

Famous Naturalized U.S. Citizens

Throughout our history, people have immigrated to the United States to pursue the American Dream. Many have chosen to fully integrate into American civic and political life and become U.S. citizens. Below is a list of some famous naturalized U.S. citizens:

Madeleine Albright, diplomat
Czech Republic

Isabel Allende, writer
Chile

Pamela Anderson, actor
Canada

Hannah Arendt, philosopher
Germany

Desi Arnaz, actor/musician
Cuba

Isaac Asimov, author
Russia

Dan Aykroyd, actor
Canada

Mischa Barton, actress
England

Mikhail Baryshnikov, dancer
Russia

Felix Bloch, physicist
Switzerland

Pierce Brosnan, actor
Ireland

Zbigniew Brzezinski, diplomat
Poland

Mother Cabrini, saint
Italy

Frank Capra, film director
Italy

Jim Carrey, actor
Canada

Oleg Cassini, fashion designer
France

Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor
Taiwan

Claudette Colbert, actress
France

Nadia Comaneci, gymnast
Romania

Willem de Kooning, artist
the Netherlands

Dinesh D'Souza, writer
India

Albert Einstein, scientist
Germany

Patrick Ewing, athlete
Jamaica

Sergei Fedorov, athlete
Russia

Enrico Fermi, scientist
Italy

Errol Flynn, actor
Australia

Peter Frampton, musician
England

Diane von Furstenberg, fashion designer
Belgium

Greta Garbo, actress
Sweden

Samuel Gompers, labor union leader
England

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor
Scotland

Jennifer Granholm, governor
Canada

Cary Grant, actor
England

Wayne Gretzky, athlete
Canada

Salma Hayek, actress
Mexico

Alfred Hitchcock, director
England

Bob Hope, entertainer
England

Anthony Hopkins, actor
Wales

Khaled Hosseini, author
Afghanistan

Djimon Hounsou, actor
Benin

Arianna Huffington, author
Greece

Iman, model
Somalia

Peter Jennings, journalist
Canada

Henry Kissinger, diplomat
Germany

Peter Lawford, actor
England

Ivan Lendl, athlete
Czech Republic

Guy Lombardo, bandleader
Canada

Béla Lugosi, actor
Hungary

Dave Matthews, singer
South Africa

John Muir, preservationist
Scotland

Dikembe Mutombo, athlete
Congo

Vladimir Nabokov, writer
Russia

Thomas Nast, cartoonist
Germany

Martina Navratilova, athlete
Czech Republic

Yoko Ono, artist
Japan

I.M. Pei, architect
China

Wolfgang Puck, chef
Austria

Albert Pujols, athlete
Dominican Republic

Anthony Quinn, actor
Mexico

Ayn Rand, author
Russia

Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer
Russia

Ciro Rodriguez, congressman
Mexico

Mark Rothko, artist
Latvia

Arnold Schwarzenegger, governor
Austria

John Shalikashvili, military
Georgia

Siegfried and Roy, entertainers
Germany

Gene Simmons, musician
Israel

Annika Sorenstam, athlete
Sweden

Sammy Sosa, athlete
Dominican Republic

Henry Steinway, piano maker
Germany

Paul Tillich, theologian
Germany

Johnny Weissmuller, athlete/actor
Romania

Elie Wiesel, writer
Romania

Ruth Westheimer, sex therapist
Germany