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## **Empowering Immigrants Through “Immigrant Success Planning”:**

### **Former Afghan Refugee Shares His Advice & Story of Success**

***August 1980- Atta Arghandiwal landed in Germany as a refugee from war-torn Afghanistan. At the Schoneck refugee camp he decided one day to organize a group, with at least one member from each family in the camp, to work together to identify and navigate through their most pressing challenges as refugees.***

34 years later, after immigrating to the US and building a 28 year career there to become vice president of a major bank, Arghandiwal continues this work. The lessons of those 6 months at Schoneck, during which Arghandiwal learned to move through his fear of the unknown, set the foundation for his later successes in the US and guide his current efforts to help refugees and immigrants today.

Through his newly released book ***Immigrant Success Planning*** and through a series of free **Online Seminars** to directly answer questions by immigrants, Arghandiwal aims to create a hub for resources that immigrants anywhere can access easily.

During the Online Seminars, Arghandiwal will be sharing his first-hand advice on a range of topics from managing finances, to finding the right schools for children, to job search strategies and starting your own business. Immigrants and newcomers will also have the chance to directly submit questions to Arghandiwal.

Questions may include: How can I find the right schools for my children? How can I create a basic financial plan for my family? What do I need to know in order to navigate the health care system? How do I prepare for a successful job interview? What are the steps I need to take to become a US or Canadian citizen?

**\*Registration for Free Online Seminars at: [attamoves@gmail.com](mailto:attamoves@gmail.com)**

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#### **About Atta:**

**Atta Arghandiwal** was born in Afghanistan but left shortly after the Soviet invasion and became a refugee in Germany. Two weeks after his arrival in the US, he started work as a bank teller, and built a successful twenty-eight year career, eventually being promoted to senior vice president. He is the author of the award-winning memoir *Lost Decency: The Untold Afghan Story* and lives in Northern California with his wife and two children.