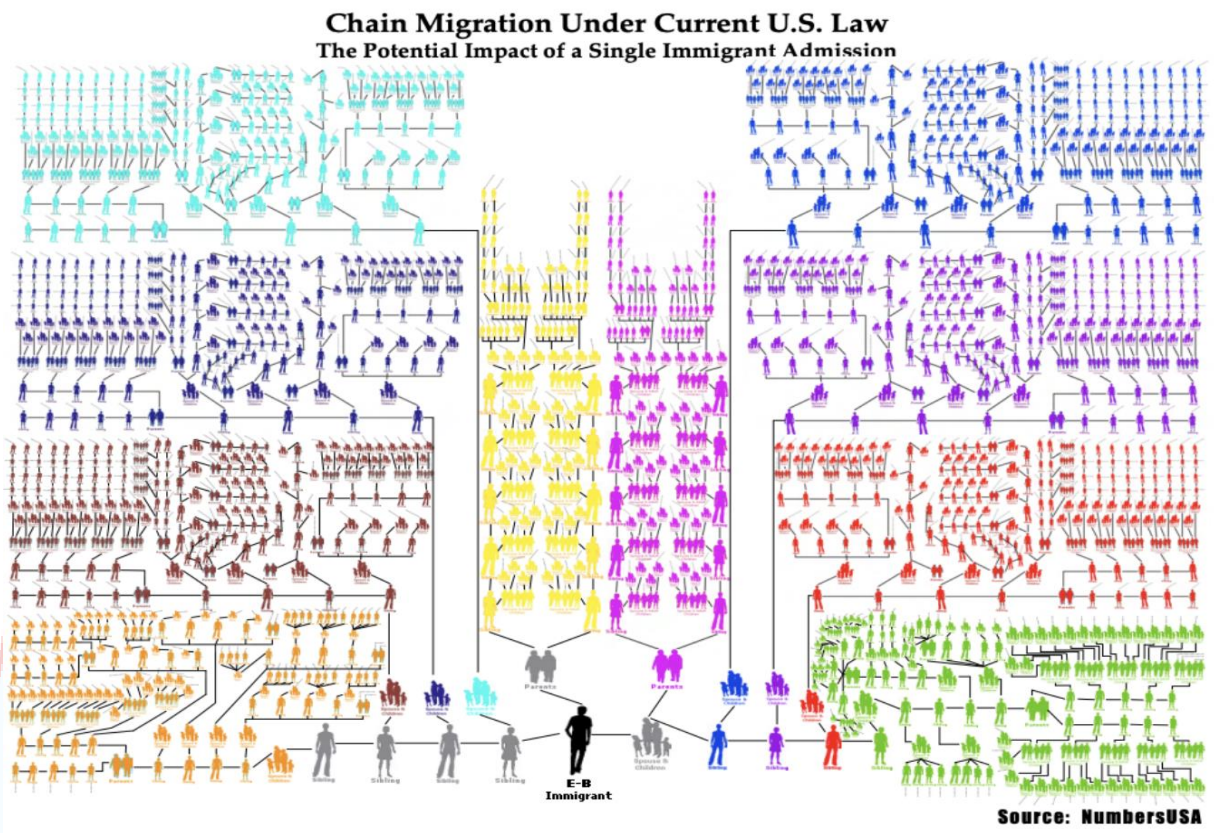# How Chain Migration Works

Chain Migration starts with a foreign citizen chosen by our government to be admitted on the basis of what he/she is supposed to offer in our national interest. The Original Immigrant is allowed to bring in his/her nuclear family of a spouse and minor children. After that, the chain begins.

"The young engineer arrived in America when he was 23 with a good education and little else. He landed a job at a nuclear test site, and built a home in Nevada. Between the 1970s and the mid-1980s, he brought his wife, mother, five sisters and a brother over from India, his native land.

"In later years, his siblings sponsored family members of their own, and their clan now stretches from Nevada to Florida, New Jersey to Texas — more than 90 Americans…" - *The New York Times*

Chain Migration Under Current U.S. Law
The Potential Impact of a Single Immigrant Admission

Source: NumbersUSA

[250,000 immigrants are admitted annually](#) under the following Chain Migration categories:

Parents of U.S. citizens: Unlimited (ten-year average): **120,286**
Unmarried Adult Children of U.S. Citizens and their children: **23,400**
Unmarried Adult Children of LPRs: **26,300**
Married Children of U.S. Citizens and their spouses and children: **23,400**
Siblings of Adult U.S. Citizens and their spouses and children: **65,000**
TOTAL: 258,386

There is some form of cap on several of the categories (for instance, no nationality can have more than [7 percent](#) of all the green cards that are given out in one year) Otherwise, the more than a million legal immigrants every year would have risen to millions annually. But it was the creation of Chain Migration categories in the 1950s and the extension of immigration into all the poor countries of the world in 1965 that has been largely **responsible for annual legal immigration quadrupling to the million or more per year** since 1990.

Every immigrant who comes in the chain is chosen by immigrants – not by our own government. Every chain immigrant comes regardless of their skills or lack of skills . . . regardless of how they might affect the job opportunities or wages of Americans competing in the same job categories . . . regardless of how they might drive booming U.S. population growth that government data show is the primary cause of the destruction of natural habitat and farmland in our country each year.