

PRO OPENING STATEMENT.

Introduction:

When the comprehensive immigration reform bill failed to pass the Senate in the summer of 2007, many members and observers of Congress predicted that there would be no significant action or debate on immigration until after the presidential election of 2008. Their predictions now appear to have been on target, but unfortunately it is three years later and we still have no significant reform on the issue of immigration.

There is currently more than ten million undocumented immigrants in the United States and the issue of illegal immigration continues to divide Americans. Defined, illegal immigration is a situation where *Undocumented/unauthorized entrants: These are nationals of one state who enter another state clandestinely. Most such entrants cross land borders, but sea routes are also employed regularly, and wherever inspection regimes are permeable, so are air routes. In all instances, the entrant manages to avoid detection and hence, inspection...*

Demetrios G. Papademetriou, PhD, Director of the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), in a Sep. 1, 2005 Migration Policy Institute essay entitled "The Global Struggle with Illegal Migration:

<http://immigration.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=000756>

On the other hand legal immigration defined is a situation in which *"Immigrants are persons admitted as legal permanent residents (LPRs) of the United States. The conditions for the admission of immigrants are much more stringent than nonimmigrants, and many fewer immigrants than nonimmigrants are admitted. Once admitted, however, immigrants are subject to few restrictions; for example, they may accept and change employment, and may apply for U.S. citizenship through the naturalization process, generally after 5 years.*

Some people say that illegal immigration benefits the US economy through additional tax revenue, expansion of the low-cost labor pool, and increased money in circulation. They contend that immigrants bring good values, have motivations consistent with the American dream, perform jobs that Americans won't take, and that opposition to immigration stems from racism.

Opponents of illegal immigration say that aliens who break the law by crossing the US border without proper documentation or by overstaying their visas should be deported and not rewarded with a path to citizenship and access to social services. They argue that illegal aliens are criminals and social and economic burdens to law-abiding, tax-paying Americans.

Polls are often divided on the immigration question but overall Americans want something to be done with our immigration issue.

Resolution:

AFFIRMATIVE: BE IT RESOLVED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CREATE AN AMNESTY PROGRAM WHICH WILL HELP ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS MOVE TOWARDS CITIZENSHIP WHICH WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ILLEGALS AND WILL HELP STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY.

In this debate we will provide proof that AN amnesty program would help to stem the tide of illegal immigration by allowing people to come out of the shadows and move towards citizenship. There coming forward will have some penalty but we will show that the positives of coming forward will out weigh the negatives.

Additionally we show that the United States has benefited from illegal immigration economically and that it is impossible to capture all of over ten million illegal immigrants, therefore any legislation promoting border patrol needs to be accompanied by a program which includes serious penalties for employers that hire undocumented workers and allows for millions of hard

working people to get basic human rights which they are currently denied because of their undocumented status.

CON SIDE OPENING STATEMENT

Ladies and gentlemen you have heard the pro side's definition of illegal immigration which include various criminals acts in coming to America, continued criminal actions after getting into the country and the cost both monetarily and socially on the United States.

Resolution: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT CREATE AN AMNESTY PROGRAM AND SHOULD EXHAUST ALL EFFORTS TO ROUND UP ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND DEPORT THEM BECAUSE THEY HAVE CAUSED AN ECONOMIC BURDEN ON THE UNITED STATES.

We will provide evidence that the establishment of an amnesty program for illegal immigrants rewards illegal behavior even if there are penalties which is unfair to those who obey the law and go through regulatory and administrative requirements to enter the country legally.

Additionally, we will show that the statements regarding our supposed inability to capture illegal immigrants is false and there are some simple methods we can enact which rid the country of this blight on our society.

Economically, we will show the net fiscal cost of illegal immigrations is in the billions each year with most government expenditures coming from state and local coffers. Despite the fact most taxes paid by immigrants go the federal treasury, the net deficit is caused by a low level of tax payments by immigrants because they are mostly low skilled and thus earn low wages. Their economic situation places extreme pressure on governmental social services.

