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AMERICA'S NATIONAL IDEALS ENRICHED
THROUGH IMMIGRANT CONTRIBUTIONS

A PEOPLE, like an individual, needs conscious and dominant ideals to evoke its powers, to integrate its efforts and to sustain it against lethargy, illusion and gusts of temporary emotions. A people should therefore be constantly striving to perceive its broadest concept of human purpose and define what its true ideals are, in order to press successfully toward the realization of its aim. The ideals of the American people must have first consideration in our national development if we are to vindicate not alone our own faith, but the faith of all humanity struggling upward toward a higher plane of human relations, human consciousness and human virtues. Our ideals must be broad and sufficiently embracing to blend and bring to consummate flower the ideals of every constituent part of our nation. Every ideal of every ingredient part of our people must be made an integral part of the American ideals as a whole. In the unfolding of our national ideals no contribution is too insignificant to permit us to overlook its importance. Every immigrant branch of the assimilable races and nationalities admitted to coordinated membership in the American nation, which have contributed their share in wresting America from the wilderness;—transformed its prairies and woodland into fields and orchards dotted with homes, mined its minerals and coal, constructed its railroads and highways, built its churches and schools, followed its flag in the face of death and offered their lives that America might live,—should be recognized for the individual, racial and national ideals, which they have transplanted in the American soil, indestructible assets to America's material and spiritual wealth.

Those who thoughtlessly repudiate recognition of these immigrant qualities from every source, repudiate America's history, repudiate themselves and their parents, repudiate America's democracy, repudiate the American constitution and repudiate America!

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