It’s described as being a part of a third-class membership of society because one, I'm a Latino; two, I’m undocumented; and three, I’m gay.

As a nation of immigrants, the United States is home to people from all across the world, from all walks of life. There are at least 267,000 people living in the United States today who are both undocumented, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. But because they live at the intersection of two marginalized groups, they are among society’s most vulnerable. These are some of their stories.

When I was in high school, I started dating and my uncle found a picture of me and my friend just hugging, but then he reacted that we were gay, lesbians, whatever—and that he was gonna beat me up.

I guess it’s sinking in that, you know, I’m now undocumented, LGBT, and it’s like, what’s next?

I was not the same as my peers, and I didn’t fully understand what it meant to be undocumented, but I knew that there was some part of my identity that I had to hide. And throughout elementary school that only became compounded by the fact that my attractions—like I thought to myself like oh this is so odd, I have these attractions that no one else seems to be having—and I had to come to terms with my identity of being gay as well.

It turns all into a lie and then feeling like a failure because of my status of being undocumented—not being able to go to school, not even being able to drive, not being able to do anything—so it was a moment of where you feel like you’re worth nothing; basically you’re dirt on the ground.

This is about recognizing the humanity in each and all of us. Not just LGBT binational couples, not just LGBT dreamers, but the entire community—our entire family.

We’re all humans, and we deserve the same rights. Even if our color is not the same, our actions, our words, our language, accent, where we come from and everything—you know, we have to fight for something, which is equality and justice.

Immigrant rights are LGBT rights to me, and both communities, it’s something that they really need to step up for so that they can really protect each other and advance our communities as one community.

Look, we’re all humans. We deserve rights like that. Why should we be treated differently? Besides I’m thinking in my mind, I keep thinking, I keep telling myself, America, this is a very progressive country, and you want to be a leader in leading a lot of things. Why not this too?

An immigration reform bill that includes a road map to earned citizenship is and should be a critical priority for equality for LGBT Americans. Visit out4citizenship.org, sign our pledge, and please fight for immigration reform for all undocumented Americans.