



DISCIPLES BLACK IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE RESOURCES ADVOCACY TOOLKIT



See below for helpful resources to strengthen your voice for advocacy on behalf of black immigrants and refugees in the U.S. And then, stand in solidarity with black immigrant Disciples and partner to share your concerns with your community and legislators!

SUMMARY ARTICLES RE: REALITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK IMMIGRANTS IN THE U.S.

The Top 3 Things You Need to Know About Black Immigrants in the United States in 2018, Center for American Progress, January 12, 2018, by Nicole Prchal Svajlenka. Find at:

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2018/01/12/445015/top-3-things-need-know-black-immigrants-united-states-2018/>

African Immigrants Are More Educated Than Most—including People Born in U.S., LA Times, January 12, 2018, by Ann M. Simmons. Find at: <http://www.latimes.com/world/africa/la-fg-global-african-immigrants-explainer-20180112-story.html>

KEY RECENT STUDIES RELATED TO AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS IN THE U.S.:

International Migration from Sub-Saharan Africa Has Grown Dramatically Since 2010, Pew Research Center, February 28, 2018, by Phillip Connor. Find at: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/02/28/international-migration-from-sub-saharan-africa-has-grown-dramatically-since-2010/>

Power of the Purse: How Sub-Saharan Africans Contribute to the U.S. Economy, New American Economy, January, 2018. Find at: http://research.newamericaneconomy.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2018/01/NAE_African_V6.pdf

Sub-Saharan African Immigrants in the United States, Migration Policy Institute, May 2, 2017, by Jie Zong and Jeanne Batalova. Find at: https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/sub-saharan-african-immigrants-united-states#English_Proficiency

African Immigrant Population in U.S. Steadily Climbs, Pew Research Center, February 14, 2017, by Monica Anderson. Find at: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/02/14/african-immigrant-population-in-u-s-steadily-climbs/>

BACKGROUND ARTICLES ABOUT BLACK IMMIGRANT DREAMERS IN THE U.S.:

When Dreamers and Black Colleges Meet, American Success Stories Are Made, The Hill, January 22, 2018, by Harry L. Williams, Opinion Contributor. Find at: <http://thehill.com/opinion/education/370047-when-dreamers-hbcus-meet-american-success-stories-are-made>

There Are Black Dreamers, Too: How Trump's DACA Decision Affects The Black Community, Blavity, September, 2017, by Blavity Team. Find at: <https://blavity.com/black-dreamers-trump-daca-decision-community>

DISCIPLES RESPONSES AND RESOURCES FOR BLACK IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY:

--RESISTING ANTI-IMMIGRANT RACISM: Go here for Disciples Responses to Alleged Anti-Immigrant Comments Against Haitians, Salvadorans, and Africans: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Disciples-Voices-Speak-Against-Jan-11-18-Anti-Immigrant-Comments.pdf>

--SUPPORTING HAITIAN TPS: Go to this Haitian Page for Multiple Backgrounders and Statements Related to Our Disciples Work to Support Haitians Who Are at Risk as TPS is Ended Under the Trump Administration: <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/refugee-immigration-ministries/refugees/background-resources/haitian-tps/>

See here for multiple resources on how faith communities can help support Haitians who were told on November 12, 2017 their TPS is now ending as of July 22, 2019:

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/?s=Haitian+TPS&submit.x=0&submit.y=0&submit=Go>

Encourage your legislators to support bills that protect Temporary Protected Status, such as the “SECURE” Act (S.2144) in the Senate, and the American Promise Act of 2017 in the House of Representatives. Both of these bills would help TPS recipients and their families adjust to permanent resident status, and would allow them to eventually become citizens if they don’t break any laws. Read more at: <https://politicsofpoverty.oxfamamerica.org/2018/01/now-what-legislative-solutions-to-the-tps-crisis/>

PROTECTING THE U.S. IMMIGRANT DIVERSITY VISA:

See the Congressional Black Caucus statement here to understand the ways efforts to eliminate the U.S. Immigrant Diversity VISA would disproportionately negatively impact black and brown populations, as it historically has especially benefited African and Asian immigrants: <https://cbc.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=841>

SUPPORTING AFRICAN REFUGEES:

Learn About the Impact of Trump Administration’s Historic Low Refugee Numbers Upon African Refugees here: Trump Caps Refugee Resettlement At 45,000, Marking All-Time Low, Huffington Post, September 27, 2017, by Willa Frej. Find at: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-lowers-refugee-resettlement_us_59bfc214e4b02da0e1436613

See <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/No-Muslim-Ban-No-Refugee-Ban-Week-of-Action-ToolkitDisciples.pdf> for many ways Disciples can continue to fight discrimination against refugees!

SUPPORTING LIBERIAN ADVOCACY TO PRESERVE DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE:

See this background resource on Liberian DED from BAJI (Black Alliance for Just Immigration), at: <http://baji.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/DED-Fact-Sheet-Liberia.pdf>

Learn about the Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act of 2018 (JR 5072), introduced by Congressman Keith Ellison, here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5072/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr+5072%22%5D%7D&r=1>

WHO ARE YOUR LEGISLATORS?: Find out who your legislators are by going here:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members>

BLACK IMMIGRANT LED ORGANIZATIONS: Check these organizations often for leadership on black immigrant issues—

UndocuBlack Network: <http://undocublack.org/> and **BAJI (Black Alliance for Just Immigration):** <http://baji.org/>

NOW, LET’S ACT TOGETHER AS DISCIPLES TO PROTECT REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS!!

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