



Immigration and the 2016 Elections

Introduction

This election cycle, the media's focus, and thus most Americans, has been primarily on immigration and the stark differences between Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton and Republican candidate Donald Trump. While Americans rank this issue as very important and high within their top priorities, it is important to note that they do not consider it their sole determining factor in their choice for President. In a [Gallup Poll](#) taken in February 2016, both Republicans and Democrats ranked their top priorities as terrorism and national security, the economy, employment and jobs, and healthcare. The [Pew Research Center](#) poll conducted in July mirrored this with the economy, terrorism, foreign policy and healthcare as the top four issues of concern; immigration was 6th after gun policy. Immigration, Pew found, is very important to 77 percent of Republican and Republican-leaning voters and 65 percent to Democrat and Democrat leaning voters.

The 2016 Presidential race is significantly different from the last several Presidential elections. While most Americans are engaged in this year's Presidential race between Trump and Clinton, the overall satisfaction with the choice of Presidential candidates is at its lowest point in two decades. In a March 15, 2016 [survey](#) by the Purdue Institute for Civic Communication (PICC), in partnership with The Hill, C-SPAN, and the polling firm Penn Schoen Berland, more

than half of Americans said they were dissatisfied or embarrassed when they looked at the 2016 Presidential candidates.

This sentiment was echoed in a [Pew Research Center](#) poll conducted on July 7, 2016 which found that fewer than half of the registered voters say that they are satisfied with their Presidential choices. That same poll also found that roughly 4 out of 10 people indicated that it was difficult to choose between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton because neither would make a good President. Despite their overall dissatisfaction with the candidates, 80 percent of the registered voters said they had given a lot of thought to this election compared to 67 percent from four years ago.

In another sign of voter discontent this election cycle, many Trump and Clinton supporters view their vote for their candidate not as a vote of support for the candidate's ideas but rather as a vote against the opposing candidate.

The Vice Presidential candidates, Indiana's Republican Governor Mike Pence and Virginia Democratic Senator Tim Kaine, have improved the likeability of the Presidential candidates. Likewise, Pence has provided comfort to the Republican base on the issues since Trump is a "newcomer" to the political arena.

Presidency

The contest for the Presidency is focused on the battleground states since the majority of states, like California for Clinton and Texas for Trump, are already long decided. The battleground states for 2016 are Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Four of these battleground states--North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia-- account for 66 electoral votes or 24 percent of the 270 votes needed to win. These “swing” states have flipped from one party to the other several times and the candidates are essentially tied with polling numbers within the margin of error.

Furthermore, many of these battleground states have a significant immigrant population who are very engaged on the immigration issue. They are acutely aware of the positions delineated by Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Both candidates have made their immigration plans a critical component of their campaigns.

U.S. House of Representatives

The Republicans control the House with 247 seats compared to 188 Democrat ones. All pundits predict Republicans will keep at least 218 House seats to maintain control but their numerical margins are likely to be decreased. If there is a Democrat-controlled Senate and Hillary Clinton is elected President, it will be up to the House to stop comprehensive immigration reform. This is what happened when the Gang of Eight bill passed the Senate in 2013. Unlike last time, however, Speaker Ryan is more favorable to bringing up a comprehensive immigration reform bill than his predecessor so it may be much harder to defeat this time. Also, if the bill is brought to the House within the first 100 days, Members of Congress may be more willing to pass it because they will still be in that “honeymoon” period with the new administration where they are more willing to work towards the President’s agenda.

U.S. Senate

The current breakdown in the Senate is 54 Republicans, 44 Democrats, and 2 Independents (who caucus with the Democrats). This year's election cycle will be challenging for Republicans with 24 seats up for reelection compared to only 10 Democratic ones. Thus, Democrats need to flip 5 seats to take control of the Senate. Alternatively, Democrats need to gain only 4 seats if Hillary Clinton wins the Presidency because Tim Kaine, as Vice President, would break a tie. Regardless of which party controls the Senate, if Clinton wins, comprehensive immigration reform would likely come to the Senate floor for a vote within the first 100 days. Likewise, while Trump has not specified his timeframe to push immigration reform, he would likely act quickly to undo President Obama's executive actions on immigration.

In states where both the Presidency and the Senate are too close to call, Senate candidates are trying to link their opponents to their Presidential candidate's immigration policy. This is particularly true in Arizona and Nevada which have a lot of Hispanic voters and in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and North Carolina where large swaths of the electorate oppose both Clinton's and Trump's immigration policies.

In Pennsylvania and New Hampshire particularly, Republican Senators Pat Toomey and Kelly Ayotte are trying to separate themselves from Donald Trump who is running behind Hillary Clinton in the polls. Rather than focus on "building a wall" in a non-border state, Toomey has preferred to focus his immigration strategy on sanctuary cities like Philadelphia that shelter criminal aliens and make communities dangerous for Americans.

Democratic candidate Catherine Cortez Masto has used every opportunity to tie Donald Trump and Republican candidate Joe Heck together in the Senate race in Nevada to replace retiring

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid. Despite the high number of Hispanics in Nevada, Joe Heck has said that he embraces Trump's policies and he is working with both the Trump campaign and the Republican National Committee on statewide efforts to get out the vote. At this point, it appears Nevada is the only state where Republicans have a legitimate opportunity to pick a Democrat seat.

After the Supreme Court tie in *U.S. v. Texas*, many Democratic Senate contenders claimed as part of their immigration strategy that the Republican incumbent was "not doing their job" because the Senate refused to confirm Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court. They argued that families, as a result of that decision, are "under a shadow of deportation" and could be broken up because there was a Supreme Court vacancy that wasn't filled – ignoring the fact that if Justice Scalia had not passed away, there was a good chance that the ruling would have been 5-4 determining that President Obama actions were unconstitutional in granting de facto amnesty to almost 5 million Americans. The only states where the Garland nomination has appeared to gain any traction are Arizona, New Hampshire, and Iowa. Patty Judge has been very vocal about filling the court vacancy in her campaign against Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, who controls whether or not a nominee receives committee consideration.

Also playing a role in this election cycle is outside funds that would normally go to Presidential candidates. Because both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are unfavorable to their bases for different reasons, many of the Senate candidates are benefitting from heavier spending than normal. It remains to be determined how this will ultimately impact the election and which party will control the Senate next Congress.

Presidential Candidate Positions on Immigration



Donald Trump (R)

AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	NATIONAL SECURITY	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
As part of his 10-point immigration plan which Donald Trump announced on August 31, he disavowed blanket legalization of the illegal alien population. “There will be no amnesty,” he declared. “Our message to the world would be this: You cannot obtain legal status or become a citizen of the United States by illegally entering our country.” “We will break the cycle of amnesty and illegal immigration.”	In his plan, Trump notes that “the influx of foreign workers holds down salaries, keeps unemployment high, and makes it difficult for poor and working class Americans – including immigrants themselves and their children – to earn a middle class wage.” Trump calls for a “pause” in the issuance of green cards during which “employers will have to hire from the domestic pool of unemployed immigrant and native workers.” According to Trump, “this will help reverse women’s plummeting workplace participation rate, grow wages, and allow record immigration levels to subside to more moderate historical averages.” Trump would also increase the prevailing wage for H-1B visas to “force companies to give coveted entry-level jobs to the existing domestic pool of unemployed native and immigrant workers in the U.S., instead of flying in cheaper workers from overseas.” He would also institute a requirement for companies to hire American workers first, as “many visas, like the H-1B, have no such requirement.” Finally, he vows to end birthright citizenship, welfare abuse by legal immigrants, and the J-1 visa jobs program for foreign youth. The J-1 visa program would then be “replaced with a resume bank for inner city youth.” While his plan takes a tough-stance against legal immigration, Trump – who has admitted to using the H-1B program as an employer – continues to waver. “I’m changing. I’m changing. We need highly skilled people in this country, and if we can’t do it, we’ll get them in,” he said in a debate last March. “I’m softening the position because we have to have talented people in this country.”	Weeks after the deadly terrorist attacks in Paris last November, Trump called for a complete shutdown of Muslim noncitizens entering the United States. Trump stated, “Until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses, our country cannot be the victims of horrendous attacks by people that believe only in Jihad, and have no sense of reason or respect for human life.” However, Trump has since pivoted away from a blanket ban on Muslims to a new policy of stopping immigration “from any nation that has been compromised by terrorism.” He has also specifically addressed the need to stop admitting Syrian refugees into the country, stating “We don’t know who they are. They have no documentation and we don’t know what they’re planning.”	The first core principle of Trump’s plan is to build a wall along the U.S. southern border, supposedly to be paid for by Mexico because “they are responsible for this [border security] problem, and they must help pay to clean it up.” Until Mexico pays for the wall, a Trump administration would seek to “impound all remittance payments derived from illegal wages, increase visa fees for Mexican CEOs and diplomats, increase fees for border crossing cards, increase fees for NAFTA worker visas, and increase fees at ports of entry to the U.S. from Mexico.” It is worth noting that Mexico’s president has said that his country would not cooperate with Trump’s plan	As part of his 10-point immigration plan on August 31, Trump said, “In a Trump administration all immigration laws will be enforced.” “Anyone who has entered the United States illegally is subject to deportation. That is what it means to have a country.” “As with any law enforcement activity, we will set priorities. But unlike this administration, no one will be immune or exempt from enforcement.” Specifically, Trump explained that within Immigration and Customs Enforcement, he is “going to create a new special deportation task force focused on identifying and quickly removing the most dangerous criminal illegal immigrants in America.” “We will ensure that other countries will take back their people when we order them deported.” Trump would also end the harmful “catch-and-release” policy. To protect American lives, he would seek to defund dangerous sanctuary city jurisdictions by “cutting off federal grants to any city which refuses to cooperate with federal law enforcement.” Regarding workplace enforcement, Trump would institute nationwide E-Verify to “protect jobs for unemployed Americans.” Finally, he would institute enhanced penalties for overstaying a visa and ensure completion of a visa tracking system.	According to Trump, “the costs [of illegal immigration] for the United States have been extraordinary: U.S. taxpayers have been asked to pick up hundreds of billions in healthcare costs, housing costs, education costs, welfare costs, etc.” In his plan, Trump stresses the importance of a border wall in reducing the financial burden of illegal immigration on taxpayers. “The cost of building a permanent border wall pales mightily in comparison to what American taxpayers spend every single year on dealing with the fallout of illegal immigration on their communities, schools and unemployment offices,” he says. Trump goes on to say that he will readily “accept the recommendation of the Inspector General for Tax Administration and eliminating tax credit payments” to illegal aliens. Additionally, Trump pledges to end welfare abuse by legal immigrants, requiring them “to certify that they can pay for their own housing, healthcare, and other needs before coming to the U.S.”

