

# Immigration and a Secure Border

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As many of you know, I am not a fan of building a wall on our Southern border. That being said, I'm not for open borders either and I'm definitely not for unsecured borders. I believe our borders are sovereign and I firmly believe we should know exactly who is in our Country.

The reason I am not for a border wall is because I have seen with my own eyes the Berlin wall and the Eastern Bloc border. I have spoken with people that were on the other side of those walls and fences. I have spoken with families that were separated by those items.

Everyone wants to point at walls as something we need to stop people from entering without realizing that the wall will stop only those few people that have no real desire to "break the law". The people that want a wall point to those places that have put them up and then post a statistic on how much it has helped. What they fail to state is that in most cases it had nothing to do with a wall, but rather, it was the presence of force that stopped their entry. The people that built the wall used the threat of force (mostly deadly force) to back up their previous action of building a wall.

There are several reasons that I don't want a wall. One of them, as I said previously, is because I have seen how an authoritarian regime used it to imprison their people. Will that happen here in the US? I can only hope that it doesn't. Nonetheless, I don't want to give them that opportunity here in the US. Another reason is that we have become a knee jerk society and jump into something because we want to do something now or because we happen to like the person pressing the issue. Unfortunately, it is usually inefficient and almost always ineffective. In the case of a wall it will not rectify the problem because it won't address the underlying issues of why the illegal aliens are coming here.

In another post, a person whose opinion I respect, asked me what my plan would be and encouraged me to express them in a post. So, these are my thoughts and opinions on how we should begin to deal with the illegal alien issues in the US.

Please, keep in mind that I am not an authority on this subject; this is pretty much off the cuff if you will.

### **Step 1 - Enforce current employment laws**

When you start a new job, the employer is required by law to verify your birth certificate, social security number, and marriage license.

It's obvious this isn't happening because the illegal aliens are working somewhere. So, let's start by auditing all employers. We give them 30 days to verify current employees are legal. If they have not done the I-9 verification within that time, they get fined. This starts another 30 day cycle; if they haven't verified, they get fined again and an onsite audit is initiated.

If illegals are found or identified on the premises of a business, then their identity is identified through due process and the deportation process is started. If there are more than 10% that are illegal, then the owner, head of HR, and financial officer should be prosecuted.

### **Step 2 - Schools and staff**

If a school district, teacher, superintendent, guidance counselor, and etc. are found to be harboring known illegal aliens, they should be prosecuted and the school should be put under audit. All students should be verified to have legal status.

If there are multiple students found to be illegal or without proper identification, then due process will kick in. It will also identify the school district for a State audit. Until the audit is completed all federal funds are halted.

If the school district refuses to conduct an investigation and report the findings, their funding is immediately halted.

The State Board of Education would be instructed to conduct an audit of all Districts. If the State or County refuses to comply, all federal funds are halted. (*Obviously, if the Dept. of Education did not exist and federal funds were not provided for education, then this wouldn't be possible or probably even necessary.*)

### **Step 3 - Gov't agencies, public employees, and non-governmental organizations (including elected representatives)**

If a gov't agency or public employee is knowingly providing services or harboring illegal aliens, they should be prosecuted. If the Agency personnel knew of this action and did not report it, then all at the agency should be terminated and face criminal prosecution. The funding for that agency should be evaluated and cut or eliminated.

For NGO's that receives public money; their funds should be eliminated immediately and the organization should be banned from any future funding. For organizations not funded using public funds the organization should lose any tax free status and should be immediately audited to determine whether there should be criminal charges and to determine where the money came from. That person(s) should be prosecuted.

If the Attorney General knew of these actions and did nothing, they should be forced to resign and/or face prosecution. If a State Attorney General or the local Sheriff knows and does nothing, they should be forced to resign or face recall.

The local Sheriff needs to be encouraged to do their sworn duty to protect and defend the Constitution.

### **Step 4 - Criminals and gangs**

If a gang member or known criminal element is known or suspected of being illegal, then due process should determine their citizenship status. Once their citizenship is determined they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

This punishment would be up to and including the death penalty if warranted. Once punishment has been finalized they should be deported immediately. Punishment should not be such that they come out stronger and more able. They should not try to be rehabilitated. They are here illegally and no public funds should be used to educate them.

### **Step 5 - Hospitals, healthcare providers, healthcare professionals, healthcare insurance companies**

If a health care provider knowingly harbors or treats illegal aliens without reporting them, that person should be fined or prosecuted. If it was known by the employer, then all federal funds should be withheld from that institution. There should be an audit of all expenditures and treatments to determine if there has been a normal practice of providing treatment and whether public funds were used. If public funds were used, the establishment should be fined, and the controllers and upper Executives should be fined or prosecuted.

