## **Immigration Story: Alexandra Habib**

[00:00:00] Good morning, everyone. My name is Alexandra Habib in this opportunity. I want to share with everyone, my immigration story. Um,

[00:00:27] My question. Is why are the most common reasons for women's immigrating to [the] United States of America? And we [are] having like a few factors, the first we have in push factors and these things that push people out of the place. For example, Eh Drought or famine, political revolutions, wars, religion, safety, economic struggles,

[00:01:00] and the pull factors.

[00:01:01] We [are] having things that attract people to a place. For example, a employment, religious freedom, political freedom, new life and opportunities. This is one of the, like the example[s]. Why is[are] the factors on women looking to immigrate to [the] United States? We're having some statistic[s] here, and we saw in the last years, eh, they[immigration] increased and we saw[see], eh, numbers [from] 50 years ago men immigrated more [than] women, but right now, we are almost the same, 50% of international immigrants are male and 48% are females.

[00:01:49] It's like a little bit almost the same. And what is the countries or the population by country or our foreign in 2018.

[00:02:00] We're having these eh, statistics, what is[are] the places more women immigrate to the United States, first Mexico. The second place is India, [followed by] China, Philippines, Vietnam, Salvador, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Korea, Colombian, and others.

[00:02:20] This is like an example in percent[age]. Eh, what is the places or countries that more [immigrants] have in United State, uh, about my history. Um, my name is Alexandra Habib. I'm from Lima, Peru. And I've been living here in United States since 2018. And the reason that I'm here is because I moved for safety and financial freedom.

[00:02:50] I think America, eh, we [are] having more opportunities and also, we have safety of freedom than

[00:03:00] [in] Peru. I want to share my personal experience. One day, when I went to work, that morning, around 9:00 AM, I have like, uh, uh, an accident

and two people came in two motorcycles and tried stopped my car, eh, then, stole everything, [and took] me away from the car, and took my car. And in[at] this moment I was like, so afraid that something could pass[happen] to me.

[00:03:42] And this is why I'm looking, um, uh, safety by myself because I feel like these things wouldn't pass[happen] everywhere, right? But in Peru a lot of these things then you can see every day. Some [00:04:00] more women feel like in the fence, we don't have the security or safety anymore. Um, in conclusion, eh, millions of women suffer daily. So, for these reasons, we need to raise awareness in our society. Immigration is often seen as social problem, but we should take into account the elements and situation for each person. So, thank you so much for your attention. If you have any question or comments.