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<p>The core of Clinton’s immigration plan is mass amnesty for the 12 million illegal aliens in the country. According to the plan, Clinton supports “comprehensive” immigration reform that provides a “full and equal path to citizenship” and “brings millions of hardworking people into the formal economy.” According to Clinton, she will submit a plan for comprehensive immigration reform to Congress within her first 100 days in office. Clinton’s plan contains no mention of the criteria for amnesty or the factors—if any—that would disqualify an illegal alien. In the absence of legislation, Clinton vows to take extensive executive action to protect illegal aliens from removal. First, she promises to defend President Obama’s Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) and extended Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) amnesty programs. Additionally, Clinton would grant deferred action to other illegal aliens with a “history of service and contribution to their communities.”</p>	<p>Clinton’s plan does not indicate the level of legal immigration she supports but does claim that immigrants have “spurred economic growth” and “fueled innovation.” She supports increasing the number of H-1B visas because these “skilled” workers contribute greatly to U.S. technological development. “Our immigration system is plagued by visa backlogs and other barriers that prevent high-skilled workers and entrepreneurs from coming to, staying in, and creating jobs in America,” her plan states. Clinton aims to “‘staple’ a green card to STEM masters and PhDs from accredited institutions” and supports increasing the number of low-skilled visas. She also believes that legal immigrants should be able to bring their family members to the U.S. quickly and without limit.</p>	<p>Clinton’s immigration plan continues President Obama’s decision to significantly increase the admission of Syrians as refugees. “We’re facing the worst refugee crisis since the end of World War II and I think the United States has to do more,” Clinton said on CBS’ “Face the Nation.” “I would like to see us move from what is a good start with 10,000 to 65,000 and begin immediately to put into place the mechanisms for vetting the people that we would take in.” Clinton calls proposals to ban Muslim immigration offensive and counterproductive. “Our open, diverse society is an asset in the struggle against terrorism, not a liability,” Clinton said.</p>	<p>In a March CNN/Univision Democratic debate, Clinton said “we have the most secure border we’ve ever had... we enhanced the border security... that part of the work is done... let’s move to comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship.” Clinton’s immigration plan—which only has six points—lacks any provisions on border security or ways to deter future illegal immigration.</p>	<p>According to her immigration plan, Clinton believes family detention for parents and children who arrive at our border in desperate situations should be stopped. According to Clinton, “we have alternatives to detention for those who pose no flight or public safety risk, such as supervised release.” Clinton will continue President Obama’s approach to interior enforcement, saying she will only focus resources on “detaining and deporting those individuals who pose a violent threat to public safety.” Clinton has called for more attorney representation for illegal aliens, saying “I would give every person, but particularly children, due process and have their story told.”</p>	<p>Clinton has repeatedly said that she supports giving Obamacare to illegal immigrants. She has said that we need to “expand access to affordable health care to all families regardless of immigration status. Illegal aliens should be able to buy into the Obamacare Act exchanges.” Furthermore, DAPA and the expansion of DACA reward illegal aliens with Social Security Numbers, making them eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, unemployment benefits, Social Security benefits, and Medicare.</p>

Vice Presidential Candidate Positions on Immigration



Mike Pence (R)

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Governor Pence, while in Congress, said that he opposed amnesty. However, his “No Amnesty Immigration Reform” is clearly amnesty. Although his plan does not grant immediate citizenship, he waives the 3- and 10- year bars and would allow all illegal aliens to return to the U.S. after “they leave the country and come back legally if they have a job awaiting them.” More recently, Pence has expressed openness to amnesty for illegal aliens that does not result in citizenship. In an August 2014 interview with the Wall Street Journal, Pence said that people whose first act in this country was to violate the law should not be rewarded for citizenship but there’s room for compassion and for crafting solutions to deal with this in the long term. In Congress, Pence opposed the DREAM Act. As governor, Pence joined the lawsuit opposing DACA expansion and DAPA.	In Congress, Pence supported ending the visa lottery, reducing chain migration, and eliminating birthright citizenship. While he has sought to reduce legal immigration in most areas, he has been a proponent of a “strong guest worker program.” In the past he proposed setting up private employment companies outside the United States that would issue “W Visas” to allow workers to come into the country and compete for U.S. jobs. His plan did not cap the number of “W Visas” that could be issued. After 6 years, a “W Visa” holder could apply for citizenship or return to his/her country of origin. As a Member of Congress he voiced support for increasing the numbers of H-1B visas.	Pence firmly believes it’s the government’s obligation to secure our borders. Pence supported legislation to build a fence as well as secure the border with technology and personnel.	As governor, Pence ordered state agencies to suspend the relocation of any more Syrian refugees to Indiana until he received assurances from the federal government that proper security measures have been taken.	He would end the harmful “catch-and-release” policy and return all criminal aliens to their home countries. To protect American lives, he would seek to end dangerous sanctuary city jurisdictions. Regarding workplace enforcement, Pence would institute nationwide E-Verify.	As a Congressman, Pence voted against giving in-state tuition and education benefits to illegal aliens. He has also voted against giving illegal aliens welfare or health benefits.

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Senator Kaine supports amnesty and legalization for the 12 million illegal aliens in the country if they pay taxes and a fine. He has said that it is important to create “a pathway out of the shadows for the 12 million illegal aliens currently living and working in the United States.” Kaine voted for the Gang of Eight bill (S. 744) in the Senate. He supports President Obama’s DACA initiative as well as the expanded DACA and DAPA. Kaine also supports the DREAM Act so that “students brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents are not penalized.” Senator Kaine has gone on Spanish television to let viewers know he is committed to Hillary Clinton’s efforts to pursue a bill to legalize illegal immigrants in “the first 100 days” if she is elected President.	Kaine supports increasing the number of visas. He wants to make it easier for students to get visas and green cards after they graduate from American universities. He also wants to expand the number of visas for skilled workers as well STEM.	Senator Kaine has pushed President Obama to fulfill his promise of accepting 10,000 Syrian refugees during Fiscal Year 2016.	Kaine has mentioned that it is important to have a system of border control but he has never indicated how he envisions securing the border. During immigration discussions, Kaine focuses his attention on legalizing the status for the millions of illegal aliens residing in this country. In the Senate, Kaine voted against an amendment which would have required the completion of the 700 miles of fence between Mexico and the United States.	Kaine has called on President Obama to “halt immigration raids.” He has voted to protect sanctuary cities which allow local law enforcement the ability not to cooperate with ICE. Kaine also opposed a bill that would have increased penalties, including mandatory sentencing requirements, for repeat illegal border crossers and criminal aliens. As Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Kaine opposed Arizona’s law, S.B. 1070, which gave police the ability to detain anyone suspected of being in the country illegally, calling it “small-minded and short-sighted.”	Kaine supports subsidized health care for illegal aliens. As governor he support taxpayer funded job centers to help illegals get work. Finally, Kaine has supported in-state tuition discounts for illegal aliens.

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Arizona

U.S. Senate Race



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John McCain (R) Incumbent	<p>John McCain has been a long and consistent voice in the Senate calling for “comprehensive immigration reform.” As a leader of the Gang of Eight, Senator McCain supports amnesty and a pathway for citizenship for the 12 million illegal aliens in the country. According to McCain, having 12 million people “living in the shadows of this country is an unacceptable situation, and to deprive them of the rights – of the human rights, much less the rights of our citizens, which unfortunately happens every day, is not acceptable in the greatest nation on earth.” The Gang of Eight legislation permits the Department of Homeland Security to waive a broad array of unlawful behavior for the purpose of determining whether illegal aliens are admissible. “Leaving out a path to citizenship,” according to McCain, “would continue the existing system of de facto amnesty for illegal aliens.”</p>	<p>McCain wants to maintain “a robust immigration system that welcomes the best and the brightest in the world.” He believes that it is important to have a strong guest worker program. McCain would like to increase the number of high-skilled worker and as well as low-skilled workers. The Gang of Eight bill he cosponsored would double the number of guest workers and remove the cap on migration for immediate family members.</p>	<p>McCain has said that he supports efforts to secure the border. He has introduced legislation that would increase the number of border patrol agents, however, his Gang of Eight bill did not require a biometric exit system at all land, air, and sea ports of entry, nor did it require additional fencing. In the past he has used his support for enhanced border security to fight off challengers questioning his immigration policies.</p>	<p>McCain says the 2 million illegal aliens that have committed crimes need to be deported. However, the Gang of Eight bill allowed the DHS Secretary to grant legal status under certain conditions to criminal gang members, drug offenders, those who have significant misdemeanors including those who have pled their felony down to a misdemeanor. Further, it does not prioritize enforcing our immigration laws. In fact, under that legislation, DHS or an immigration judge could stop any future deportation for humanitarian reasons, the public interest, or family unity. This would essentially ensure the end of immigration enforcement in America. McCain did support Arizona S.B. 1070 which directs law enforcement to check an individual’s immigration status if they have a ‘reasonable suspicion’ that the person is in the country illegally and prohibits local law enforcement from adopting sanctuary cities policies.</p>	<p>McCain supports giving Social Security benefits to illegal aliens. He also supports giving other benefits like in-state tuition to illegal aliens. Under the Gang of Eight bill, about 12 million illegal aliens, including 4 million who have overstayed their visas, would receive work permits, Social Security numbers, and access to state and local benefits within six months of passage.</p>

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Anne Kirkpatrick (D)	Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick supports amnesty with a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens. She also supports the DREAM Act which provides amnesty to illegal aliens who entered the country unlawfully as minors.	Kirkpatrick has not delineated how many legal immigrants she would admit into the U.S. However, it is likely she would support Hillary Clinton’s plan if Clinton is elected President.	Rep. Kirkpatrick advocates for strong border security. However, at the same time she wants to secure the border she wants Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform. She has advocated for a “smart fence” that focuses on technology. In her August 18, 2016 Daily Star editorial, she said she wanted to pass “sensible solutions that secure the border by supporting our men and women who defend it, expand technology to track remote regions, employ the National Guard to the border as needed while Congress passes comprehensive immigration reform and the DREAM Act.” Kirkpatrick says these are the “real world solutions that a majority of residents in border communities here in Arizona and other states want.”	Rep. Kirkpatrick says she wants to stop the drug cartels and capture violent criminals but does not want to “rip families apart.” She opposes Arizona’s S.B. 1070 that gives law enforcement the ability to check an individual’s immigration status. She supports federal funding for sanctuary cities.	Rep. Kirkpatrick drafted legislation with Rep. Gallego that would permit illegal aliens to work as interns in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

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Paul Babeu (R)	Babeu opposes amnesty, saying it should be “completely off the table.”	Currently, America allows 1 million legal immigrants into this country every year. People who want to come to this country must follow the process. The U.S. should determine who comes into this country.	Babeu says our border security is national security. “America’s borders are not secure and we need to build the infrastructure to protect and guard our border.” Testifying before Congress, Babeu said there are three key elements to securing the border. “First, deploy 6,000 armed soldiers for a period of two years. While armed soldiers are deployed, complete the double barrier fence with the surveillance platforms, lighting, sensors and asphalt roads to support rapid deployment of U.S. Border Patrol. Thirdly, fully enforce the law without any diversion option for illegals. This compromise of ‘catch and release’ has undermined the rule of law, since there are no consequences.”	As a sheriff in Pinal County, Babeu wants more resources directed to local law enforcement to enforce our laws. Babeu opposes the Obama administration’s release of 84,000 criminal aliens back into American communities. He says that the Obama administration hamstringing law enforcement by providing “sanctuaries” like schools and libraries to illegal aliens. Babeu testified that the Davis-Oliver bills sponsored in the House by Representative Gowdy and in the Senate by Senator Sessions is the best plan to protect America.	Babeu opposes benefits for illegal aliens. He says the Obama administration’s policies tell illegal aliens “make it to the border, you’re home free. In fact, we’re going to give you more benefits than our senior citizens get for social security.” Babeu argues that “we take care of refugees, asylum seekers better than we do our own military Veterans and this has stop. We’ve got to put Americans and our families first.”
Tom O’Halleran (D)	Tom O’Halleran supports comprehensive immigration reform that “secures our border, keeps families together, and meets the needs of our economy.” He said that he would have voted for the Gang of Eight bill. Tom supports the DREAM Act as well as President Obama’s executive amnesty.	As someone who says he would have voted for the Gang of Eight bill, O’Halleran would have supported doubling the number of guest workers and significantly increasing legal immigration.	O’Halleran believes in securing our border. He says that he would have supported the Gang of Eight bill which would give illegal aliens amnesty before implementing any border security measures.	If people are caught here illegally, then “we must take action.”	As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, O’Halleran supports providing illegal aliens with federal benefits.

