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## How Immigrants Give American Companies a Powerful Boost Against Chinese Rivals

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The **ongoing trade war** is the most visible front in America's struggle with China for **global influence**. Oddly, it may be immigration policy, as much as tariffs and trade deals, that determines which country prevails.

That's because American competitiveness in foreign markets is a key battlefield in the struggle. And while the U.S. has long been **the leading source** of foreign investment in developing countries, China has emerged as an increasingly assertive player. With its **Belt and Road Initiative**, China is using investment as **a tool to extend its political influence** throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America.