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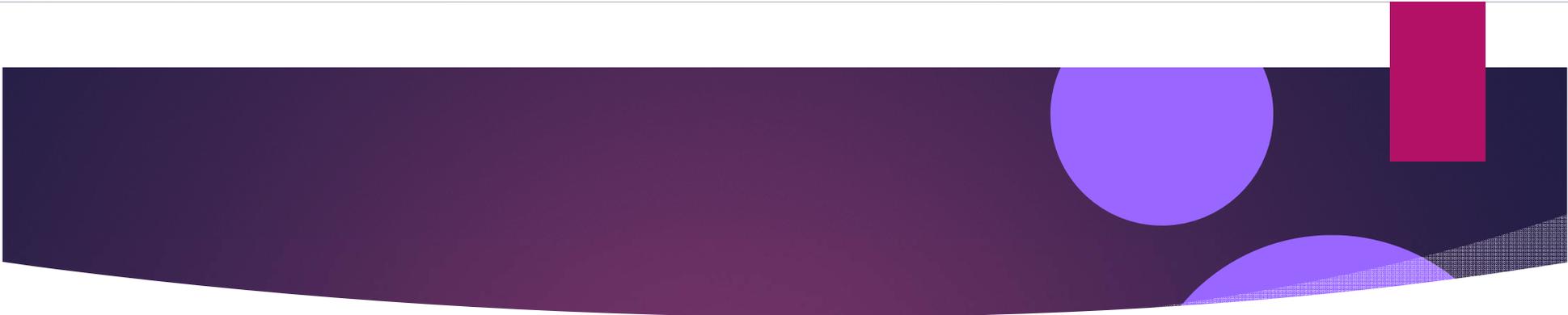
Searching for the American Dream

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Who are undocumented?

- ▶ Most do come from the South (Mexico)
- ▶ There are also some from:
 - ▶ Central America,
 - ▶ Asia,
 - ▶ Africa,
 - ▶ Canada,
 - ▶ Europe and South America

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- ▶ “...people are looking for better jobs, better economic opportunities—for themselves and their families—and our immigration enforcement just isn’t tough enough to stop them; so, here they are,”

-Ryo

Reasons Latinos migrate

- ❖ Financially secured future
 - ❖ Education
 - ❖ Start of a series



Techniques

- ▶ Fake green card
- ▶ Walk through a desert along U.S-Mexico border for 1-7 days
- ▶ Pay for a guide called coyotes or polleros



Deaths from crossing the border

- ▶ In 2000, the Border Patrol captured 1,636,883 Mexican Citizens trying to cross the U.S. border illegally.
- ▶ the number of border- crossing deaths rose 27 percent from 375 deaths in 2011 to 477 in 2012, the Second- highest number in over a decade
- ▶ 2008, Border Patrol intercepted 8, 041 unsupervised minors of all nationalities, and by 2012, that number skyrocketed to 24,481.



Myth and Fact

▶ **MYTH:**

Undocumented workers are stealing low-wage jobs that Americans need.

▶ **FACT:**

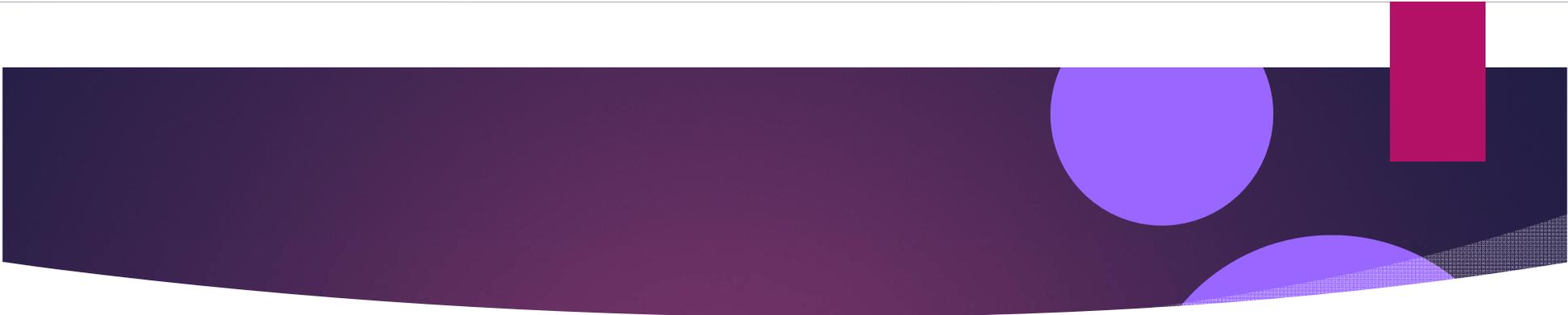
there is evidence that immigrants actually create jobs.

▶ the efforts of a single farm worker supports three jobs in the surrounding economy - equipment, processing, insurance, farm lending --that would otherwise disappear. (Republican U.S. Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio, cited in the Wall Street Journal)



And they do those jobs not because they want to take away anything from America, but because they want to give their skills, their sweat, their labor, for a better life and to help build a better America, just as those who came before them.

(Luis Gutierrez)



Immigrants take advantage of social services

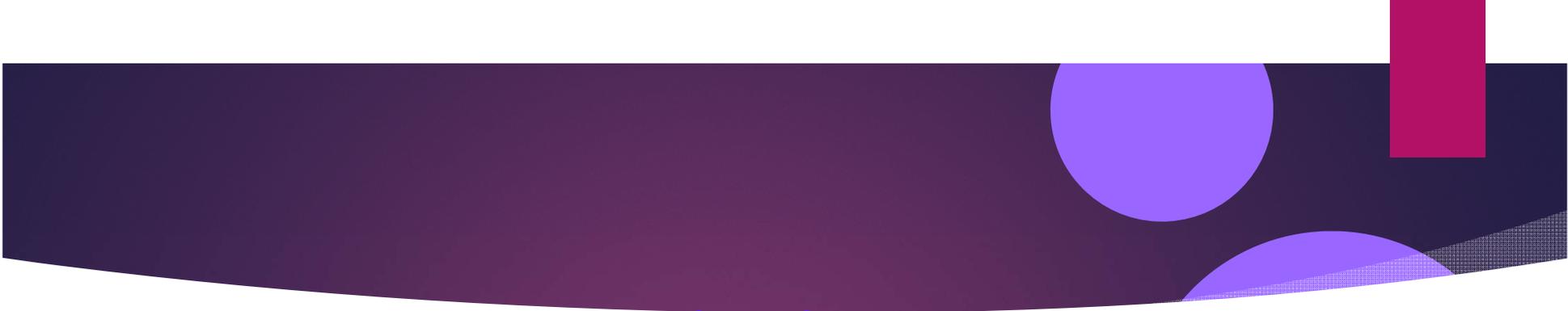
- ▶ Undocumented residents cannot receive any help.
- ▶ They can ask for help for their children if their children are citizens or legal residence. Without a social security number they cannot receive help nor can they take advantage of it.



Undocumented should be able to granted legal residency

- ▶ "We have to deal with the 11 million individuals who are here illegally. We all agree that these men and women should have to earn their way to citizenship. But for comprehensive immigration reform to work, it must be clear from the outset that there is a pathway to citizenship. We've got to lay out a path — a process that includes passing a background check, paying taxes, paying a penalty, learning English, and then going to the back of the line, behind all the folks who are trying to come here legally. That's only fair."

-----Barack Obama

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