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Martha McSally (R) Incumbent	<p>The borders must be secure before we address the issue of what to do with the 12 million illegal aliens living in the U.S. According to Martha McSally, the Gang of Eight bill was the Obamacare for immigration. McSally has stated that “we can’t incentivize illegal activity.” However, McSally voted for an amendment that allowed illegal aliens who have received Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) amnesty to enlist in the United States military, and thus gain a fast track to citizenship.</p>	<p>McSally voted for the Omnibus spending bill that increased the number of H-2B visas for low-skilled workers and increased the refugee resettlement funding. She also supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership which would increase guest workers to compete with Americans for scarce jobs.</p>	<p>“I have spent a lot of time with the rancher community on our border and it’s clear that our border is still not secure. Transnational criminal organizations are trafficking drugs, money, people, and weapons through the border and into and through our communities. This is a public safety and national security threat.” “The recent influx of tens of thousands of unaccompanied children who easily crossed the border is the latest evidence that shows how unsecure our border really is.” “The barriers and fences already in place are delaying the illegal activity, but they are not enough and they are not everywhere. We should be using intelligence-driven operations to identify corridors of activity, and then strategically utilize sensors, airborne assets, radar, and manpower to detect, monitor, and intercept illegal activity at the border.”</p>	<p>As many as 40% of all illegal aliens who come into our country do not cross the border, but come in through the “front door” at our land, sea, and air ports of entry, with permission, and then overstay their welcome. In Fiscal Year 2015, fewer people were apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol than overstayed their visas and are suspected of still being in the country, making the estimate closer to 60% of those illegally in the United States. McSally believes that we need to put a reliable exit system into place to identify those who have overstayed their visas and remain in the country. McSally also cosponsored legislation that would stop the catch and release policy for dangerous criminal aliens and would require their removal within 90 days.</p>	<p>No stated position.</p>

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Matt Heinz (D)	Matt Heinz supports comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship.	Heinz says that “we need to address the lack of legal channels for entry by implementing measures that abolish quotas for countries and address the realities of the demand for immigrant labor from Mexico and Central America.” Heinz wants more guest worker programs. Heinz opposed legislation that would prohibit hospitals from issuing birth certificates to children born in the U.S. whose parents are illegal aliens.	Heinz thinks that “we actually have a pretty secure situation in a lot of the border, but we must maintain that, and we need to make sure we don’t just focus on putting agents on the border. We need to augment Border Patrol agents with more intelligent technologies. And that would be, of course, satellite infrared technologies, which they’re implementing to some degree.” Heinz also believes as part of border security that we “need to look at border commerce.” He advocates for more customs agents. “It doesn’t help that we expanded, for example, the Nogales port of entry, but we don’t staff it. It’s only one-third staffed some of the time. So to allow our largest trading partner, which is Sonora, Mexico, to continue to help us have jobs in Southern Arizona, we need to really open up the free flow of safe, secure commerce and goods between a and the United States, so that’s what I want to focus on, also.”	Heinz opposed Arizona S.B. 1070 that gives law enforcement the ability to check an individual’s immigration status.	As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, Heinz would support giving illegal aliens federal benefits.



California

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 7



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Ami Bera (D) Incumbent	Ami Bera supports comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship. He cosponsored the House version of the Gang of Eight legislation. “We should want the best and brightest to come here, but we should also want them to stay here and build their companies here and create those jobs here.”	Bera supports increased levels of immigration. He voted for the spending bill that increased the number of H-2B visas for low skilled-workers. He also voted for the Trans-Pacific Partnership which put foreign workers ahead of American workers. Bera introduced legislation that would allow foreign doctors to stay in America after their visas expired if they agreed to practice in underserved areas of the country that are in dire need of more doctors. Bera has supported the Obama administration using all of the visa numbers that Congress has allocated to it.	Bera says he supports securing the border. However, the comprehensive immigration reform bill that he cosponsored provided illegal aliens with green cards before implementing any border security.	Bera signed onto a letter that opposed detention for women and children who came into the country illegally from Central America. He also signed onto a letter that condemns the Obama administration’s “raids” on illegal aliens from Central America.	Bera believes that illegal aliens should have federally subsidized health care and other benefits.
Scott Jones (R)	Scott Jones says that all immigrants currently living here illegally should be given a pathway to legal status, provided they register and pass criminal background checks. Working immigrants should be allowed to stay and support their families, pay taxes, and live out of the shadows.	Jones supports a temporary worker program for immigrant workers as well as employment verification.	The border must be secured and there must be zero tolerance for illegal immigration once it has been secured. Border security must be addressed immediately. “The porous border and lack of resolve in Washington to fix or even enforce our immigration laws is a national travesty that cost one of my deputies his life,” said Scott Jones. “Washington politicians have failed to deal with the issue and failed to protect us.”	“Obama is singularly responsible” for the lack of enforcement of our immigration laws. ICE agents must be allowed to do their jobs. An entry-exit system, using technology to verify identity and prevent fraud, needs to be implemented.	He has no stated position on benefits for illegal aliens, however, since his plan supports bringing immigrant families “out of the shadows,” it appears that would include federal benefits.

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Steve Knight (R) Incumbent	Steve Knight’s position is not clear with respect to amnesty. While campaigning in 2014, Knight said he opposed amnesty, calling himself a conservative when it comes to immigration. However, he made statements later during that campaign which called into question his position. He said that he would prefer to send illegal aliens home but if that doesn’t happen, something else will and he wants to be at the table. His 2016 campaign web site says, “Reforming immigration laws is not possible until we are confident that all the points of entry into our country are no longer vulnerable to individuals entering illegally. The US has already seen previous attempts to deal with illegal immigration fail because the border has never truly been secured. While we should recognize that we are a nation of immigrants and modernize these laws to better meet the needs of our economy, we cannot continue to allow unchecked, illegal immigration to continue. I will fight to secure America’s borders first, and only after this is accomplished can we begin a broader overhaul of our immigration laws.”	Knight voted for the Omnibus spending bill that increased the number of H-2B visas for low-skilled workers and increased the refugee resettlement funding.	“Americans are rightly frustrated that our nation’s borders are still not secured after years of talk from Washington politicians.” Knight believes that all points of entry into our country must no longer be vulnerable to individuals entering illegally. “We cannot continue to allow unchecked, illegal immigration to continue. I will fight to secure America’s borders first.”	Knight had advocated for deporting the illegal alien parents of U.S. born children. He supports enforcing the law against sanctuary cities. Knight opposed legislation as a CA state legislator that would prohibit law enforcement from detaining an individual based on an immigration hold after the individual is eligible to be released from custody. He signed onto a letter to President Obama urging the President to stop accepting Syrian refugees into the country. Knight wants to mandate E-Verify for private employers.	Illegal immigration can be stopped by ending “handouts” like driver’s licenses and tuition breaks.

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Bryan Caforio (D)	<p>“Four years ago the lives of hundreds of thousands of young immigrants were changed with the implementation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). While I am glad this program has helped protect so many DREAMers, we must fight for comprehensive immigration reform to bring people out of the shadows and strengthen our economy.” Bryan Caforio supports the Gang of Eight bill that passed the Senate. “Passing commonsense, comprehensive legislation would boost our economy and reduce our deficit by upwards of \$900 billion over the coming years.” Caforio also “strongly support[s] the California DREAM Act, which increases access to college for undocumented immigrants who came here as children and have graduated high school in the US. We should be supporting hard-working children who were brought here as infants and toddlers and have contributed to American society.”</p>	<p>As someone who supports the Gang of Eight bill, Caforio favors significantly increasing the numbers of legal immigrants.</p>	<p>Caforio supports the principles of the Gang of Eight bill to secure the borders and provide a pathway to citizenship. However, aliens would get amnesty before the border security provisions were even implemented.</p>	<p>Caforio has stated that Knight’s support for Arizona’s S.B. 1070, which gives law enforcement the ability to check an individual’s immigration status, is wrong. He says that deporting parents whose children are U.S. citizens is wrong.</p>	<p>Caforio supports the California DREAM Act that gives instate tuition to illegal aliens. As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, Caforio would support giving illegal aliens federal benefits.</p>



Colorado

U.S. Senate Race



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Michael Bennet (D) Incumbent	Senator Bennet was part of the Gang of Eight that championed comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship. Senator Bennet supports the DREAM Act which provides amnesty to illegal aliens who entered the country unlawfully as minors. He supports President Obama's Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) and expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) amnesty programs. He signed onto a letter encouraging executive amnesty with Sens. Dick Durbin, Bob Menendez, Chuck Schumer, Harry Reid, and Patty Murray urging President Obama to "improve as much of the immigration system as you can." Further the letter said that the President "is well within his executive authority to take further action sparing millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation and to streamline the country's immigration system."	Bennet supports increasing legal immigration, saying "Legal immigration channels do not serve America's economic needs and instead of bringing families together, too often the system separates them." He has supported efforts to increase the number of visas for both H-1B (high tech workers) and H-2B (low-skilled workers) and has sought to provide illegal agriculture workers with a green card after 5 years. Bennet has also sought to "reward" illegal alien entrepreneurs with visas. He also introduced legislation to make it easier for students who graduate with advanced degrees in science or math to stay and work in the United States.	Bennet rejects the notion of building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico and believes that new technology can be used to secure the border. In the Senate he has voted against completing the fence.	Bennet supported federal funds for sanctuary cities that preclude local law enforcement from working with ICE.	Bennet has voted to give illegal aliens health care benefits. Under the Gang of Eight bill, about 12 million illegal aliens, including 4 million who have overstayed their visas, would receive work permits, Social Security numbers and access to state and local benefits within six months of passage.

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Darryl Glenn (R)	Darryl Glenn said that giving illegal aliens amnesty violates the law and that the President’s executive actions circumvent Congress and establish amnesty for millions of illegal aliens by fiat. Glenn also opposes comprehensive immigration reform which provides illegal aliens with amnesty and said he would have voted against the Gang of Eight bill.	“If we are going to add or subtract immigration, the U.S. must first make sure that we can provide for the safety and security of the people here now.” “If we are going to bring more people here, we need to have a clear understanding about our ability to be able to make sure we are fiscally responsible as a country before we start figuring if we are going to add or subtract immigration.” “We have a system where employers are bringing people into this country and then having their own employees train them to then give them their jobs... that’s a system that needs to be thoroughly audited.”	Securing our border and our ports is extremely important to Glenn who considers it a national security issue. Glenn believes in building a wall and enhancing the technology used at the border.	Glenn believes that illegal aliens should be deported. He said that “if you violate the rule of law, you need to leave the country.” If an illegal alien felon is deported and re-enters the country, Glenn believes they should get a mandatory five-year prison sentence. He also says that sanctuary cities should not receive federal funding.	Glenn opposes give illegal aliens taxpayer benefits. He also opposes giving them driver’s licenses or identification cards.

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Michael Coffman (R)Incumbent	Mike Coffman introduced the Recognizing American Children Act which provides legal status and a path to Lawful Permanent Resident (green card) status for those currently eligible under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Coffman was the only Republican to vote against overturning President Obama’s executive amnesty programs. For other illegal aliens, Coffman believes they should have an opportunity to obtain work visas and pay taxes. “Adults who knowingly broke our immigration laws but who have otherwise not violated any criminal laws should be provided a temporary provisional residency.” “Children brought here through no fault of their own should have a pathway to citizenship.”	“Reform efforts should facilitate a more fluid and workable visa authorization system so that temporary workers for both low- and highly skilled positions can obtain and renew work permits. Seasonal temporary work, such as in agriculture, needs a robust system that allows the workers, without their families, to come into our country when they are needed and then go home after their seasonal work is done. For those on student visas in technical fields critical to our economy, we should allow them to stay and work in the United States after they graduate.” Coffman signed onto a letter to the Homeland Security Appropriations Committee urging the Committee to continue the increase of H-2B visas for low-skilled workers.	According to Coffman, immigration reform must be about securing our borders and enforcing our laws. However, he supports comprehensive immigration reform which will incentivize illegal aliens to cross our borders.	Coffman does believe that to help enforce our laws, employers must use E-Verify. “Employers should be subject to stiff fines and criminal prosecution should they knowingly hire workers in this country illegally.”	While Coffman says that illegal aliens should be independent from public assistance, he supports legislation that would make illegal aliens eligible for green cards which would allow them to get federal benefits like welfare, social security, and health care.
Morgan Carroll (D)	Morgan Carroll supports comprehensive immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship. “We need comprehensive immigration reform that unites, rather than divides families.” Initially in the Colorado legislature she opposed the DREAM Act but later supported it.	Carroll has not stated her plan with respect to legal immigration. However, she opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership which helps foreign workers at the expense of Americans. She doesn’t indicate how many refugees she would approve letting into the country but says “we are most American when we welcome refugees who face racial, religious, political or gender persecution in other countries.”	No stated position.	No stated position.	Carroll supports giving drivers’ licenses, in-state tuition and other benefits to illegal aliens.



