Using Storytelling as a Tool to Educate, Empower, and Build Empathy Across Difference

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Asians Projected to Become the Largest Immigrant Group, Surpassing Hispanics

% of immigrant population

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What Does Google Image Search PROVIDE for the word IMMIGRANT?
Narrative 1:
Someone a long time ago…
Narrative 2:
Immigration Reform & Border Control
Narrative 3:
Rags to riches super-star
Narrative 4:
PEOPLE In need of ASSISTANCE

HELP A REFUGEE TODAY
Narrative 5: Global migration crisis/ Syria/ISIS
Why can personal narrative connect with people in a way that “facts” can’t?
Our Mission Statement

Green Card Voices utilizes digital storytelling to share personal narratives of America’s immigrants, fostering a better understanding between the immigrant and non-immigrant populations.
## What We Do with Digital Stories

### Facebook
- Shareable content
- Interactive posts
- Open conversation

### Twitter
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### Website = digital storytelling portal
- Shareable content
- Categorized content
  - E-classroom
  - Student-centered

### YouTube Channel
- Video-sharing ability
- Video comments
- Search engine, tags

### Books
- First-person narrative
- Classroom resource
- Links to digital stories

### Exhibits
- Traveling banners
- Community focus
- Interactive learning
350 stories from 100 countries

- 50 stories recorded in 2013 (NY, MN)
- 60 stories recorded in 2014 (CA, MN)
- 70 stories recorded in 2015 (MN, Willmar)
- 60 stories recorded in 2016 (Faribault; Central Minnesota; Fargo, ND)
- 60 stories recorded in 2017 (St. Paul, Atlanta)
Percentage of residents who consider immigrants a burden to the United States

Urban Residents: 16% consider immigrants a burden

Rural Residents: 42% consider immigrants a burden

Green Card Youth Voices book series
Angel Henriquez (El Salvador)

Student in MCTC, getting degree in Social Work.
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(Yemen)

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Wendy Saint Felix (Haiti)

Air Force cadet, student at St. Thomas University.
Muhend Abakar (South Sudan)

Student at NDSU getting a degree in Mechanical Engineering.
Card game: STORY STITCH

- We’ve created first person video narratives, produced books, exhibits and curricula, and host many in person storytelling panels and book readings.

- While we knew it was important to reframe immigration narratives with authentic first-person stories of immigrants and refugees, we also knew that it was important to deepen the conversation.
Card game: STORY STITCH

- Co-creation lead by Green Card Voices; created by and for diverse and inclusive community

- 55 color laminated cards (poker size deck)
Card game: STORY STITCH
THANK YOU