **\$415 billion cost to Americans**
Because they Lack Financial Literacy
- Turbo Charge the Power of Financial Literacy Programs Like Operation Hope and Public Schools

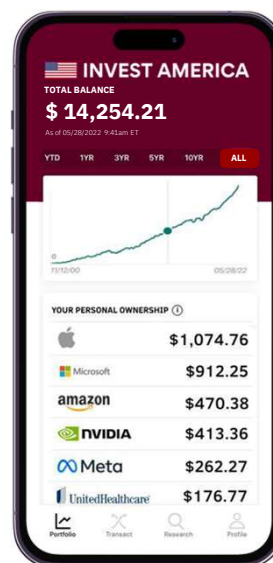
Sources: Lin, J. T., Bumcrot, C., Mottola, G., Valdes, O., Ganem, R., Kieffer, C., Lusardi, A., & Walsh, G. (2022). Financial Capability in the United States: Highlights from the FINRA Foundation National Financial Capability Study (5th Edition). FINRA Investor Education Foundation. www.FINRAFoundation.org/NFCSReport2021, National Financial Educators Council. (2021, January 7). Survey Results: Deficits in Financial Literacy Cost Americans \$415 Billion in 2020. PR Newswire. <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/survey-results-deficits-in-financial-literacy-cost-americans-415-billion-in-2020-301201971.html>

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Future Analysis

Milken Institute Partnership – Cost / Benefits

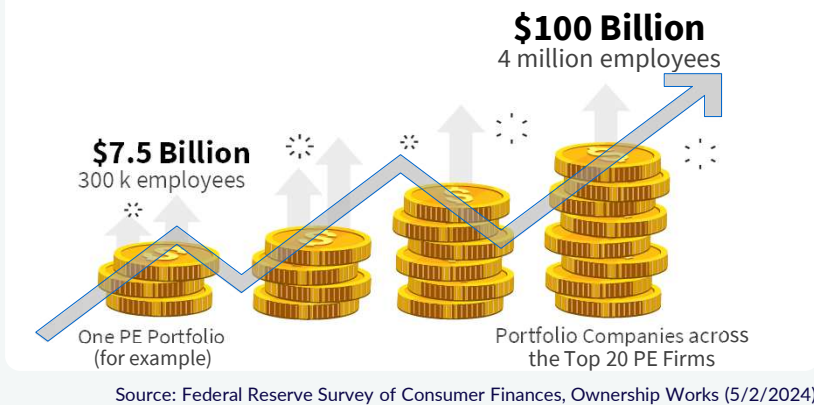
- Hassett (Trump) and Shapiro (Clinton) leading research and scoring.
- Census Birth Projections, Annual Average: 3,640,000
- Grant: \$1,000 per child - \$3.7 B Annual, \$37 B 10 Yr
- Cost Offsets – Present Value of Future Capital Gains Taxes will reduce & may eliminate Short Run Costs.
- Will highlight Other Societal Benefits / Offsets – Savings Rate, Graduation Rates, New Business Starts, etc



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PE: Sizing the Potential U.S. Impact

Wealth Creation Potential for Lower Income Workers



As a reminder, currently the bottom **63 million** households own only **\$178 billion** in corporate equities

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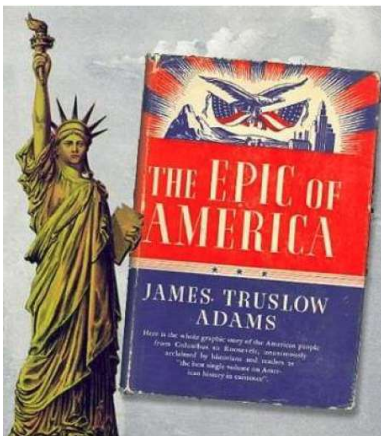
Equal opportunity not based on:

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- Where you went to school
- Who your parents are
- What your race or religion is
- What your gender is