Florida

U.S. Senate Race

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Marco Rubio (R) Incumbent	Rubio was a driving force behind the Gang of Eight immigration bill that would have granted amnesty to the approximately 12 million illegal aliens in the U.S. Additionally, Rubio urged the Senate to pass the 2015 DHS budget bill that fully funded President Obama’s executive amnesties. On the campaign trail, Rubio has maintained that he still supports amnesty, but before it can be considered, the U.S. has to “prove to people that illegal immigration is under control” by securing the border and “modernizing the legal immigration system to make it merit-based and not family based.” According to Rubio, “once both of these reforms have been passed, then I believe the conditions will be in place to address the most politically sensitive aspect of immigration reform: what to do with more than twelve million people currently here illegally.”	Rubio wants to “modernize our legal immigration system so you come to America on the basis of what you can contribute economically.” According to Rubio, “that would mean reassigning existing visas away from family-based immigration and toward work- and skill-based immigration, passing reforms for high-tech visas, as well as creating a limited guest worker program for seasonal workers in the agricultural sector.” While his plan does not include specifics on whether visa caps would be increased, his record indicates support of such policies. He was of the leader of the Gang of Eight bill that would have drastically increased foreign worker visas, and more recently, he sponsored the I-Squared Act which would quadruple H-1B visas.	The first step in Rubio’s immigration plan would be to secure “the most vulnerable and most trafficked sectors of the southern border.” To accomplish this, Rubio would, among other things: “hire 20,000 new Border Patrol agents, finish all 700 miles of walls on our southern border, and install \$4 billion in new cameras and sensors on the border.” However, Rubio championed the Gang of Eight bill that would have significantly weakened border security, and opposed amendments to the bill that would mandate completion of a border fence.	The Rubio plan calls for increased interior enforcement, which, along with border security, would have to come before any movement to legalize illegal aliens. Rubio supports “mandatory E-Verify and the full implementation of an entry-exit tracking system.” He would also work to deport all criminal aliens and cut federal funding for sanctuary city jurisdictions.	Rubio has said that he would not reverse President Obama’s unlawful Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) executive amnesty, which provides certain illegal aliens with work permits, tax credits, and access to federal entitlement programs. Once the first two steps of his own plan are completed, he would allow the majority of illegal aliens to apply for a temporary nonimmigrant visa. He pledges that “to keep it, they will have to pay taxes” and “they would not qualify for government programs like Obamacare, welfare, or food stamps.” However, once nonimmigrant visa holders are allowed to apply for permanent residency, they would gain access to a host of taxpayer benefits.

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Patrick Murphy (D)	Patrick Murphy is committed to “fixing our broken immigration system” and “keeping families together.” Murphy supports an “earned, responsible pathway to citizenship for those who are already here.” He believes that illegal aliens who are currently working in violation of the law and “who have otherwise observed our laws should have the opportunity to earn a path to citizenship.” He would like to pass comprehensive immigration reform as well as the DREAM Act.	Murphy has cosponsored legislation to increase the number of skilled worker visas.	Murphy has indicated he supports tougher border security and enforcement but does not explain how he would secure the border.	Murphy has condemned the Department of Homeland Security’s “enforcement operations” with respect to Central American minors in this country illegally. He has signed onto a letter urging President Obama not to enforce our immigration laws and to stop detaining and deporting those illegally in our country saying these illegal aliens “pose no threat to public safety” and that “families shouldn’t be separated and communities shouldn’t be disrupted.” Murphy has said that individuals that have “committed only immigration status violations should not be priorities for enforcement.” He also has voted to protect sanctuary cities and prevent local law enforcement from working with ICE.	He supports healthcare and housing subsidies for illegal aliens. Has supported comprehensive immigration reform that would allow illegal aliens to apply for permanent residency and gain access to a host of taxpayer benefits.

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Walter Dartland (D)	“Congress created the immigration problem, it should find a solution through a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.”	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	Services like Obamacare encourage illegal immigration.
Neal Patrick Dunn (R)	Neal Dunn says that we need to stop amnesty for illegal aliens.	No stated position.	Our borders are vulnerable and we must immediately secure them.	We need to enforce our laws. We must outlaw sanctuary cities.	Dunn wants to revoke what he calls “incentives” and to reevaluate the federal welfare system.



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Val Demings (D)	Val Demings believes that illegal aliens without a criminal record should be given a pathway to citizenship. “I would support and expand the executive actions for Dreamers and their families.”	“Immigration quota and worker visa rules must be adjusted every few years to reflect the changing needs of businesses and our citizenry.”	Demings claims to support border security but opposes building a fence.	Local law enforcement should only detain and hand over to ICE illegal aliens convicted of violent crimes.	Illegal aliens should get health care and other federal benefits.
Thuy Lowe (R)	Thuy Lowe opposes amnesty.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	Lowe opposes giving illegal aliens federal benefits like health care.

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David Jolly (R) Incumbent	David Jolly opposes a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens. He opposed President Obama’s executive amnesties.	He introduced legislation that would adjust the status of non-immigrant business people and their families to immigrant status. The bill would also call for the admission of aliens with particular qualities and their spouse and children up to 26. This would add another 10,000 visas to the million we currently admit.	“Our illegal immigration problem cannot be solved until we first secure our border and end unlawful entry. I have worked to ensure that U.S. Customs and Border Protection has the tools they need to gain operational control of our coastlines and our southern and northern borders. I want to duly ensure that all of our visa programs and the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program is secure enough to stop anyone from causing harm to the United States.”	Jolly supports Kate’s Law which would set a mandatory sentence for illegal aliens who illegally re-enter the U.S. after they were removed. Jolly also supports prohibiting federal funding for sanctuary cities.	No stated position.
Charlie Christ (D)	Charlie Crist says he opposes amnesty but he supports an “earned” pathway to citizenship. Crist believes that providing a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants will help keep Social Security solvent.	Crist appears to want to at a minimum keep legal immigration at its current levels saying he wants to “keep open the door and promise of legal immigration.” “New blood and new energy and new ideas have made America a better place to live for all of us. And I think it’s important that we continue to provide the opportunity for that infusion of new ideas and new blood and a better tomorrow.	The border must be sealed. “Everything else is an academic conversation unless and until we do that.”	Enforce our immigration laws. “Laws on the books don’t mean anything if they’re not being enforced.”	Crist supports providing federal benefits like health care to illegal aliens. “The Obama administration shouldn’t require proof of immigration status for Obamacare sign-ups,” says Crist.

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Randy Perkins (D)	Randy Perkins favors comprehensive immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.
Brian Mast (R)	Mast says both our legal and illegal immigration systems are broken. However, Mast says, “I didn’t sacrifice (he lost both his legs in Afghanistan to an IED) so much to come home to an America where our President completely ignores our immigration laws, leaves our borders unsecure, and illegally grants amnesty to five million illegal immigrants.”	Mast wants to make legal immigration skills-based. He believes that guest worker programs must be reformed “to make sure that American workers aren’t being displaced in the process of companies meeting legitimate worker shortages.”	“We must secure the border. That begins with a fence, more border patrol agents, and unmanned aerial surveillance.” “Protecting the American people is the single most important function of the federal government.” “Illegal immigration is a national security issue, and not just a border problem, because of the threat of radical Islam that is looking to make the U.S. it’s new ‘battleground,’” says Mast.	“Since about 40% of the illegal immigrants in the US come here legally then remain once their visas expire, we need a much better system for tracking visa overstays.” “America also needs a much more effective and efficient employment verification system so that companies can have confidence that the people they hire are legally entitled to work and that large corporations aren’t abusing the system.”	No stated position.

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Carlos Curbelo (R) Incumbent	Curbelo believes that immigrants who have circumvented the legal process shouldn't be granted equal or greater consideration than those that have honored the rules of our immigration system. He opposes the administration's use of executive action on immigration. He believes that Congress should tackle this issue legislatively and find a permanent solution for illegal aliens currently in the country, which includes, in his view, an earned path to legalization. He supports citizenship for those brought illegally to the U.S. as children. Curbelo would have voted for the Gang of Eight bill.	He advocates for expanding the number of foreign workers in America "to fill jobs that Americans are not seeking, especially in agriculture.	Congress has a responsibility to secure our borders. According to Curbelo, we must be able to know who is coming in and out of the country and we must "insist that all border traffic be legal."	"We have to maintain an orderly process to promote legal entry into our country. Doing so helps ensure public safety so that criminal aliens are denied entry and protects immigrants from exploitation or extortion." Curbelo also emphasizes the importance of implementing a biometric entry/exit system so we can track those who overstay their visas.	Under the Gang of Eight bill which Curbelo said he supported, about 12 million illegal aliens, including 4 million who have overstayed their visas, would receive work permits, Social Security numbers, and access to state and local benefits within six months of passage.
Joe Garcia (D)	Garcia was a lead sponsor of the House version of the Gang of Eight bill and supports amnesty and a pathway to citizenship. When the House refused to consider comprehensive immigration reform, Garcia asked President Obama to take executive action.	The House version of the Gang of Eight bill which Garcia sponsored would create 3 new unlimited employment-based visa categories. In addition, within a year of enactment that bill would recapture an estimated 400,000 unused employment-based visas from 1992-2013, and create a new merit based employment visa which would allow an additional 120,000-250,000 immigrants. Garcia introduced legislation that would make EB-5 regional centers a permanent fixture of the visa program, while exempting spouses and children of EB-5 investors from the program's 10,000-immigrant cap, which would have greatly increased immigrant numbers.	Garcia says, "America's borders are safer than most other places in the United States because people in those areas are given government jobs." He continued, "The country should not be spending as heavily on border security because the returns on that investment are diminishing."	He has voted against E-Verify and legislation that would empower local law enforcement to enforce our immigration laws.	Garcia would provide benefits like housing subsidies to illegal aliens. As the lead House sponsor of the Gang of Eight bill, he would be in favor of the 12 million illegal aliens receiving work permits, Social Security numbers, and access to state and local benefits within six months of passage.



Illinois

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 10



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Bob Dold (R) Incumbent	Dold supports comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens. “It’s time that our government provide those who are contributing to our society a pathway out of the shadows and an opportunity to become part of the American dream.” Bob Dold voted to allow illegal aliens to serve in the military. Dold also voted against an amendment that prohibited any agency of the federal government from using any funds to carry any immigration actions in the Johnson memos.	Dold wants to make it easier for “highly skilled foreign individuals to obtain work visas, especially students who graduate from American universities with advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM).”	Dold says it is imperative to secure our borders. Border control is a national security issue. The Gang of Eight bill that Dold would have supported did not require a biometric exit system at all land, air, and sea ports of entry nor did it require additional fencing.	While Dold has said we must implement biometric entry/exit system so we can prevent people from overstaying their visas, he has voted to protect sanctuary cities.	As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, like the Gang of Eight bill, Dold supports 12 million illegal aliens receiving work permits, Social Security numbers, and access to state and local benefits within six months of passage.
Brad Schneider (D)	“Passing comprehensive immigration reform, and making DACA and DAPA permanent will free people from living in the shadows of fear of deportation to be able to pursue higher education, buy homes, start businesses and expand our economy.” “The DREAM Act is an essential part of comprehensive immigration solutions. Each year, approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school. By passing the DREAM Act, we can start to provide legitimate pathways to citizenship for these immigrants who were brought here as small children to pursue their dreams and contribute through college or military service.”	The House version of the Gang of Eight bill which Schneider sponsored would create 3 new unlimited employment based visa categories. In addition, within a year of enactment that bill would recapture all unused employment-based visas from 1992-2013, an estimated 400,000 visas, as well as create a new merit based employment visa which would allow an additional 120,000-250,000 immigrants.	Schneider says he supports border security. However, his comprehensive immigration reform bill did not require a biometric exit system at all land, air, and sea ports of entry nor did it require additional fencing.	He voted to protect sanctuary cities.	As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, Schneider supports 12 million illegal aliens receiving work permits, Social Security numbers, and access to state and local benefits within six months of passage.



Indiana

U.S. Senate Race, Open

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Todd Young (R)	"Our immigration system is broken but the President cannot act unilaterally to fix it." Young says he opposes providing illegal aliens a pathway to citizenship.	Young has a mixed record on the issue of legal immigration. He supports the Trans-Pacific Partnership which would increase the number of foreign workers in the U.S. and opposed a spending bill that would increase the number of foreign workers. He has not articulated his position on legal immigration.	Young says securing the border is first and foremost before any other immigration reform. "A secure border is necessary for our national security and is important for our labor markets."	Todd Young would like to see the loophole created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act closed so that Central Americans crossing the border illegally can be deported as readily as illegal aliens crossing from Mexico or Canada. Young has opposed federal funding for sanctuary cities.	No stated position.
Evan Bayh (D)	Bayh supports comprehensive immigration reform which includes a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens. He has cosponsored the DREAM Act which provides amnesty to certain illegal aliens who claim to have entered the country unlawfully as minors.	He has voted to expand chain migration. Bayh has also voted for comprehensive immigration reform which included provisions to increase the numbers of foreign workers in the U.S.	Bayh believes in securing our porous borders but has voted for comprehensive immigration reform which undermines border security.	Bayh has worked to untie the hands of state and local law enforcement so that they can inquire about an individual's immigration status but has also voted in favor of funding sanctuary cities. In the Senate, Bayh supported E-Verify.	Bayh has supported rewarding illegal aliens with in-state tuition, education benefits, welfare, and health care.



