

Filipinos are global citizens. They are open to learning about the world, exploring it - and opening themselves up to it. The latter is influenced largely by their concept of "pakikipagkapwa" - the latter means caring and looking out for other people and their matters in a neighbourly way. In addition to that, Filipinos are adaptable as a people. They adjust whenever needed and still put on a happy face, despite times of hardship.

These qualities help them when they settle and immigrate to other countries. All over the world, they have built up communities that offer warmth and support to their fellow Filipinos.

However, the question to ask is: what forces and factors make Philippine immigration so successful?

Economics

First, [Philippine immigration](#) has always been largely motivated by economic reasons. Filipino breadwinners want to provide more for their families, and some are pragmatic that they cannot earn enough within their home country. This pattern is attributed to the 1970s when Filipino labour was an economic force that propelled the economy forward. However, due to poverty, low wages, and the lack of opportunities in rural areas of the country, some have resorted to leaving the country to seek more work opportunities to provide for their families.

Another economic reason for Philippine immigration is the better economic conditions abroad. While some become OFWs, others have opted to immigrate fully to other countries because there are better economic opportunities for them long term.

Although these forces are still at play, another consideration nowadays is that due to the Internet and remote working opportunities, some Filipinos in rural areas have found more reasons to stay and work while looking after their families' needs.

Politics

The turbulent politics of the Philippines are another reason. In light of the 2022 elections, many Filipino netizens have often voiced their sentiments about migrating to another country. Politics in the Philippines has consistently been characterized as punitive and corrupt. In the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index reported by [Transparency International](#), the Philippines ranked the 116 least corrupt nation out of 180 countries.

During the previous decade, especially the latter half of the 2010s, the war on drugs became a safety concern - especially for Filipinos from the lower class.

In other aspects of politics where the Philippines is concerned, one notable political and civil issue is the issue of same-sex marriage. In other countries, such as Spain and the United States of America, same-sex marriage is legal. Meanwhile, the Philippines is still stuck debating the SOGIE Bill and same-sex marriage, despite the former and latter being a great aid to queer Filipino citizens.

As a result, it is no surprise that queer Filipinos have immigrated abroad to get married.

Greener Pastures

Ever since the economic downturn of the Philippines in the 1970s, Philippine immigration has been ongoing. Most of the reasons behind Philippine immigration are fueled by a desire to provide families with an overall better future - and quality of life.

Wrapping Up

Filipinos are among the most spread out people on the globe, due to their history and reasons fueled by economics, especially during the 1970s. The motivation behind the phenomenon is because of a desire to enjoy a better quality of life - one that they can live freely and safely in.

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