



Why does Trump plan to give citizenship to illegal immigrants over legal immigrants?

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Actually, I am very sympathetic to the premise of your question. With that said, there are several reasons for that.

1. He is not trying to give legal status to illegal immigrants. He is trying to give status to young adults who had been brought here by their parents when the now young adults were of tender age and made no decision of their own to come to the USA. Hence they violated no law and at the same time, the USA is the only country they know and call their own. After all, they were raised here since childhood.
2. Since over 60% of the American public support some form of legalization to these individuals, it appears impractical to ever deport them unless they had committed a crime and became deportable in criminal grounds.
3. Because they are not deportable in all practicality - it is unlikely that any President would have the political will to deport these young adults who had been raised in the USA keeping them here with no immigration status and no normalcy would, in my opinion, tantamount to slavery.
4. Why? Because after DACA lapses, they cannot work - no work authorization; they cannot study, as without work they would have no money to pay for education; they are not eligible for federal student aid either so this is out of the question. The list can be long. The most important problem is that they can be placed in deportation process at any moment upon ICE's whim and without any way of protecting themselves.
5. Many of them cannot take any regular immigration avenues because they are not in a valid nonimmigrant status to seek adjustment of status. Many would not fall into a narrow exception to this rule carved out by the statute to immediate relatives of US citizens - spouses, children and parents of US citizens. It is so because many of DREAMERs were never admitted into the USA - their parents brought them illegally via the border.
6. A typical Conservative argument that "no one should be awarded for having violated US immigration laws" should not apply here either since these young adults did not come here on their own volition or asked their parents to smuggle them into the USA. Thus, they violated no law and deserve no punishment.

Why does the Democrat Argument that a "clean" DREAMER law should be enacted fails?

"Clean" DREAMER act means that a law legalizing these young adults should not be attached to any other precondition and should be enacted without another other issues attached.

Here is why, in my opinion, such action would not be wise:

1. First, it would enshrine continuation of the incentive for people to continue violating our borders.
2. It would insure we are back to square one with millions of illegal immigrants in the USA in a few years. A situation, which will never end unless we make it very difficult for people to violate our borders or overstay their welcome when they come to the USA as visitors or other nonimmigrants.
3. It would not close the loophole of DV lottery, which allows immigrant visas to

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4. There are many other considerations to support the contention that some kind of a bipartisan compromise and not a stand-alone DREAM Act should be enacted. Previous President had two years in the beginning of his term when his party controlled both houses and the presidency and he did not move on "clean" DREAM Act when he could. I think for the most part, it is because such move requires some bipartisan approach, which is highly unlikely in the political climate of the last twenty years. A compromise bill would at least try to resolve this problem to some extent.

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