Iowa

U.S. Senate Race



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Chuck Grassley (R) Incumbent	As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Chuck Grassley has been a principled leader in the effort to oppose amnesty, recognizing that it encourages more illegal immigration. Chuck Grassley was a respected voice in the efforts to oppose the Gang of Eight bill. His guiding principle is that any immigration reform program “should not encourage further undocumented migration.”	Senator Grassley would like to reform and streamline several visa programs including H-1B and EB-5. He believes that qualified American workers “must be given the first crack at high-skilled job opportunities.” Additionally, he wants to ensure that American workers are not adversely impacted by the hiring of H-1B visa workers. Rooting out fraud and abuse needs to be a top priority for our visa programs.	Grassley believes that we need to secure our borders to protect American sovereignty and improve national security. He opposed the Gang of Eight bill because it failed to protect our borders. Grassley advocates for ensuring that border security efforts employed are actually effective. He believes that more resources need to be given to agents who enforce our border and that actual metrics need to be devised to evaluate the border security. Grassley argues that some in Congress don’t want a secure border because that means cheap labor cannot come into the U.S.	As Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, he has diligently worked to ensure that our immigration laws are enforced and that criminal illegal aliens are deported. He also has sought greater enforcement against those illegal aliens who have been deported and reenter the U.S. He has called a guest worker program for illegal aliens in the United States a “backdoor approach to amnesty.” He has introduced E-Verify legislation to make the program permanent and ensure that all employers use it within 12 months of enactment. “E-Verify,” says Grassley, “will safeguard opportunities for legal workers and stop the flow of individuals crossing the border for jobs.”	He does not support allowing illegal aliens to participate in Social Security or giving welfare benefits to illegal aliens.
Patty Judge (D)	Patty Judge called President Obama’s executive amnesty actions the first step towards reforming “our broken immigration system.” She said that Grassley’s opposition to amnesty has left millions of “people in legal limbo.” Judge supports the DREAM Act and believes “we must have a path to citizenship for law-abiding immigrants who are in the United States illegally.”	Judge has not stated a position on this issue but her campaign has said that her positions are similar to that of Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.	Judge has not stated a position on this issue but her campaign has said that her positions are similar to that of Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.	While Judge was Lieutenant Governor, 306 illegal aliens were detained by ICE in the largest workforce raid in Iowa. The Governor and Judge said they are committed to businesses that play by the rules and oppose efforts by companies that take “advantage of a failed immigration system.”	Judge supports comprehensive immigration reform that would allow illegal aliens to apply for permanent residency and gain access to a host of taxpayer benefits.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Rod Blum (R) Incumbent	The issue of border security must be addressed before talking about what to do with the 12 million illegal aliens in the country. Blum voted against the Aderholt and Blackburn amendments which would have defunded President Obama’s executive amnesties and DACA.	“The system is broken, especially when it comes to H-1B visas, especially when it comes to highly skilled people in science, technology and engineering. We educate those people here in the United States, and then because the system is broken, we end up forcing them to go back to their own countries when they want to stay here. We need to reform that system; we need to reform the work visa system.”	Blum said the first thing we must do in the discussion of illegal immigration is secure the border. “We were supposed to build a 700 mile fence along the most porous areas of a 2,000 mile border with Mexico. Thirty-six miles got built out of 700 that were supposed to get built. The federal government has let us down twice, so as a citizen, I say why would I ever believe the federal government when they say we’ll secure the border. I don’t believe them. What I say is, let’s secure the border first, let me see that secured, and then we’ll talk about the rest of the illegal immigration problem after that is done.”	Blum says that we must address the issue of visa overstays. He also says sanctuary cities should be prohibited from getting federal grant money. Blum cosponsored Kate’s law which requires a mandatory 5-year sentence for an illegal alien who was deported and re-enters the country. He also cosponsored legislation that would require DHS to keep criminal aliens in custody and complete removal proceedings within 90-days instead of releasing them onto American streets. Blum has signed onto a letter to President Obama that asks him to terminate the Central American Minors Refugee/Parole program.	Blum opposed giving housing benefits to illegal aliens.
Monica Vernon (D)	We need a real immigration policy that secures the border and provides for an earned path to citizenship for those who work hard and play by the rules. We need to prioritize keeping families together and end family detention. We need to start working together on a solution to fix our broken immigration system.	Vernon opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement because it will hurt American workers.	“We must have rules about our borders.”	No stated position.	No stated position.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
David Young (R) Incumbent	During his campaign in 2014, David Young said he was open to allowing the nation’s 12 million illegal aliens to remain in the U.S. on a guest worker program with the possibility they could eventually seek a pathway to citizenship. “I am not one who wants to round up and deport people, that is not me, and that is not our country,” said Young. While in office, he said he would have opposed the Gang of Eight bill had it been brought to the floor for a vote because it brought back up failed policies. He also opposed President Obama’s executive amnesties.	He voted against increasing the caps on H-2B visas.	Young believes that the U.S. must secure the border, enforce the rule of law, and protect the homeland.	Young cosponsored legislation to reimburse local law enforcement for the costs associated with incarcerating illegal aliens. Young also wrote a letter to ICE Director Sarah Saldana expressing concern that her agents are following Presidential priorities and not the law. He voted to deny funding to sanctuary cities and he introduced Sarah’s law which takes away ICE’s discretion to detain an alien who is charged with a crime that results in death or bodily injury to another.	Young opposes giving housing benefits to illegal aliens.
Jim Mowrer (D)	Jim Mowrer supports comprehensive immigration reform with a path towards citizenship. Mowrer says he supports the Senate Gang of Eight bill and the ENLIST Act that provides citizenship for illegal aliens serving in the military.	Mowrer said he would support the Gang of Eight bill which would drastically increase foreign worker visas as well as legal immigration overall.	“The problem of thousands crossing the border into the U.S. highlights why we need immigration reform.” “The Gang of Eight bill addresses border security.”	No stated position.	Illegal aliens should be able to get health care benefits and other benefits.



Louisiana

U.S. Senate Race

CANDIDATES	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Charles Boustany (R)	In response to the Senate Gang of Eight bill Boustany said, “I need to look at the section dealing with the illegals who are here today and to understand in detail how it actually works and what they are proposing because I am not for amnesty...I absolutely oppose amnesty for people who have come into this country illegally. They have broken the law and that’s got to be dealt with in a way that doesn’t provide amnesty.”	While he has not indicated a position on how many legal immigrants should be admitted into the U.S., he introduced legislation that would make the returning worker exemption in the H-2B visa program permanent. This would mean that workers who returned to their countries and then came back to the U.S. would not be counted against the cap, increasing the numbers of foreign workers admitted into the U.S.	Boustany supports efforts to secure our border and to provide more resources to local law enforcement officers working with ICE. He has also supported additional efforts to vet refugees and other aliens traveling to the U.S. from visa waiver program countries.	He pushed for an end to the Administration’s CAM Refugee/ Parole program saying, “Given our current national security threats and border crises, I am appalled that the administration would create and implement a new program meant to promote lawlessness and incentivize further illegal immigration.”	Boustany does not support allowing illegal aliens to participate in Social Security or giving welfare benefits to illegal aliens.
Joseph Cao (R)	Cao is pro-amnesty. As a former Member of Congress, Joseph Cao cosponsored the DREAM Act which provides amnesty to illegal aliens who entered the country unlawfully as minor	No stated position.	While his campaign website says that it is critical for the U.S. to have a secure border for the safety of our citizens, Cao, as an immigration attorney, is known to be an open borders proponent.	While his campaign website says that it is critical for the U.S. to have a secure border for the safety of our citizens, Cao, as an immigration attorney, is known to be an open borders proponent.	Cao believes criminal aliens must be removed from the U.S. but supports legalizing the 12 million here in the U.S. illegally.
John Fleming (R)	John Fleming opposes amnesty and believes all illegal aliens should be deported.	Fleming supports efforts to eliminate birthright citizenship for babies born in the U.S. to both parents who are not U.S. citizens. He did sign onto a letter to the appropriations committee to increase the number of H-2B visas. However, he voted against the omnibus which included these increases.	Fleming believes that our borders and ports should be secured by any means necessary. He supports building the fence and has drafted legislation (The Secure Fence Restoration Act) to complete it. He also supports putting the Nation Guard on the border and increasing the numbers of border patrol agents.		

CANDIDATES	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
John Kennedy (R)	He opposes amnesty for illegal aliens. Kennedy said, “I want everyone to taste freedom and better their lives, but amnesty will create a new underclass of cheap, exploitable labor. It will cost Americans jobs, reduce all wages and threaten homeland security. Our immigration policies are not broken; they’re just not being enforced.”	No stated position.	Congress must secure the border and fund the fence they mandated to fight illegal immigration.	Congress must enforce the laws that are in place to thwart illegal immigration.	He opposes Social Security benefits for illegal aliens and called out former Senator Mary Landrieu for her support.
Rob Maness (R)	Rob Maness says he opposes all forms of amnesty. “No American is immune from feeling the effects of our massive illegal immigration problem, but it’s the minorities in our country who are especially affected by an unsecure border that allows illegals to pour in and take entry-level jobs from hard working Americans. Here in Louisiana, the unemployment level rate for young black men is three times higher than the national average. This is just one of the many harsh realities illegal immigration has created in the United States today.” However, Maness has previously served on Hispanic Chamber of Commerce board of directors, a group which advocates for mass immigration and amnesty.	While Maness has not stated a number he would like to see for legal immigration into the United States, he does support reducing the overall numbers to traditional levels. Maness also supports ending chain migration and ending birthright citizenship.	In reference to St. John the Baptist Parish Fire Chief Spencer Chauvin, Maness said, “We lost one of our nation’s best when a bus driven and filled with illegal immigrants crashed into three vehicles. And this is just the tip of the iceberg: since 2014, there have been 916 illegals apprehended from terror-linked countries. This is why we need to secure our borders and build the wall.” “I will fight any immigration proposal that does not include “achievable and verifiable border security.”	Maness supports enforcing the laws already on the books.	“The House of Representatives needs to stop passing bills that provides funding for things such as housing or identification cards and driver’s licenses for illegal immigrants.”
Foster Campbell (D)	Foster Campbell supports a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	Campbell believes illegal aliens should get health care and other federal benefits.

CANDIDATES	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Caroline Fayard (D)	Caroline Fayard believes in comprehensive immigration reform that creates a legal pathway to citizenship.	The U.S. must “justly allocate visas.”	“We are a nation of immigrants, but we are also a nation of laws. Securing our borders is essential.” “The purpose of government is the safety and security of its citizens.”	“Resources should be focused on deporting individuals who pose a threat to public safety and ensuring that lawful and vulnerable immigrant families are processed quickly and humanely, in accordance with the law and ideals of the United States,” said Fayard.	No stated position.
Josh Pellerin (D)	Josh Pellerin, according to his website, supports “comprehensive immigration reform” but does not outline whether this includes a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens.	No stated position.	Pellerin, according to his website, supports border security but does not outline he would secure it.	Pellerin, according to his website, supports criminal justice reform. The bills currently before Congress would reduce mandatory sentences for illegal aliens already in prison and they could be released into our communities.	No stated position.



