

Many people throughout history have immigrated to America for a lot of different reasons. The Great President, JFK, once said, “immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life.” I think this is true and I have experienced this inside of my own family. My Grandpa is a Mexican-American whose family immigrated to America in the 1950’s. Even though my Grandpa was born in America, his entire family was born in Mexico. After doing the interview with my Grandpa, I realized a lot of our family traditions come from his Mexican ancestry.

I also found out that his family immigrated to America to have better financial opportunities. My Great Grandfather was a businessman and no matter what, took care of his family along with the people who helped him. The main thing I took away from my interview with my Grandfather was that his family came to America at different times, his Father employed hundreds of immigrants. She housed and fed them all.

In my interview, I found out that my Grandpa was born in America but his sister and brothers all stayed in Mexico. My Great grandfather only brought my Great Grandmother to America and that is when they had my Grandpa. This is very important because my Great Grandfather took a huge risk leaving his family behind and to start a new life. But eventually, the brothers and sisters all made their way to America too.

In addition, I found out that my Great Grandfather hired hundreds and hundreds of immigrants to help work on his farm and his businesses. He gave so many opportunities to families who came to America and helped them pursue the great American dream. Not only did my Great Grandfather help his family, but he also helped tons of other Mexican immigrant families find their way in the American world.

Lastly, I learned that my Great Grandmother, whom I never met, was the glue that kept the family together. She was the one responsible for taking care of the immediate family as well as the immigrant families that had come to work for my Great Grandfather. She would cook all their food and serve all the families each week. She would also do laundry for the people and also raise her own children. My Grandfather would eat all her food and also help do all the hard work.

In conclusion, I came to realize that my family loved to help others. My great grandfather loved business and loved to help people so he would naturally attract good workers and people to help him. My Great Grandmother made sure everyone was safe, fed, and clean. My Grandpa was able to help them by working for the family businesses and helped to raise his younger brothers and sisters.

I feel I learned how people can accomplish their dreams if they try hard enough. If my Great Grandfather had never immigrated to America he never would have started so many businesses. He had a Taxi service, a restaurant, and a farm. He wasn't a stuck up businessman either, he loved helping other immigrants and people who needed shelter and food. He knew how it felt to need a job and resources.