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First time posting here, a bit nervous.

I am 100% Mexican immigrant brought here by my parents when I was 15 years old. The years we lived in fear of being deported, discriminated, and alienated were almost unbearable and do not wish that upon anyone. It took my parents over 20 years to become citizens and I had to go through high school and college with the uncertainty of not knowing what would be of my life after school. Paid thousands of dollars in out of country tuition, immigration forms, lawyers, and still took an absurd amount of time and money. I am an immigrant, my family is immigrant, I speak Spanish and English and my kids are first generation Mexican/Salvadoran Americans. I love my origins and I love my beautiful Mexico, but I also love my country, OUR country. The country that gave me the greatest gift possible, the ability to be whomever I want to be.

I fully and wholeheartedly support the movement and the rising need to remind our country that it was founded by immigrants. I was not able to participate in person today because above all, I was taught to be a responsible adult and I am grateful to have a decent job. However, I am supporting in other ways, by raising my voice and opinion whenever possible and sharing information and peacefully and respectfully protesting when possible.

Be kind...you don't know the hell the other person is going through.

Love is love