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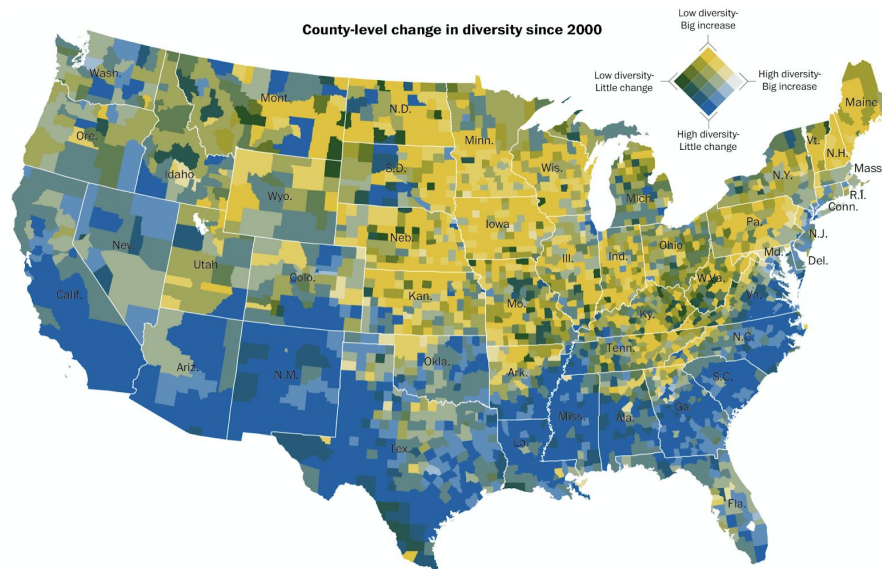
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America Is Not Living Up To Its Core Values

Never before, in U.S. history has a President actively dismantled core American beliefs, caged and separated immigrants from their families, and denied science, going so far as to gag scientists from the CDC in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. When America's founding fathers came to America, they fought a war for independence from Britain, developed a constitution, and a new way of government to lead the country. America has worked long, and hard to get where it is and recently everything has come crashing down. In the Constitution, made by America's founding fathers, America is supposed to be diverse and innovative, currently America is not living up to these standards.

America is currently not living up to its core value of being diverse. President Trump is the main problem, as he announced on his Twitter page, “....Sorry, can’t let them into our Country. If too crowded, tell them not to come to USA, and tell the Dems to fix the Loopholes - Problem Solved!” America was born off of immigration, and eliminating it is the exact opposite of what is good for America. If America rejects immigrants, many hard working and valued members of our society would not be here today. America thrives off of diversity and it is a necessary part of America. The map below shows the results of a study done in 2014, displaying how most of the world is already diverse, and if not, diversity is low but it is increasing (Keating and Karklis). Trump’s attempt to ban immigrants from coming to America will decrease diversity and hurt the economy significantly. Eliminating immigrants from America is the

complete opposite of what the founding fathers would have wanted.



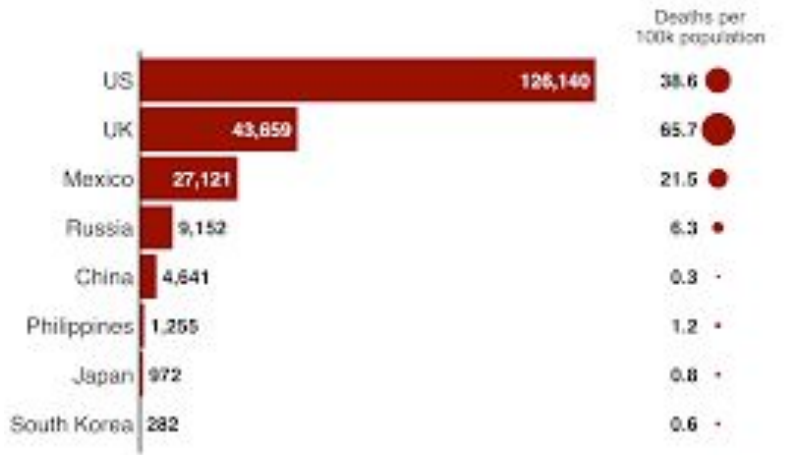
America is currently not living up its core value of being innovative. Trump has rejected science, resulting in him not taking COVID-19 seriously from its beginning, causing COVID-19 to become out of hand. Now close to 200,000 Americans have died and, according to CNBC, in response to this Trump stated, “They are dying. That’s true, and — it is what it is” (Breuninger). America, as the leader of the free world, is also supposed to be innovative and intelligent on science and technological advances but Trump has set us back decades. In order to insure the safety of Americans, Trump needs to mandate that masks be worn in all public locations, ban all large gatherings, and stop cutting funding to organizations that are trying to conduct testing or find a vaccine. If America were living up to its innovative standards, we would be able to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the national death rates would be much lower. Trump's actions are negatively changing the life of all Americans today.

Without diversity and innovation America is not living up to its founding father’s ideals and beliefs. Americas founding fathers started from nothing and fought for everything we have

today, but we are currently letting them down. Americans need to make a change because our democracy is in jeopardy and, if Trump is reelected in 2020, America and everything it has stood for could vanish forever.



Countries by coronavirus deaths



Source: Johns Hopkins University, data to 30 June

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