Finally, we will discuss various ways to secure our borders including the enforcement of current laws against illegal immigration.

THE BEST ARGUMENT POINTS FOR AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Deportation is not easy.

How do we locate, apprehend and return to their countries of origin over 11 million people.

Regain loss revenue by having people who are illegal becoming legal to work and pay their fair share of taxes which affect everything from health care to education.

Amnesty will lead to greater laws to which will enforce penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens and will help to establish better human rights for the undocumented.

THE BEST ARGUMENT POINTS FOR NOT ESTABLISHING AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Amnesty is bad policy and sends the message that immigrants are better off breaking our laws rather than respecting them. It sends a message that our immigration laws cannot be enforced so we are giving in to people who are breaking the law.

Securing our borders should be our number one goal and not amnesty. Get rid of all subsidies which help illegal immigration including welfare, food stamps, health care, free public school education, social security bilingual education etc.. This cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year. If there are no freebies then they won't come here. This would also include the birthright law which should not be extended to illegal immigrants.

Establish a sound guest worker program and establish a better system which would enable people who legally come to the United States to get their citizenship.

Establish laws which would make it legal to ask immigrants their status when they try to get American services. If they are not legal, then deport them.

Yes amnesty would help those who are already here illegally but we will still have border issue and amnesty programs often don't address our border safety.

THE BEST ARGUMENTS FOR HOW: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION BENEFITS THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY.

1. Show proof that undocumented workers contribute more to public coffers in taxes than they cost in social services.
2. Show how illegal immigrants help our economy through their investments and consumption of goods and services.
3. Show documentation which would provide evidence that many illegal immigrants come when they are young who tend not to collect social security or Medicare for many years even while paying into the systems with payroll taxes. *) In fact, illegal immigrants do not get federal welfare benefits of any kind. At the same time they often pay income tax (through paycheck withholdings) and sales tax, thereby helping directly or indirectly to underwrite transportation, health care, education and other services.*
4. Show evidence that illegal immigration often is more of a benefit to employers who can fill their jobs with American citizens because of the low wages.

THE BEST ARGUMENTS FOR HOW: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION DOES NOT BENEFIT THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY.

1. Provide evidence to show that despite while most taxes paid by immigrants goes to the federal treasury, there is still a deficit because of their low skill level and thus they earn low wages which results in a higher rate of consumption of government services.
 - a. Poverty
 - b. High fertility rates.
 - c. Education
 - d. Criminal justice
 - e. emergency medical care.
2. Provide evidence to show how the American taxpayer foots the bill for many of these services.
3. Show evidence that there is a percentage of our prison population which is illegal which cost American taxpayers significantly.

THE BEST ARGUMENTS FOR DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

1. Provide evidence that illegal immigration is a national security threat and should be treated as terrorism which the Department of Homeland Security should exhaust all efforts to remove this menace.
 - a. Use intelligence information to gather documentation on possible illegals through various channels including public services.

THE BEST ARGUMENTS FOR NOT DEPORTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

1. Provide evidence that the cost of deporting illegal immigrants would be astronomical and is not feasible.
2. Provide evidence to show how deportation disrupts families.
3. Provide evidence on how massive deportation would weaken the economy.

THE BEST ARGUMENTS FOR BORDER PATROL TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

1. Provide evidence that border fencing would be worth the cost and show how new technologies would aid in border safety.
2. Review the current illegal immigration laws and provide evidence to show how they could be enforced better.
3. Provide evidence on how the armed forces could be supplement our border safety the same way they are deployed overseas in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

THE BEST ARGUMENTS AGAINST BORDER PATROL TO CATCH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS COMING INTO THE UNITED STATES

1. Provide evidence that the business community wants these people here
So border safety must include a greater guest worker program.
2. Provide evidence that border safety might be more effective on a state rather than a federal level as what is now being tried in Arizona.
3. Provide evidence that cost of a fence would be unfeasible in our present debt ridden society.

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