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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION and the RULE of LAW A CALL to ACTION

Today the American Party®, the only modern Party, announced a policy framework to resolve the issues of illegal immigration and the status of those in DACA. Our policy proposals, based on national security and the rule of law, are firm but compassionate and include:

- Creation of a Regional Migration Cooperation Authority with Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador to limit the flow of immigrants northward and compassionately receive and integrate persons within their native countries.
- Removing all incentives for illegal immigration to the U.S.
- Firm enforcement of U.S. immigration law and gradual deportation of illegal immigrants.

BACKGROUND

We advocate for gradually ending the presence of undocumented persons in the U.S., while implementing a reformed, merit-based legal immigration system that will provide U.S. businesses with the skilled labor that it needs.

Today, the two unprincipled parties are the problem. They battle for power, but collude with their media allies to polarize the electorate so it has only two choices in elections. The results are huge deficit spending, ineffective policies and a broken immigration system.

The Democratic Party seeks to protect illegal immigrants because it wants the political power that would accrue if large numbers of illegal immigrants gain citizenship. A study in 2013 by Pew Research showed that of those illegal immigrants who support a Party, 54% favored Democrats while only 19% favored Republicans.¹ Any thoughts that the Democratic Party is acting on the grounds of human rights, morality or social justice must be dispelled by the fact that for generations it has condoned widespread poverty in African-American and Native American communities. We must realize that the Democratic Party has become a dead end; an organization incapable of unleashing strong economic growth, substantially reducing income inequality or even maintaining the social safety net as it exists today.

The traditional Republican Party has been co-opted into a strange, irrational and inconsistent entity that has abandoned the conservative and moderate values like “law and order” and “fiscal discipline” that it once held sacred. We would think that the GOP would have learned from the failure of the Simpson-Mazzoli Act in 1986, which gave amnesty to 3M persons. It hasn’t. It now proposes to betray its promises to American citizens by giving a pathway to citizenship to another 1.8M illegal immigrants.

Both parties have been unable to write legal immigration policy that matches the economy’s need for immigrant labor, and there is no indication that they are able to do so today.

IMMIGRATION and the RULE OF LAW

America was founded not just as an idea, but as a nation with distinct borders and requirements for citizenship that have existed since the Naturalization Act of 1790. The Federal Government has broad power over the subject of immigration and the status of aliens. Illegal entry into the U.S. is a violation of Federal law, 8 U.S. Code § 1325. Once here, aliens are required to register with the Federal Government and to carry proof of status on their person.² See §§1301–1306. Failure to do so is a federal misdemeanor. §§1304(e), 1306(a). Individuals who do not have lawful status or who have violated their status may be subject to civil deportation (a.k.a., removal) proceedings by U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement.

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<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/07/22/are-unauthorized-immigrants-overwhelmingly-democrats/>

²<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/11pdf/11-182.pdf> p.4

Currently, many law enforcement agencies in so-called “sanctuary cities” ignore ICE detainer orders as part of their municipal policies that protect undocumented immigrants. While this issue is being litigated, we urge ICE to clean and complete the databases that it uses to determine if probable cause exists to issue an ICE detainer. We urge the Federal Government to continue litigating issues with ICE detainers so that there is much more conformity as to the obligations and policies of local law enforcement when ICE detainers are received.

REMOVE the INCENTIVES for ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The American Party holds that removing incentives is the rational first step in reining in illegal immigration. Our framework includes: (1) Mandatory use of E-Verify in all 50 States, (2) Denying a pathway for U.S. citizenship to illegal immigrants and (3) Gradual phase-in but ongoing deportation of illegal immigrants. Today, only about 764,000 out of 18 million U.S. businesses participate in E-Verify.

LEGALIZE DACA ENROLLEES

DACA enrollees should be given renewable legal status. 79% of Dreamers have Mexican parents who illegally crossed the border. We cannot justify the deportation of DACA members (Dreamers) who personally have not committed crimes. Neither can we justify giving Dreamers a path to U.S. citizenship. This would be unfair to U.S. citizens, millions of whom waited in line to immigrate legally. Congress should give 3-year renewable legal status to DACA enrollees, with the stipulation that violations of the law are cause for deportation.

GRADUALLY DEPORT OTHER UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS

Many undocumented persons are mistreated and exploited while in the U.S. A survey by the National Employment Law Project found that 76% of undocumented immigrants have worked without being paid and 37% received less than minimum wage.³ We do not believe that maintaining an underclass of undocumented persons is humane. A small number will violate the law, and we have seen far too many U.S. citizens and police officers killed.

³<http://www.nelp.org/content/uploads/2015/03/BrokenLawsReport2009.pdf>

We advocate for a gradual, phased-in deportation process that prioritizes criminal offenders and recent arrivals. Employers should be given time to bring their workforces into compliance with E-Verify without disruption. Undocumented persons who have lived in the U.S. for many years should be given time to legalize their status, apply for asylum or emigrate.

GUEST WORKER PROGRAM

A comprehensive Guest Worker Program is required to support U.S. farming, and we will work with the American Farm Bureau Federation and other industry groups for this purpose.

SECURE OUR BORDERS

The Southern and Northern Borders must be secured with some combination of a physical wall and virtual wall to include drones, cameras and sensors. This is necessary to prevent potential terrorists from entering the U.S. as well as to interdict drug and human smuggling.

REGIONAL MIGRATION COOPERATION AUTHORITY

The U.S. cannot permanently resolve this problem by patrolling at the border to apprehend illegal immigrants as it now does. U.S. Customs and Border Protection makes 900+ apprehensions and seizes about 9,000 pounds of illegal drugs each day.

We would create a Regional Migration Cooperation Authority with Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to develop and implement strategies to discourage and eliminate the desire for migration to the U.S. The root causes are lack of jobs, crime and the beliefs that amnesty and work is available in the U.S. We believe this would create an opportunity for the U.S. to offer law enforcement, economic, healthcare and entrepreneurial services to these cooperating nations. We believe that the USG needs to begin making money by providing services to other nations, rather than sending foreign aid year after year.

We want other nations to partner, support and prefer trade with the U.S., and one good way of building that trust is to aid in their development.

If you care about America's future, you belong with us. Take a Stand.

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