Access to capital based on ability

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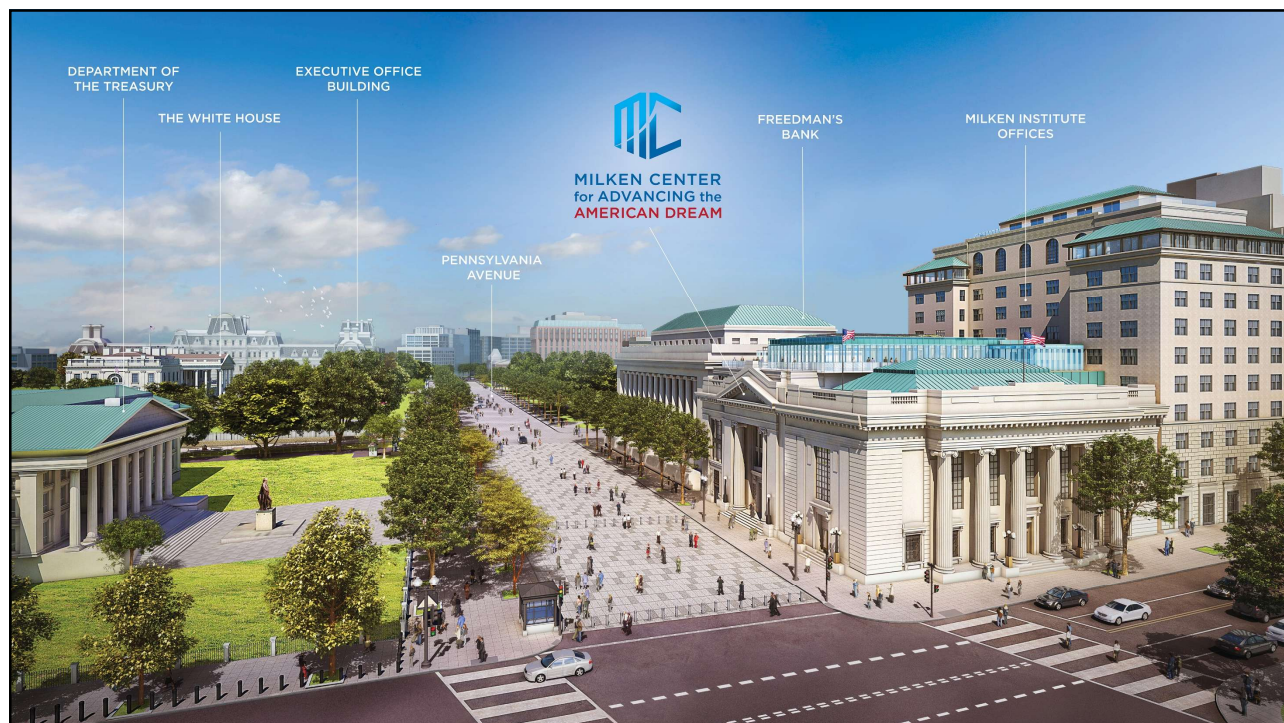
“... that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.”

- James Truslow Adams
The Epic of America (1931)

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The American Dream: What Matters Most

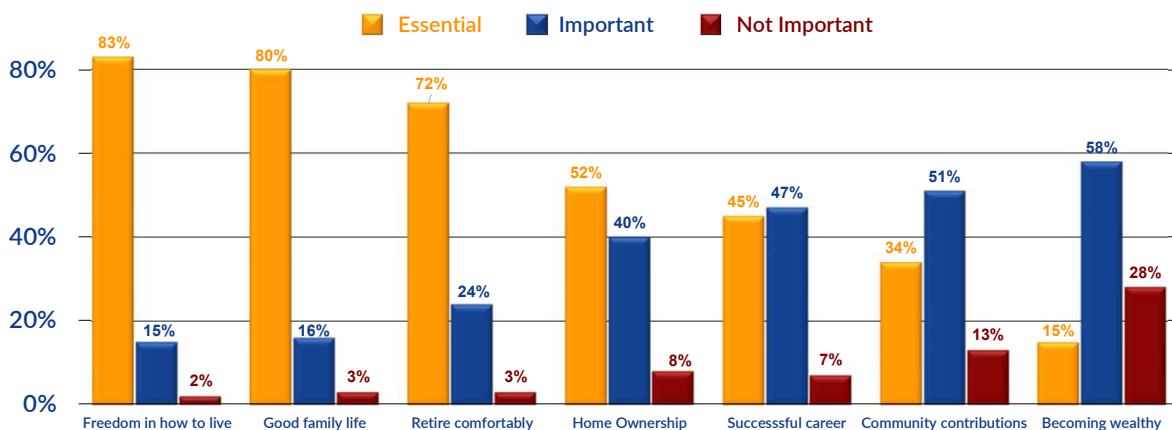


Source: "American Dream 2025 Snapshot" – The Archbridge Institute, NORC Survey, University of Chicago (6/28/2024)

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The American Dream – What Matters Most

Q: How essential do you think each statement is to the American Dream?



