



# Harvey Law Group Launches the Global Ancestry Index: A Groundbreaking Resource for Ancestral Citizenship

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Harvey Law Group](#) (HLG), a leading multinational law firm with over 32 years of expertise in immigration and business law, is proud to announce the launch of the [Global Ancestry Index](#). This innovative platform aims to enhance accessibility and understanding of [citizenship by ancestry](#) (CBA) programs worldwide, empowering individuals to navigate the complexities of immigration law.

The Global Ancestry Index is the culmination of HLG's extensive experience in immigration programs across 197 recognized countries. The Index evaluates ancestral citizenship programs based on six critical factors: ease of qualification, ease of application, openness of government, accountability of government, mobility strength, and recognition of dual citizenship. By utilizing a comprehensive scoring system, the Index provides a transparent and structured framework for comparing the relative strengths of various citizenship programs, enabling users to make informed decisions.

"Ancestry-based citizenship is often an overlooked pathway to nationality," said Mr. Jean-Francois Harvey, Global Managing Partner at HLG. "With the Global Ancestry Index, we aim to simplify the process and provide essential insights to individuals seeking to reconnect with their roots. Our commitment to transparency and accessibility is at the heart of this initiative."

## Significance and Utility of the Global Ancestry Index

The Global Ancestry Index serves several vital functions that empower the public's understanding of citizenship by ancestry. At its core, the Index ranks countries based on their citizenship policies, simplifying the often-complex process of exploring these options. For those with roots in multiple nations, this clarity enables informed decision-making, allowing them to reconnect with their heritage more effectively.

Moreover, the Index promotes global recognition of ancestry citizenship and encourages healthy competition among nations. By evaluating various citizenship programs, it motivates countries to enhance their policies, ensuring they remain both competitive and accessible. This drive for improvement ultimately benefits individuals seeking citizenship.

The Index also serves as a crucial resource for researchers, policymakers, and organizations focused on migration and heritage issues, offering valuable insights into trends and best

practices. This aids in formulating more effective immigration policies that address the needs of diverse populations.

Furthermore, the Index aims to raise awareness about individuals' rights to reclaim citizenship based on their ancestry. By fostering discussions around ancestry citizenship, it underscores the importance of recognizing the rights of descendants and encourages broader engagement with cultural heritage.

### Interesting Insights

During the development of the Global Ancestry Index, several fascinating insights came to light. One significant finding is that nearly 80% of the evaluated countries permit dual citizenship. This statistic underscores a growing trend toward inclusivity in nationality laws, which not only benefits individuals seeking to reconnect with their roots but also strengthens global connections among nations. By allowing dual citizenship, countries are fostering a more interconnected world where heritage and identity can flourish.

Additionally, data reveals that there is a notable shift in the recognition of historical injustices faced by marginalized groups throughout history. In response to this awareness, some European Union (EU) countries, such as Austria, Romania, and Spain, have taken proactive steps to establish pathways for descendants of persecuted individuals to reclaim their citizenship. This initiative acknowledges past wrongs and cultivates a sense of belonging for those whose ancestors have been affected by historical injustices, reinforcing the importance of heritage in shaping identity today.

The data also indicates that countries with higher scores on the Index typically have streamlined application processes and increased government transparency. This emphasis on efficiency and openness significantly improves the applicant experience, making it easier for individuals to navigate the citizenship process.

### Top Rankings and Comparative Analysis

The Global Ancestry Index has unveiled intriguing insights into the top countries for citizenship by ancestry, highlighting their distinct strengths and appeal. Ireland tops the list with a score of 553, reflecting its commitment to simplifying the citizenship process for those with Irish heritage. Its clear information and efficient online application system make it an inviting destination for individuals eager to reconnect with their roots.

Australia and New Zealand follow closely behind, each with a noteworthy score of 527. Although citizenship by ancestry is primarily available to individuals with Australian and New Zealand parents, both countries' streamlined application processes and strong passports greatly enhance their attraction. With extensive global mobility, both Australia and New Zealand's passport allows individuals to explore their heritage while enjoying the advantages of a powerful travel document.

In third place, Belgium, Canada, Luxembourg, and Norway secure a score of 513. Belgium and

Luxembourg are particularly recognized for their commitment to government transparency and accountability, which fosters public trust and engagement in their citizenship by ancestry application processes.

Canada stands out by simplifying the citizenship journey for applicants. Specifically, individuals seeking ancestral citizenship in Canada are not required to have foreign documents apostilled or legalized. This streamlined approach significantly alleviates bureaucratic hurdles, making the process more accessible for those with ties to Canada.

In contrast, Norway is noted for the strength of its passport, which offers successful ancestral citizenship applicants substantial global mobility. Norwegian passport holders enjoy visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 175 destinations worldwide, facilitating international travel and opportunities. This mobility is a vital aspect of citizenship, allowing Norwegians to engage more freely on the global stage.

#### A Call to Action

"Understanding the nuances of citizenship by ancestry programs is crucial for individuals making life-changing decisions," emphasized Ms. Polly Ho, Associate at HLG. "Our Index not only serves as a guide for applicants but also highlights areas where countries can improve their policies to better serve their diaspora. We encourage individuals to utilize this resource and engage with their heritage." The launch of the Global Ancestry Index represents a significant advancement in the field of immigration law. As individuals increasingly seek to explore their heritage and the opportunities it presents, HLG is proud to lead the way in making ancestral citizenship more accessible and transparent.

For more information about the Global Ancestry Index, please visit <https://globalancestryindex.org> or contact HLG at [contact@harveylawcorporation.com](mailto:contact@harveylawcorporation.com).

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