

# Courageous Conversations

Jose Antonio Vargas

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## “Define American: My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant”

Immigration, a highly polarized and powerful issue.

Jose Antonio Vargas was born in the Philippines and sent by his mother to live in the U.S. with his grandparents when he was 12. His essay in the *New York Times Magazine* (June 2011) disclosed his story, “My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant,” stunning the media and political circles and attracting worldwide coverage.

A Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and activist, Vargas has written for some of the most prestigious news organizations in the country which include *The New Yorker*, *the Huffington Post*, and *the Washington Post*. He has received esteemed recognition for work by the 2010 Tribeca Film Festival and also appeared on programs such as CNN, ABC News, and PBS NewsHour.

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