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Does the 14th Amendment really help achieve the American Dream?

The 14th Amendment helps millions of Americans each year by establishing birthright citizenship and equal protection under the law. The American Dream is the belief that anyone, no matter where they come from or who their parents are, can achieve success through effort and determination. For example, Bruno Mars, an American singer-songwriter, producer, and performer, benefited from the 14th Amendment, which ensured his citizenship at birth ([wikipedia.com](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bruno_Mars)). By granting citizenship based on the 'right of the soil,' the amendment guarantees that all people born in the U.S. have the opportunity to pursue their dreams, regardless of their background or immigration status ([constitutioncenter.org](https://www.constitutioncenter.org)).

Before the 14th Amendment, we didn't really have the rule of law because not everyone had equal rights. For example, Dred Scott V. Sandford was a case where Dred Scott didn't get the equal right to have citizenship, because he was an African American ([archives.gov](https://www.archives.gov)). The court denied him protection because he was not fully American. The 14th Amendment changed this by making everyone born on American land automatically a citizen.

The 14th amendment is like the cherry on top, it is the finishing piece for the American Dream by making every person born on American land citizens. If you are born on American soil then you are automatically granted your freedoms, rights, and privileges given to you by the Constitution. Thanks to the 14th amendment, the American dream became possible for millions of people from all backgrounds.

In addition to the rule of law the 14th amendment protected individuals from their rights being violated. This helps ensure that hard work and talent matter more than ethnic background, making the American Dream accessible to more people than ever before.

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