Maine

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 2



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Bruce Poliquin (R) Incumbent	"I do not support amnesty for the 11 million illegal immigrants living in America. The 1986 Immigration and Control Act proved that amnesty for 3 million illegal immigrants encourages further such violation of the law. Those here illegally should not be given unfair advantage above those who are following the legal path to citizenship."	Our immigration policy should welcome those individuals with specific skills that can fuel our economy and lead to more prosperity for all Americans. "Millions of immigrants arriving without permission compete with American workers for jobs. This has stifled wage increases for our hard-working middle class families. That's not fair either." "The continuing wave of human suffering reaching our shores is hurting hard-working American taxpayers. Families are still struggling through the worst recession in 70 years. It isn't right that America be forced to deal with and care for tens of thousands of border crossers when we sometimes can't afford education and health care services for our own legal citizens."	Our borders and ports should be fully secured to prevent further illegal entry. When fearful families see a largely open U.S. border and a permissive attitude about illegal entry, it shouldn't surprise us that millions end up on our borders hoping for better lives. We must use all appropriate federal resources, including the National Guard and surveillance technology, to assist state border control personnel to follow existing law, secure our southwestern border, and stop illegal entry.	It is crucial to send a clear message to the originating countries that their citizens who arrive in America without following the law will be processed quickly and returned home safely to their families. Change existing federal law so that Central American immigrants are able to be returned home as easily as those arriving illegally from Mexico. Impose tough penalties for human traffickers and those who assist them.	He is against benefits for illegal aliens. Poliquin says that precious taxpayer resources should not be used to benefit illegal aliens.
Emily Cain (D)	Cain supports comprehensive reform that includes a path to citizenship. Cain would've supported the Gang of Eight bill. She also supports the DREAM Act, which gives amnesty to illegal aliens who entered the country unlawfully as minors.	As someone who supports the Gang of Eight bill, Cain would support efforts to double the number of guest workers and significantly increase legal immigration.	No stated position.	No stated position.	Cain supports giving illegal aliens benefits like drivers' licenses.



Michigan

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 1, Open



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Jack Bergman (R)	“Our nation’s immigration policies should put the interests of our citizens and working families first. While we can continue to be generous, immigration is a privilege, not a right, and we should never allow it for people who intend to do us harm, or who violate our immigration laws and ‘cut in line’ to come here. Therefore, I am opposed to any form of amnesty for those who came here illegally.” “Only after the border is secure can we make decisions regarding deportations and temporary work visas. I will never support granting amnesty or citizenship to someone who broke our laws by coming to our nation illegally.”	“In a world rapidly approaching eight billion people, we also need to be realistic and have immigration policies that protect the interests of U.S. working families. That means having reasonable but still generous limits on legal immigration, and making sure that our visa system works as intended to serve genuine economic needs. But there is no excuse for the abuse of foreign work visas by some large corporations, who fire their American workers after forcing them to train their cheaper foreign worker replacements.”	Bergman says the American people deserve to have secure national borders, and communities that are safe from foreign criminals and terrorists. He says that walls and fences serve as a deterrent for illegal immigration but to really address the issue, the jobs must no longer be available.	To truly stop illegal immigration, including the 40 to 50 percent that overstay their visas, it must be mandatory for all employers to use the E-Verify program.	Illegal aliens should not get any freebies. The monies that illegal aliens send back to their home countries should be taxed.
Lon Johnson (D)	Illegal aliens should not be given “blanket amnesty.” “We must not reward illegal behavior.”	Johnson believes that the U.S. must cut the time delays for legal immigration. He also wants to increase the numbers of foreign workers “where there is a demonstrated lack of American workers.”	Lon Johnson believes that our country must be kept safe. He proposes increasing border security and giving our border patrol agents expanded enforcement authority.	Our immigration laws must be enforced. Johnson also wants to increase border patrol authority and funding. Johnson also wants a mandatory biometric entry/exit system to address the issue of visa overstay.	No stated position.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Tim Walberg (R) Incumbent	Tim Walberg opposes amnesty for illegal aliens but has indicated he would support “work permits” for those here illegally. He has called President Obama’s executive amnesty “an unconstitutional power grab.”	According to Walberg, America needs “to create a work permit program that eliminates bureaucratic red-tape and meets the evolving needs of economy, especially our agricultural, educational, and technological sectors.” “Right now, more than half of the undocumented population are visa overstays, which highlights the difficulty in renewing work visas. Instead of punishing lawful immigrants with a burdensome system, we should instead work towards fostering an environment where employers’ needs are being met by job-seeking, productive individuals who want to work.”	Tim Walberg believes that failing to secure our borders and ports of entry poses a security risk to American citizens and ignores the rule of law. He believes in using technology to secure the border, ensuring that our law enforcement agents have sufficient resources, technology and training to be able to enforce our laws, and immigrants coming into the country, particularly refugees, are properly vetted.	It is necessary to empower state and local law enforcement, and equip Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enforce federal immigration law. Furthermore, the Department of Justice must uphold the laws already on the books.	The government has a duty not to grant Social Security and other benefits to illegal aliens.
Gretchen Driskell (D)	Gretchen Driskell supports comprehensive, bipartisan immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship or earned legal status for immigrants “who already live, work, and pay taxes here.”	No stated position	No stated position	No stated position	No stated position



Minnesota

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 2, Open

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Jason Lewis (R)	Jason Lewis opposes amnesty and doesn't believe that illegal immigrants should have a pathway to citizenship.	He supports lowering the number of legal immigrants that the U.S. admits every year. Lewis wants to decrease the number of low-skilled workers who will take public benefits and increase the number of high-skilled worker who can "live independent of America's growing welfare state."	The border should be secured by a wall or any other method that works. Controlling the border is "issue number one when it comes to immigration." The fiscal cost of illegal immigration is not sustainable.	The only way to keep America safe is to enforce the laws on the books and secure the border. "Nobody's suggesting we have the resources to go around and catch eleven million people. When an illegal alien is caught they are deported."	Opposes public assistance programs for illegal aliens. U.S. citizen-born children of illegal aliens cost state and local governments billions of dollars.
Angie Craig (D)	Angie Craig supports comprehensive immigration reform that ensures a pathway to citizenship "for all willing to follow the law, work, and earn it."	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	By supporting amnesty, Craig supports making illegal aliens eligible for federal taxpayer-funded benefits.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Erik Paulsen (R) Incumbent	Erik Paulsen does not support a pathway to citizenship and indicated that he did not support the Gang of Eight bill. However, he has been somewhat non-committal on the issue.	Paulsen introduced a bill that would exempt foreign workers who have earned a Ph.D. in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) from limits on the number of employment-based green cards and H-1B visas awarded annually. “It’s a product of our broken immigration system that we often kick out or turn away the best and brightest minds and force them to return to their home countries where they end up becoming our competitors.” “Thousands of jobs go unfilled because of the high demand for employees in STEM-related fields.”	Paulsen backs tougher border security. “A strong defense includes strong law enforcement, secure borders, a strong military and vigorous intelligence services.”	Paulsen opposes sanctuary cities. He voted for an amendment to prohibit USCIS from implementing the President’s executive amnesty. Paulsen also supports allowing local law enforcement agents to detain illegal aliens and transfer them to ICE.	Paulsen opposes giving health care and tuition benefits to illegal aliens.
Terri Bonoff (D)	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.



Missouri

U.S. Senate Race

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Roy Blunt (R) Incumbent	Senator Blunt opposed the Gang of Eight bill. He believes that before any decisions can be made with respect to the individuals in our country illegally, our border must be secured and the Gang of Eight did not accomplish that goal. Blunt also opposed President Obama's executive amnesty and signed onto an amicus brief that argued Obama's actions violated federal immigration law and usurped Congress' constitutional authority to set immigration policy. He introduced the Executive Needs to Faithfully Observe and Respect Congressional Enactments of the Law (ENFORCE the Law) Act to ensure that a president upholds his constitutional obligation to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed."	Blunt believes the border must be secured before we fulfill "legitimate workforce needs." He has voted against the visa lottery. While Blunt does not specifically mention the number of legal immigrants he would allow into the country, he has voted against increasing the numbers of H-1B visas.	Senator Blunt is committed to securing our borders using fencing, technology, equipment, and additional agents.	Our immigration laws must be followed and enforced. Over his political career he has been a strong advocate for increasing enforcement. Blunt has sought to implement a biometric entry/exit system and end sanctuary cities. He has sought to give local law enforcement the ability to enforce our federal immigration laws.	Blunt opposes giving illegal aliens benefits. He has voted against providing healthcare subsidies, housing subsidies, and social security benefits to illegal aliens. He has also opposed the issuance of drivers' licenses and identification cards for illegal aliens.
Jason Kander (D)	Jason Kander has said that he agrees with President Obama's position on DACA and DAPA but doesn't support the President taking "executive action." He says that he supports Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's expansion of Obama's immigration policies that provide even more aliens with executive amnesty.	He has not stated his own position on legal immigration. However, he has been a member of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's national leadership team and presumably would support her immigration efforts which would increase legal immigration.	He has supported tightening the visa waiver program to ensure that terrorists cannot get into the U.S. Kander has criticized Republican measures on immigration as "right-wing wall building."	Kander has no stated position on immigration enforcement but has voiced support for comprehensive immigration reform and amnesty proposals. When queried about his position on sanctuary cities, he told reporters he was "too busy running for Senate and had not reviewed Washington policy."	No stated position.



Nebraska

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 2

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Brad Ashford (D) Incumbent	Brad Ashford supports bipartisan immigration reform that would protect our borders and create a path to earned citizenship for millions of illegal aliens. “We can no longer allow executive orders to take the place of legislation on such an important issue. Congress must do its job and fix our broken immigration system.” Ashford does support legislation to allow illegal aliens to serve in the military.	No stated position.	The U.S. must secure our borders and enhance our national security.	Ashford cosponsored Sarah’s Law which takes away ICE’s discretion and makes it mandatory to detain an alien who is charged with a crime that results in death or bodily injury to another. Ashford voted to toughen screening processes for Syrian refugees. He voted to protect sanctuary cities and criminal aliens.	Ashford supports providing illegal aliens with health care benefits.
Don Bacon (R)	Don Bacon says he opposes amnesty for illegal aliens because “we owe it to the people who are waiting to come to the United States legally to not give amnesty for citizenship to those who came here illegally.” He has indicated that he may support a pathway that would give them legal status to stay. “When you have people serving in Iraq in the Middle East right now who were illegal, are we going to deport them illegally? I would say no.”	No stated position.	The U.S. needs to secure its borders. “It is a security disaster to have over 300,000 illegal immigrants crossing our border every year.”	Bacon supports employer enforcement when it comes to hiring illegals. This is the root cause of our illegal immigration problem. “I do think when someone breaks the law there has to be accountability and there are surely those who have a criminal background, they need to go back home.” Bacon opposes sanctuary cities that shield criminal aliens.	Bacon opposes benefits for illegal aliens. “Those who would be dependent on the taxpayers, they should go back home.”



