

How to Read the 14th Amendment with regards to who is a Citizen of the United States of America

Within the paper several terms will be used to distinguish between different groups of people. This is important since these groups are distinct from each other even though they are often treated the same.

Immigrant An immigrant is a person who asked for and received permission to enter and stay permanently in the United States or has entered the United States as a result of some else being granted permission to bring the person into the United States for the person to enter and stay in the United States

Illegal Alien An illegal alien is a person who has entered and is staying in the United States without permission or has been brought into and is staying in the United States without permission.

Visitor A visitor is a person who has been granted permission to enter and stay in the United for a limited period of time for the purpose of visiting. Or has been brought into the United States with permission for the purpose of visiting.

Amendment 14, Section 1 establishes who is a citizen along with the naturalization laws authorized under Article 1, Section 8, Paragraph 4, and Article 1, Section 9, Paragraph 1.

Amendment 14, Section 1, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 states

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.”

Over the years most people have accepted the false premise that if one is just born in the United States who are a citizen of the United States. This is incorrect. The clause

“and subject to the jurisdiction thereof”

and its meaning has been ignored. Many people read this clause as referring to the criminal justice system but the topic of the sentence is “who is a citizen”. One way to help understand this distinction is to consider the following items.

Is Amanda Knox who was convicted of murder of her roommate in Italy in 2009 a citizen of Italy? She is subject to Italy's criminal just system. But she is not a citizen of Italy.

All children born or adopted by parents and under the control of the parents, are part of the parents' immediate family.

Now some of you might notice the similarity of the 2nd example with the Amendment 14, Section 1, Paragraph 1. That is intended in order to aid in the understanding of the meaning. A neighbor's child is not a member your family. They may be under your authority at certain times but you do not have “dominion” over the child and they are not

actually part of your family.

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Some one can not make a child a part of your family. You have to accept the child as part of your family or give birth to or father the child. The same concept applies here and has historically been part of citizenship for a countries. You have to be accepted as a citizen or member of the country.

When one replaces certain words of the Amendment 14, Section 1, Paragraph 1 with the appropriate meanings of the words in the sentence you get the following

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and ***being under dominion, rule, or authority, as of a sovereign, state, or some governing power; owing allegiance or obedience*** [subject] to the ***United States*** [jurisdiction] ***of that or it*** [thereof], are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.

How does one become a subject? As with a family you have to be accepted. You can not just move in a say you are a member of the family. In the case of citizenship you have to asked to be accepted. **And you have to be accepted.**

As a result this means that illegal aliens and children born to illegal aliens are not citizens or immigrants. An illegal alien is an invader. They are also subjects of the country where the illegal alien is from and children born to an illegal alien mother is a subject of the country where the illegal alien mother is from. An illegal alien is ***being under dominion, rule, or authority, as of a sovereign, state, or some governing power; owing allegiance or obedience*** of the home country.

The same applies to visitors A child born to woman who is visiting the US is as with an illegal alien a subject of her home country.

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People change the topic of the sentence to criminal instead of citizenship. An illegal alien or visitor can be drafted for instance. Think under the dominion of the State. Illegal aliens and visitors are under the dominion of the country they hold their citizenship. When one immigrates, i.e. ask for and receives permission to enter and stay in a country, they become under the dominion of that state. In particular the correct definition of the word 'subject' can be found at

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