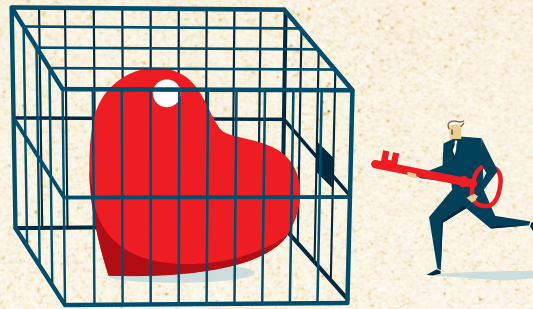


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Undocumented people usually don't have a lawyer.



63% don't have legal representation in their deportation cases



86% don't have legal representation if they're already in detention

ONE FIX TO AN UNFAIR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM CATCHING ON

Before deportation, undocumented people have the right to an immigration court hearing. Because it is a civil matter rather than criminal, a lawyer is not provided. Most immigrants, often with English as a second language, are left to face complex proceedings on their own. New York City began a pilot immigration public defender system in 2013. This April, New York state allocated \$10 million to create the Liberty Defense Project fund, making it the first in the nation to ensure legal representation for immigrants. *Here's why that's an easy start to fixing a broken system.*

263,372 IMMIGRANTS APPLIED FOR RELIEF FROM DEPORTATION (2007-2012)



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Immigrants with lawyers fare better.

Of the 52% who won relief from deportation:

50% had counsel

2% had no counsel

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Lawyers are costly, and there aren't enough volunteers.



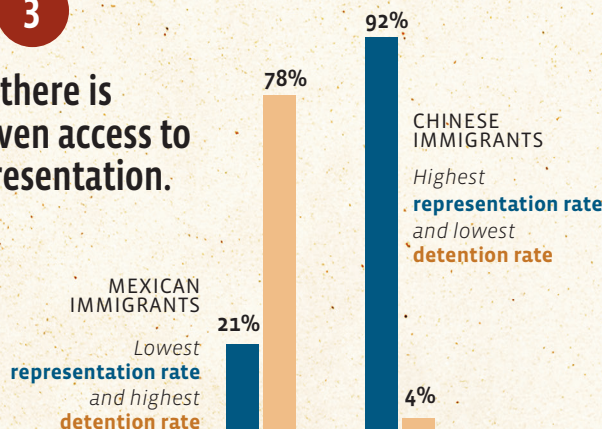
IMMIGRANTS IN DETENTION

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more likely to be released in custody hearings if they had lawyers: 44% with lawyers vs. 11% with none

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But there is uneven access to representation.



2%

of immigrants receive pro bono counsel

