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Swearing-in Ceremony for New Citizens
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Here at this ceremony we have men and women, young and old, who have decided to leave their place of birth -- notwithstanding emotional ties, family roots, ancestral bonds -- to declare themselves citizens of the United States of America. This is something I believe one does not take lightly, to leave one's homeland and loved ones. It would be very difficult to remain unimpressed by such courage and commitment.

This ceremony loudly proclaims a message for those willing to listen. Why have these men and women selected the United States to be their new home? Why not France or Poland, India or Indonesia, Soviet Russia or the Peoples Republic of China? Why the U.S.?

The advantages of being an American should be obvious. Regardless of our many faults, and we do have many faults, our country is considered by most to be the best country in the world, the land of opportunity, the land of freedom, the land of good will. You who have paid the price and endured sacrifices in the struggle for citizenship understand and appreciate this better, perhaps, than most Americans.

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