Nevada

U.S. Senate Race, Open

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Catherine Cortez Masto (D)	Catherine Cortez Masto says no Nevada family should be torn apart due to “our broken immigration system.” She supports comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship to allow millions of “undocumented workers to come out of the shadows.” Cortez Masto supports President Obama’s executive amnesty saying, “Immigration executive actions wouldn’t even be necessary if Congress had done their job and passed comprehensive immigration reform.”	No stated position.	Cortez Masto pays lip service to securing the border while stating she wants to give illegal aliens a way “out of the shadows.”	No stated position.	No stated position.
Joe Heck (R)	Joe Heck said he would have opposed the Gang of Eight bill if it was considered in the House because he had “concerns about border security and wanting to toughen the education requirements for the children of people not legally in the country looking to apply for citizenship.” However, Heck worked on drafting legislation that would provide a pathway to citizenship for illegal aliens who entered the country unlawfully as children, and publicly criticized House leadership in 2013 for failing to vote on any immigration legislation. While supportive of DACA overall, he opposes President Obama’s unilateral executive amnesty actions and believes that Congress’ role is to make policy.	Heck wants to revisit the issue of birthright citizenship to require that one parent be a U.S. citizen. Heck has not delineated how many aliens should be allowed into the U.S. but he believes that if we decrease the number of H-1B visas, growth in STEM fields would be restricted which would hurt our economic growth.	Heck is committed to border security. He believes that a combination of physical barriers where practical, increased patrols, response teams leveraging sensor technologies, and aerial surveillance are all components needed to secure the border. He supports transferring excess military equipment to the border to aid in securing it.	Heck believes that sanctuary cities who do not cooperate with ICE should not receive federal funding. He also supports E-Verify and believes that employers should only hire legal workers.	No stated position.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Danny Tarkanian (R)	“Even mere talk of amnesty is irresponsible because it encourages illegal immigration.” Tarkanian opposes comprehensive immigration reform, calling it “nothing more than a bailout for those who break the rules.”	“Why don’t we make it easier for people to come into this country legally?”	“I am in favor of all preventative methods for strengthening our borders. This is a necessary and vital step for stopping the flow of illegal immigrants into our country.” “I am firmly in support of building a strong wall on our southern border and instituting vigorous new vetting of all immigrants.”	Tarkanian said he supported Arizona’s law, S.B. 1070, including profiling of Hispanics by police, who could ask if they’re in the country legally if stopped for any reason.	Tarkanian wants to cut social and health benefits for illegal aliens. “I do not support illegal immigrants having access to taxpayer benefits. Our taxpayers are already burdened enough with having to fund those services for citizens of this country. They do not need to additionally support those who are here illegally.”
Jacky Rosen (D)	“Our broken immigration system is failing our families. We need real solutions for real people. We need to pass commonsense bipartisan immigration reform with a path to full and equal citizenship.”	No stated position.	“I want to build bridges not build walls.”	No stated position.	No stated position.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Crescent Hardy (R) Incumbent	DACA and DAPA were executive overreach and Crescent Hardy is in favor of Congress making the laws. However, Hardy does support comprehensive immigration reform but has made conflicting statements on whether the reform includes a pathway to citizenship or a path to legal status. He has said that he has “an obligation to create an opportunity for people to come here who are after the American Dream.”	“I know a number of employers that find it difficult to navigate this system today, to be able to get their employees here and get that green card. That needs to be changed.”	We must first secure our borders and enforce the laws that we already have on the books. “I do support Immigration Reform, and believe that it’s long overdue. However, I do not support the Gang of Eight bill that came out of the U.S. Senate last year because it simply doesn’t do enough to strengthen border security.”	Hardy voted to withhold law enforcement grants to sanctuary cities that shelter illegal immigrants from deportation.	No stated position.
Ruben Kihuen (D)	He supports passing comprehensive immigration reform because our immigration system is “broken.” Comprehensive immigration reform for Ruben Kihuen has “one non-negotiable element – it must contain a pathway to citizenship.” “We need to resolve immigration – it is a necessity and long overdue.” “If we legalize the undocumented it can lead to economic prosperity.”	No stated position.	Kihuen supports a “21st century approach” to immigration reform that is “compassionate” but also includes “border security, not only for immigration purposes but for national security purposes.”	No stated position.	He believes that illegal aliens should get education and health care benefits.



New Hampshire

U.S. Senate Race



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Kelly Ayotte (R) Incumbent	Kelly Ayotte supported the Gang of Eight amnesty bill despite campaigning in 2010 against amnesty. She says that if comprehensive immigration reform is not passed, illegal aliens have “de facto amnesty.” Ayotte says the reason she supported the Gang of Eight bill was to stop illegal immigration while bringing illegal aliens “out of the shadows.” Ayotte opposes President Obama’s unilateral executive amnesty.	The Gang of Eight bill Ayotte supported would double the number of guest workers and significantly increase legal immigration.	Ayotte supports efforts to secure the border. However, the Gang of Eight bill she supported did not require a biometric exit system at all land, air, and sea ports of entry, nor did it require additional fencing.	Ayotte supported Arizona’s S.B. 1070 that directs law enforcement to check an individual’s immigration status if they have a ‘reasonable suspicion’ that the person is in the country illegally and prohibits local law enforcement from adopting sanctuary cities policies. While campaigning, Ayotte said we need to enforce our existing immigrations laws. But we should not reward people who have come here illegally and broken our laws. However, after voting for the Gang of Eight bill, Ayotte wants to bring illegal aliens “out of the shadows” to determine which need to be deported because they intend harm and which are here for economic reasons.	Ayotte supported the Gang of Eight bill which makes illegal aliens eligible to become legal permanent residents which allows them to get federal benefits like welfare, social security and health care.
Maggie Hassan (D)	Maggie Hassan supports a pathway to citizenship. While she supports President Obama’s executive amnesty, Hassan prefers a legislative solution. She believes the Supreme Court’s decision in U.S. v. Texas will leave millions of children and parents in limbo.	No stated position.	She was the first Democrat to call for a complete halt to admitting Syrian refugees.	As a New Hampshire State Senator, Hassan voted against a bill that stated New Hampshire “shall not serve as a sanctuary for illegal aliens” and police “shall enforce federal immigration laws to the extent authorized by federal law.”	Hassan believes that aliens should have citizenship and government subsidized health care.

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Frank Guinta (R) Incumbent	"I will not support an amnesty of illegal aliens currently in the United States. Any amnesty would only reward criminal behavior and would encourage additional illegal immigration in the future."	"As the grandson of immigrants, I believe we should continue to welcome people to the United States who respect our laws and want to contribute to society." "I support STEM and reforming our H-1B and H-2B visa system because our nation must keep up with the increasing demand for students and employees with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and mathematics." "Instead of sending those who graduate from American colleges and universities back to their home countries to compete against us, we should reform our immigration system so that it allows American-educated students to stay in our country to contribute to our economy and fill the huge void in STEM jobs."	"We must secure the border. This can be done with an increase in the number of border agents, construction of walls in high traffic areas and the added use of new technology."	"We are a nation that believes deeply in the rule of law and I do not think we should reward those who would willfully ignore our laws." Guinta believes that "we ought to increase the penalties for employers who assist or hire illegal aliens. Local law enforcement should be encouraged to report illegal immigrants to the appropriate authorities for immediate deportation. Those state and municipal governments that refuse to follow federal immigration laws should forfeit federal funding."	"Between seven and 20 million people currently live and work in the United States illegally. They don't pay local, state or federal taxes, yet they place an additional burden on government services and severely strain limited revenue sources." "Illegal immigrants choose not to play by the rules, and then expect to receive all the privileges given to those who followed the law and now live here legally. That's just not right."
Carol Shea-Porter (D)	Carol Shea-Porter supports comprehensive immigration reform. She said that she supports the Gang of Eight bill which includes a pathway to citizenship.	The Gang of Eight bill Shea-Porter says she supports would double the number of guest workers and significantly increase legal immigration.	Shea-Porter voted against an immigration bill that would increase funding for border protection. She has also dismissed proposals to build a wall along the border to prevent illegal immigration. "Five million dollars a mile," she said. "How are we going to pay for this?"	"The federal government has to secure our borders and enforce immigration laws. In order to end illegal immigration, we must punish the employers who knowingly hire workers who come here illegally for jobs."	Shea-Porter supports benefits like housing and health care for illegal aliens.



New Jersey

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 5

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Scott Garrett (R) Incumbent	<p>“Much has been said about providing amnesty to non-citizens who are illegally in this country and working. While it is important to be able to document everyone who has entered the United States, rewarding those who have broken our laws, the same laws most of our families had to obey when they first entered the country, is not the way. I am solemnly against providing amnesty to illegal aliens and will do all I can to prevent any plan that would.”</p>	<p>While not indicating what level of legal immigration he supports, Garrett has voted to end the visa lottery that randomly gives green cards without regard to whether an individual’s skills would be benefit to the U.S. He has also voted to limit chain migration that allows people to bring their relatives into the U.S.</p>	<p>“There are currently at least 12 million (with estimates reaching as high as 30 million) illegal aliens in this country. The first line of defense is controlling our porous borders.” “We need to secure the border, assist our border patrol agents in their law enforcement duties, and expedite the judicial processing and deportation of illegal migrants.” “Our borders are not safe. Undocumented persons enter our nation daily and we have no idea what they are doing here. Illegal immigration is dangerous and out of control, threatening the lives and property of each American citizen and costing taxpayers billions.”</p>	<p>“As an elected official, my first priority is to my constituents. I am first going to look out for their interests by enforcing our laws. I am first going to make certain that they are safe by advocating for policies that prioritize our national security interests.”</p>	<p>No stated position.</p>
Josh Gottheimer (D)	<p>Josh Gottheimer supports immigration reform that would give people living here illegally a path to citizenship.</p>	<p>Gottheimer would “expand the visas that businesses seek for highly qualified foreign workers.” “Given our immigration policies, many of the engineers who graduate from our colleges can’t stay here. The result is a huge skills gap.”</p>	<p>No stated position.</p>	<p>No stated position.</p>	<p>No stated position.</p>



New York

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 1

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Lee Zeldin (R) Incumbent	Lee Zeldin would vote against the Gang of Eight bill because he opposes a path to citizenship for the 12 million people here illegally.	Zeldin supports merit-based visas over family-based visas.	“The Department of Homeland Security has reason to believe ISIS may be plotting an attack on the United States through our Southern border.” “I will work hard to improve border security and bolster federal law enforcement.” Zeldin is currently working with the Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees to pass legislation to strengthen border security and interior enforcement and stop the influx of Syrian refugees until they can be properly vetted.	Zeldin supports harsher financial punishments for those who knowingly employ illegal immigrants.	Zeldin blames immigrants who are in the country without legal status for raising costs for schools and public services.
Anna Throne-Holst (D)	“We need a path to citizenship, we need a visa program that works the way it used to, we need the Dream Act to be adopted tomorrow.”	“The agriculture industry needs to be supported with temporary visas that work and grant funding.”	“Donald Trump’s proposal to build a wall around the border would bankrupt our nation.”	No stated position.	No stated position.

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Tom Suozzi (D)	Tom Suozzi believes in comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship.	No stated position.	No stated position.	When he was mayor of Glen Cove, Tom Suozzi created one of the first day laborer centers on the East Coast. “Those men who were standing on the street corner looking for work back in 1994 are the same men who now have their own businesses as landscapers and contractors,” he said. “They have bought their own homes. Their children are now going to the same public schools as my children. They are living the American Dream.” Tom Suozzi has criticized ICE’s so-called “raids.” Suozzi has said he does not see how deporting illegal aliens will solve any problems.	Souzzi has supported using taxpayer funds for services to illegal aliens and criticized local governments who have refused. “If people are playing by the rules of the community then we should treat them as people and let them take advantage of the services.”
Jack Martins (R)	Jack Martins said the U.S. should bring illegal aliens “out of the shadows,” but said there is no “political will” for a path to citizenship. “People don’t cross borders, cross oceans, in order to collect a check from the government,” Martins said. “They’re coming here to provide for themselves and their families and hopefully to seek a better life.”	Martins said that “we must recognize the importance of a flexible labor market to keep employers in business and our economy on top.” “It should provide skilled Americans and immigrants with opportunity. Our education system should ensure skills for our young workers and retraining and assistance programs for displaced workers must be modernized so they can pursue those opportunities.”	Martins believes that our borders must be secured. The federal government has utterly failed in its responsibility to provide the personnel and resources needed to ensure that our borders are secure. Tight border security includes not just the entry and exit of people, but also the effective screening of cargo at our ports and other points of entry.	Jack Martins cosponsored legislation that prohibits funding for local police departments that have a policy of non-cooperation with ICE.	“I strongly oppose the Senate Democrats’ proposal to give illegal immigrants New York State citizenship including taxpayer funded public assistance benefits and the right to vote, serve on juries, run for public office, obtain a driver’s license, and hold professional licenses. It is an insult to hardworking, overtaxed families in Nassau County and New York State, but it’s in addition to Senate Democrats’ plan to provide illegal immigrants with taxpayer funded college tuition assistance, even though 3 out of 4 current New York students do not qualify for that same benefit.”

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John Faso (R)	John Faso supports a policy which would allow “millions of undocumented residents to ‘normalize’ their status.” “I don’t support citizenship for those illegally in the country; I would support legal status however -- but not citizenship -- for those who have not committed crimes and are willing to pay a fine.”	Faso believes that we should emphasize immigration for those who bring specific skills beneficial to the economy. He says that “farm employers must also have better access to seasonal labor.”	America’s immigration system is broken, “and to fix it we must first work to secure our southern border.”	No stated position.	Faso opposed giving illegal aliens drivers’ licenses.
Zephyr Teachout (D)	“I support comprehensive immigration reform, including an earned pathway to citizenship for the immigrants living in the country illegally,” Zephyr Teachout said, “by requiring them to pass a criminal background check, pay a fine and back taxes, and wait a number of years.”	No stated position.	Teachout supports reforming the nation’s immigration laws by increasing border security, and providing border patrols the tools they need to be effective.	Teachout wants to limit the ability of local and state police to enforce federal immigration laws.	Teachout wants to provide illegal aliens with tuition assistance as well as drivers’ licenses.

