

## Chain Migration Leads to Illegal Immigration

Due to Chain Migration, distant relatives of original immigrants may come to see immigration as a right or entitlement. When they realize that they may, in fact, have to wait years for a visa to become available because of annual caps and per-country limits on several of the family-based immigration categories, many decide to come illegally while they wait for their turn -- a turn that may never actually happen.

Chain Migration also contributes to "birth tourism."

"The organizers who allegedly ran the Carlyle site, Chao Chen and Dong Li, used a website to drum up business, touting the benefits of a child with U.S. citizenship: 13 years of free education, low-cost college financial aid, less pollution, and a path for the entire family to emigrate when the child becomes an adult." - [NBC News](#)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Andrew Blankstein, Anna Schecter and Tracy Connor, "Feds Raid California 'Maternity Hotels' for Birth Tourists," NBC News, March 3, 2015. <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/feds-raid-l-maternity-hotel-birth-tourists-n315996>