I realize that doctors and healthcare professionals take an oath to help the sick and afflicted. However, since they condone abortion, prescription drugs, and the other things that happen in their industry, I think we can honestly say that until we start getting this issue rectified then their medical care should at least be recorded.

This is a multifaceted issue and it will need to be dealt with on multiple fronts for it to get rectified.

### **Step 6 - Citizens**

If citizens are found to be harboring known illegal aliens, they should be fined first and then prosecuted.

This is a delicate step because so many of us are Christians and want to help those in need. That being said, we have to know who is in our Country. That is what makes us a sovereign Country.

If a person feels so compelled to help, they can always step up and sponsor someone that wants to enter our Country with the hope of becoming a citizen. As a sponsor, they are responsible for this person. If the person breaks the law, needs medical care, needs food, needs shelter and etc. the sponsor is on the hook.

I will touch on this later, but I don't believe in anchor babies or birthright citizenship.

### **Step 7 - Welfare, social services**

Welfare, food stamps, housing, electric and the other social and economic programs are unconstitutional and any federal funds going to illegal aliens or government or non-governmental agencies for these purposes should be halted immediately.

As in Step 3, if an agency, public employee, or an elected representative knows of illegal activity (harboring or providing services to illegal aliens) they should be fined or prosecuted.

This step, along with Step 1 (enforcing current employment law), would go a long way toward reducing the illegal alien problem in this Country.

### **Step 8 - Illegal aliens**

They should be deported. This is another delicate step because in many cases the people that are here have been here for many years. In many cases, they left their home Country for a better life. After being here for such a long time, many of them, in all actuality, are probably better Americans than those of us that are natural born citizens.

As I said in another area, I do not believe in anchor babies or birthright citizenship.

The 14th Amendment was never meant to infer that people who came from another country and had a child here, it would grant them US citizenship. This is easily understood if you read the notes from those that wrote it and the comments made in Congressional records as it was being debated on the floor.

The founders and framers studied the works of Emmerich de Vattel and he wrote extensively on citizenship and what involved being a citizen. They knew that the citizenship of a child followed that of the father/parents. Since this is the original intent, then children born here of illegal aliens are not citizens. I know many of you will jump on this last statement and try to disregard this step. Regardless of that, we should be deporting them.

Although I do not support blanket amnesty, I think some concessions could be made for some illegal aliens on a case by case basis. For example, those having been here for 20 years, not been in trouble, and have been working to support their families with no government assistance may deserve a chance to come out from the shadows. Another case might be those that had children and those children are now grown. If the

children are willing to support the parents (housing, food, medical, retirement) then a concession could be made. Once again, I don't have all the answers and don't want to be heartless.

All these things could be done immediately. If the feds won't implement them, then States should start them. We don't need a wall for them. Once these things are done illegals will no longer seek entry because they would have no means to exist.

### **Step 9 - Immigration visas, work visas, education and travel visas, green cards**

This step should have probably been included with enforcing employment laws. However, it is a different issue.

The entire visa program needs to be revamped. There has been so much partisanship integrated into it that the entire process should be rewritten.

It takes entirely too long for immigration visas to be processed. So long in fact, in many cases, the sponsor must start the process from the beginning (including paying the fee again) because it expired. That is utterly ridiculous and completely unfair. This is especially egregious in the case of a husband and wife, or underage children of a married couple.

The work visa program must be fixed. The corporations have lobbied government and have been allowed to bring in foreign workers that are taking jobs that Americans should be holding. If corporations can't find qualified people in the US they should start an internship program through the school system and train people for the position(s) they need to fill. The problem is they don't want to spend the money for that. They would rather pay a cheaper wage for foreign workers.

We need to watch those people that come here on travel visas and education visas. Too often once the visa expires they are still here.

For those people that are living here legally on a green card they should be monitored to make sure they are living up to the requirements of that privilege.

If those that are here on a visa or a green card break the law or act in a way detrimental to the US or our way of life, their privileges should be revoked after they go through due process and then prosecuted and/or deported.

### **Step 10 - Abolish unconstitutional federal agencies**

Abolish all federal agencies that deal with social programs and turn them over to the various States to run, or not, as they see fit. The feds could continue funding them for 1 year. At which point the States would have to fund them. They would have one year to determine what level of current service they could/would fund.

This is obviously the hardest one to deal with since we have become accustomed to government supplied socialist welfare programs. Unfortunately, this is also the most important. We need to end the hold that the federal government has over us. If the people in California want to fund housing, electricity, and etc., then the people in that State should fund it.

We need to remember that we have a personal responsibility to take care of ourselves. Yes, this means that we also need to take care of our parents, relatives, orphans, widows, and elderly. It isn't the responsibility of the government to take care of us. Sure, absolutely, there will be those that need assistance outside of our personal abilities, but, there are a lot of people living off "the system" and that needs to change!

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