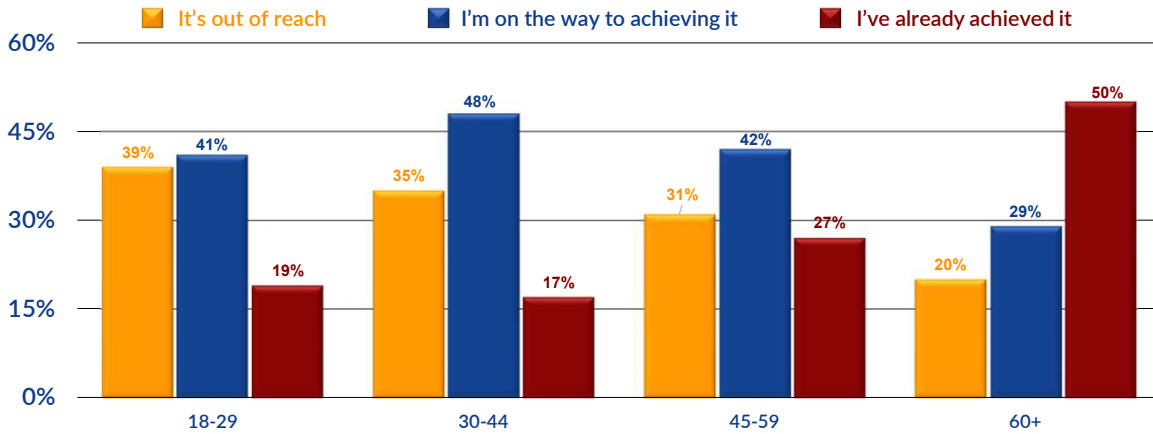
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The American Dream – Achievement by Age

Q: How do you feel about the American Dream?

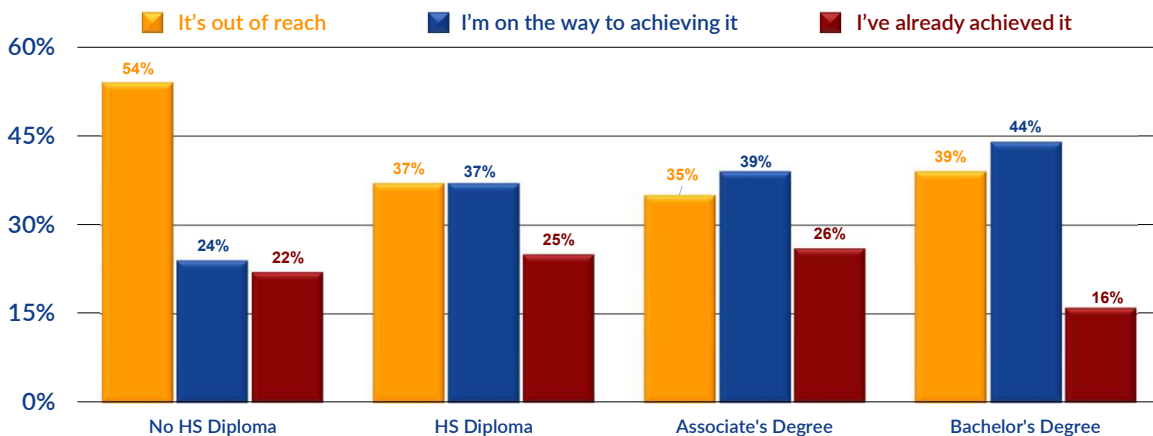


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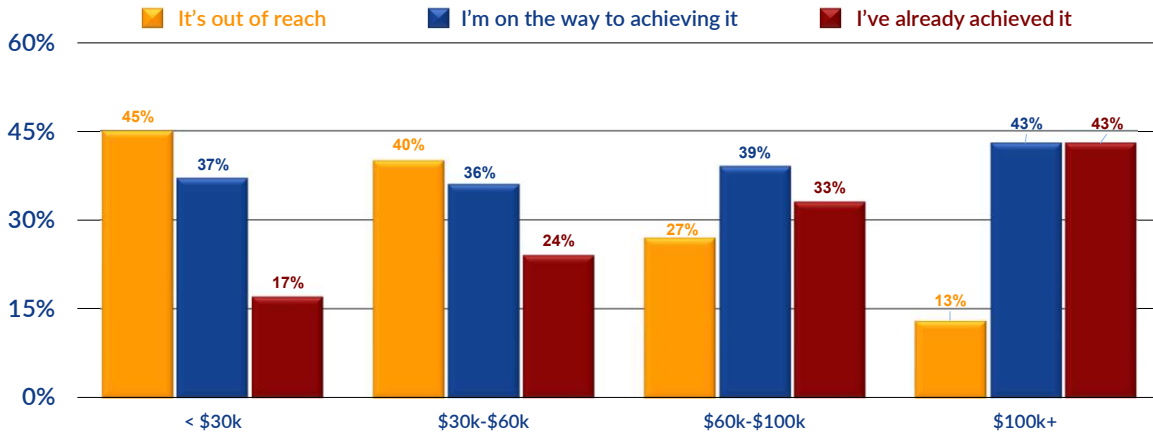


