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**[Rita Sostrin, Feb. 28, 2018](#)** - "The Winter Olympics are over, and with it, the attendant hype and hope. In taking stock of the United States' perceived lackluster performance in Pyeongchang, viewers and readers were barraged with stories and images of unfulfilled expectations, reeling disappointments, and broken dreams. Yet beyond the erratic winds of South Korea that seemingly carried away our nation's chances at Olympic medals, there was a cloud with a silver lining: immigrants whose unrelenting drive and ambition inspired millions and left indelible memories in the chronicle of American sport.

It is said that there is nothing worse than finishing fourth in the Olympics—just out of medal contention. That is exactly what the U.S. did in the overall medal count by country, trailing behind Norway, Germany, and Canada. It was America's worst performance since the Winter Olympics of Nagano, Japan 20 years ago. And yet, just imagine how much worse the U.S. would've have performed—and how much less captivating these Games would have been—without the presence of Olympic athletes and coaches who are immigrants or descended from immigrants.

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