

American Dream

1. Majority of people prefer living in their home countries for the entire lifespan, leaving their countries only while going for some short abroad trips. However, there is a category of people who are constantly looking forward to the new perspectives, better opportunities for their life development and possible prosperity and success for their families. There are many people who make a decision to move to the US from Korea, and they are following their goals despite any obstacles on their way.

One of the primary reasons for Korean immigrants to choose the US as a destination country is highly advanced state of national welfare. In other words, people are looking for the better lives, trying to get higher salaries, better entertainment and greater support from the government once they have faced any issues. Moreover, since America is known as a country of great opportunities, many immigrants, especially young people who study in universities or recently graduated, wish to move there in order to get better opportunities of successful employment for the company of their choice. Also, people leave Korea since they might be disappointed with how the country's economy develops and how low the level of life in the country is.

New York is considered to be one of the world's fashion capitals. Young designers, as well as any people involved in fashion, go to this city, looking forward to the opportunity of becoming famous one day, or at least becoming engaged in the fashion industry. Art is also highly developed in the US, and New York in particular. When two countries are compared, it is obvious that even when the students graduate with honors in Korea, their chances of gaining world success and acknowledgement are very low if they decide to stay and work in Korea. Therefore, fashion and arts students seek for the greater opportunities of employment and self-development in the US. New York is the particular place where they can meet the arts and fashion celebrities live and establish business relationships with them for the future.

2. Los Angeles is located on the West coast of the US, and geographically, it offers the best opportunities for the Korean immigrants to travel in that direction. Moreover, it is known as a multinational city with opportunities for people of different origins to develop and get involved in the American culture, being able to preserve their own cultural background. This is the major reason why so many Korean immigrants choose this city.

The main problem of the immigrants who came to America and failed to succeed here is that they come without a definite life goal, i.e. they are just leaving Korea and go to the US without a definite knowledge of what they will do in this country. Most of such people leave their home country without knowledge of English, and in case they do not learn it immediately upon arrival, they cannot be accepted by the society in general and local community in particular since the English-speaking society becomes isolated for them.

Immigrants from Korea sometimes share similar dreams with the international students. However, international students usually have a primary goal of earning a degree in the United States, while Korean immigrants are usually more concerned with getting accommodations settled in the first place, finding a decent, high-paid job and then they might consider getting education in the US college or university. Once immigrants are settled, they try to find a better job, and then they realize that US education is a necessary constituent for accomplishing this goal. They start applying to different universities, looking for the best option that fits them the most. Immigrants who moved to the US do everything possible and necessary for successful adaptation to living in this country. The situation with students is slightly different, as they already have a choice of either returning home, possessing US education or finding a job in the US and staying there for the rest of their life. This way many international students gradually become immigrants, but they are better prepared to living in the United States.