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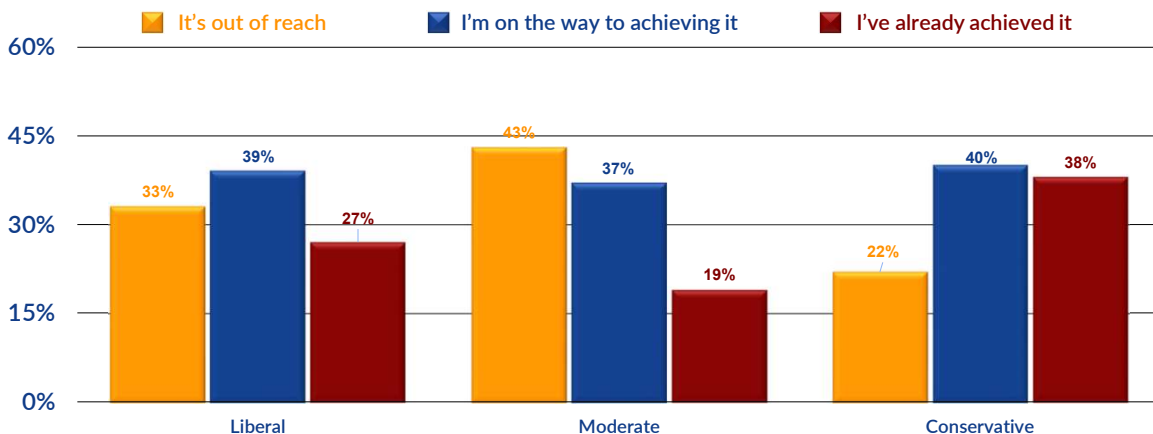


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The American Dream – Achievement by Political

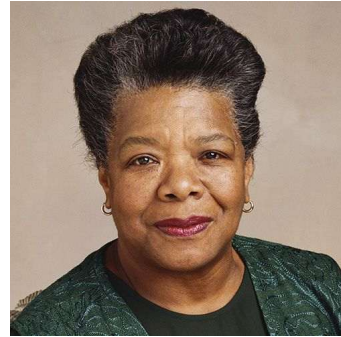
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“What is dreamed in America is really no different than what is dreamed in Shanghai. It’s the same dream that is dreamed in Cairo and Johannesburg.”



- Maya Angelou

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“The Dream” is Alive ... in Vietnam

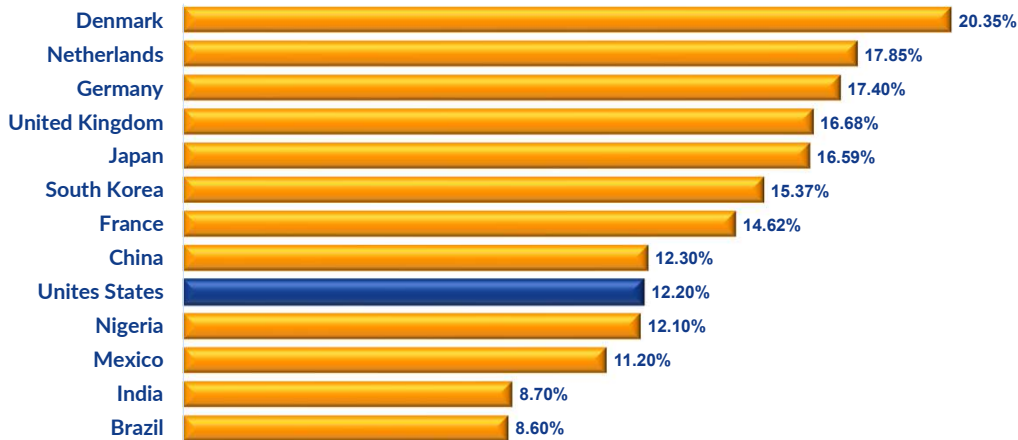
- 95% believe that people are better off in a market-based economy.
- 78% think international trade has a positive effect on job creation.
- 72% say trade helps raise worker wages.
- 76% of Vietnamese have a favorable opinion of the U.S.

Source: Pew Research Center, Spring 2014 Global Attitudes survey

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Economic Mobility

Probability that a child born to parents in the bottom half of income distribution reaches the top quartile:



Source: World Bank Global Database on Intergenerational Mobility (3/16/2023)

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Will children better off than their parents?

% who say children in their country will be better off financially than their parents when they grow up

➤ India	75%	➤ Germany	35%
➤ Indonesia	71%	➤ United States	26%
➤ Singapore	55%	➤ Spain	20%
➤ Thailand	54%	➤ United Kingdom	19%
➤ Mexico	52%	➤ Italy	19%
➤ Brazil	50%	➤ Canada	16%
➤ Ghana	45%	➤ France	14%

Source: Pew Research (1/9/2025)

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