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Claudia Tenney (R)	Claudia Tenney opposes amnesty. She said, “We can and will reform our system without rewarding law-breaking, encouraging more illegal immigration, or displacing hardworking Americans from jobs.”	Tenney opposes the “cheap-labor tech visa racket.” “Millions of Americans are out of work, and politicians in Washington, like my opponent, want to bring in millions more to take high-paying, high-tech jobs we desperately need here and for our American citizens.” According to Tenney, “We must protect business, jobs, trade and sovereignty, giving Americans a chance to thrive.”	The federal government has two major objectives, according to Claudia Tenney –national defense and border security. Claudia Tenney believes that we must ensure the security of our nation’s border immediately. She says, “We must stop the flow of illegal-immigrants that is putting our nation’s security at risk and placing a financial burden on American citizens.”	No stated position.	Tenney wants to preserve taxpayer resources for Americans and immigrants who respect and follow our laws and choose to come here legally. She opposes expansions of benefits for illegal aliens.
Kim Myers (D)	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.

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John Katko (R) Incumbent	John Katko said he would support a bipartisan immigration reform bill in Congress but not the Gang of Eight bill. Katko disagrees with a provision in that bill that provides a path to citizenship for 12 million illegally in the United States. He does supports allowing DACA recipients who serve in the military to have a pathway towards citizenship.	“We need to streamline the process and we need to make it less expensive for the farmers and people who use temporary workers. Part of the reason why we have so many illegal immigrants here is that a lot of them come here to work and they intend to do so temporarily but are afraid to leave, because if they leave they might not get back in, so that’s compounding the problem. Ask any farmer in Wayne County, they’ll tell you they need the workers but it’s costing them between over \$1,000 per employee, per season to go through the red tape to get the worker here. That’s insane.” “We need a better student work visa program. When people get out of school, we ought to have the companies take their talent, that we have educated them on and keep them here to compete against their former countries, as opposed to sending them back to their countries to compete against us.”	Border security at both the Mexican and Canadian borders must be beefed up.	Katko opposed deporting children brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents. “Illegal aliens that commit crimes should be deported. No exceptions. If they come back, Katko believes there should be harsh penalties and sentences to make it clear to them that there is a deterrent. For people who are here and not employed or leading productive lives, they shouldn’t be here either.”	No stated position.
Colleen Deacon (D)	Colleen Deacon supports comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship for 12 million immigrants in the United States illegally. Deacon also supports President Obama’s executive amnesty programs.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.



North Carolina

U.S. Senate Race



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Richard Burr (R) Incumbent	Richard Burr opposes amnesty for illegal aliens and voted against the Gang of Eight bill. He doesn't believe that you should reward illegal aliens by giving them a pathway to citizenship. Burr also opposes President Obama's executive amnesty policies.	While Burr does not indicate what level he would like for legal immigration, he has voted to increase the overall caps on employment visas.	Burr wants to secure our porous borders. He would like to secure the border by building a fence as well as increasing personnel and enhancing technology.	Burr believes that state and local law enforcement need to help enforce our immigration laws. He also believes that E-Verify must be fully implemented. He opposes sanctuary cities and has voted against federal funding. Burr has also voted to increase resources in the Department of Justice to expedite immigration cases at the border.	Burr does not want to provide illegal aliens with in-state tuition, health care benefits, or social security. He has also opposed efforts to provide illegal aliens with a credit card.
Deborah Ross (D)	Deborah Ross says, "Our immigration system is broken, forcing millions to live in the shadows, making our country less safe and holding back our nation's economy. There should be a tough, fair and earned path to citizenship for the 12 million undocumented immigrants already living, working and raising families here. That is why I support the sensible, bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bill that passed the U.S. Senate with 68 votes more than two years ago."	Ross would support increasing foreign workers in the U.S. She has said, "We need industry and smarts from people all over the world...it's good for both business and international relations." She would also support increasing the number of farm workers in NC to ensure NC has a legal, stable and reliable workforce. Ross believes that increasing the numbers of foreign workers will grow our economy.	Ross says she supports securing our borders but has not indicated how she would secure it. Further, she supports comprehensive immigration reform which gives aliens who have come into our country illegally a path toward citizenship.	Ross would scrutinize the 287(g) program, which allows Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enter into agreements with local law enforcement agencies to "deputize" or cross-designate law enforcement officers to act as immigration agents.	Despite a moratorium by the N.C. System of Community Colleges on admitting illegal aliens to degree granting programs, Ross said that she would support their admittance if they graduated from N.C. high schools and their families pay taxes.



Ohio

U.S. Senate Race

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Rob Portman (R) Incumbent	Portman opposed the Gang of Eight bill. He believes that without turning off the magnet which draws people here illegally, any reform effort will fail. If the President truly wants to fix our broken immigration system, he should work with the newly-elected Congress –both Democrats and Republicans – on real reform including improved internal enforcement measures and securing our border.	Portman has said that our immigration system can neither keep up with the demand for legal immigration nor stem the flow of illegal immigration. He supports efforts to increase visas for high tech workers and others.	Need border security but those efforts need to be coupled with effective workplace enforcement to turn off the jobs magnet. Portman believes in strong entry/exit system. Enforcement is the key to resolving the immigration issue. People will continue to come to America regardless of our border security if they believe America offers a better life or better job. He supports secure border but that alone is not sufficient.	Portman believes in strong workplace enforcement. He supports E-Verify but has concerns that people who use false or borrowed identities are able to slip through. He wants to strengthen E-Verify.	Illegal aliens should not receive tax credits.
Ted Strickland (D)	Ted Strickland supports amnesty. He called President Obama’s executive amnesty the “heart of family values – keeping parents and children together and allowing them to come out of the shadows in which they are forced to live in this country.”	Ted Strickland opposes the Trans-Pacific Partnership and other trade agreements which he says are a bad deal for Americans.	Strickland has claimed to support border security. While he has supported efforts to build a fence, he opposed reinforcement efforts. In addition, Strickland has voted against efforts to institute the biometric entry/exit system.	Strickland has worked against allowing state and local law enforcement helping to reduce illegal immigration as well as opposed E-Verify efforts.	Ted Strickland supports in-state tuition, health care benefits, welfare, and educational benefits for illegal aliens. He has also supported giving illegal aliens driver’s licenses and identification cards.



Pennsylvania

U.S. Senate Race

	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Pat Toomey (R) Incumbent	Pat Toomey voted against the Gang of Eight bill. He believes a key principle that should guide our country's immigration policy is the importance of the rule of law. America is a country built on a common respect for the rule of law, and we must make sure we do not undermine this fundamental value. For this reason, Pat Toomey opposes amnesty and while he believes that legal immigrants should have the chance to live the American dream, those who have broken the law should not be rewarded.	Pat Toomey says, "Our immigration system should be open to newcomers who want to work hard and contribute to our communities and economy like my grandparents, and so many other immigrants." He supports efforts to increase the number of visas for low-skilled workers arguing that they deserve a legal path to the American dream.	Pat Toomey believes that the United States must secure its border and ensure that our laws are enforced.	Toomey introduced legislation to end sanctuary cities and supported efforts to ensure illegal aliens who reenter the United States and commit crimes after being deported receive a 5-year mandatory prison sentence.	Toomey opposes benefits for illegal aliens.
Katie McGinty (D)	Katie McGinty supports comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship. She would have supported the Gang of Eight legislation.	McGinty has not expressed support for how many legal immigrants she thinks should be admitted into the U.S., however, she has indicated support for increasing the number of legal immigrants, saying that the Latino community is a driving force in job creation and in terms of the economy.	McGinty has indicated she supports border security but hasn't outlined any plan other than her support for the Gang of Eight bill which gives illegal aliens amnesty before implementing any border security measures.	McGinty says she supports local law enforcement working with ICE. However, she has not indicated support for Pat Toomey's sanctuary city bill.	As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, McGinty supports providing illegal aliens with benefits like the Earned Income Tax Credit and welfare benefits.

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Brian Fitzpatrick (R)	The border must be secured before any comprehensive immigration reform is considered.	Our legal immigration system needs to be reformed to provide better screenings for those coming into the country to ensure that we can continue to be a nation that welcomes all seeking freedom and opportunity.	<p>“Secure the border, it’s like Swiss cheese right now. That needs to be stopped, and quite frankly it’s a national security disaster waiting to happen, and we’ve seen that in many contexts, not just the Syrian refugee crisis but the southwest border is a big, big problem.”</p> <p>“I think we can take a page out of Israel’s handbook about how to secure your border, because they managed to do it in the most dangerous part of the world. How did they do it? They built a fence, they have aerial surveillance surveilling the border, they have human intelligence on the other side of the border to find out what’s going on, the intelligence they need, and they deploy what would be the equivalent of our National Guard to the border. I think that’s exactly what we need to do in this country.”</p> <p>“As a former FBI agent who supported counter-terrorism efforts, I know firsthand the threats our nation faces from our broken immigration system. Protecting our border is an important part of increasing our national security. Congress must act to secure the border through a physical barrier, aerial surveillance, enhanced human intelligence program, and the formation of a federal agent/National Guard task force.</p>	“Several cities across the United States, including the City of Philadelphia, are in direct defiance of President Obama’s order to end their illegal policy known as sanctuary cities. These cities refuse to notify federal authorities when a non-citizen living in the U.S. illegally is going to be released from police custody, even if that person is convicted of a violent felony, is an active gang member or suspected of being a terrorist. Not reporting suspected terrorists to federal authorities is a recipe for disaster, particularly when it is potentially happening just a few miles away from our homes.”	No stated position.
Steve Santarsiero (D)	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.



Texas

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 23



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Will Hurd (R) Incumbent	Our immigration system is broken. “Executive action that incentivizes illegal immigration just makes it worse.” “We need a long term solution that protects American workers and fosters economic growth. I am willing to work with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and the President to find it.”	Hurd is a strong backer of legal immigration saying “we can benefit from the brain drain in Mexico and other countries.” “If you are a hard-working member of society, let’s get you here and keep you here, but let’s do it legally.”	There is no single method for preventing illegal immigration across the nation’s borders. “You can’t have a one-size-fits-all solution,” Hurd said. “We need to allow the men and women in border patrol to adjust their tactics, techniques and procedures as they see fit.”	No stated position.	No stated position.
Pete Gallego (D)	“I am a strong supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, including beefed up efforts to improve border security to keep criminals out and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already in this country who pay a fine, pay back taxes, learn to speak English and stand in line.” “We all know undocumented immigrants. They sit in our churches, are friends with our children and work all around us. They are just like us,” “Comprehensive immigration reform will not only make our country safer, it will also make our economy stronger.”	No stated position.	“The men and women at our borders, given adequate resources, are doing an excellent job of keeping us safe.” “Insisting upon border security before reforming immigration ignores the 12 million paperless people who are already here and “go to school with our kids ... cook and serve our food, build our houses or help in our food supply.”	Pete Gallego says that we need to enforce the laws we have now. He believes that there should be a more efficient process to remove illegal aliens who want to do harm to our nation. He also believes that we need to increase workplace employment verification systems to “weed out criminals.”	No stated position.



Utah

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 4



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Mia Love (R) Incumbent	“If you commit a crime, it’s not okay, it’s never okay to commit a crime. We’ve got to make our policies a little bit better. We’ve got to make it so that we are supporting good behavior and punishing bad behavior. And to me, you have to understand that my parents came here legally. There are people that are standing in line, who are coming here, who want to be here and it’s not to me, it’s not right that people who have committed a crime get to stay when people who haven’t are working really hard to try to get into this country.”	No stated position.	“The best analogy I can think of is this boat. There’s this boat that’s got this big hole punched into it and the states are trying to do everything they can to bail out the water, but federal government has punched this big hole in this boat and as much as we try to bail out the water unless we actually secure our borders and do some things on a federal level, we’re going to continue to have this problem. This is a symptom of a lack of security on the borders. It’s a symptom, there are other symptoms...three things aren’t happening, we’re not securing our borders, we’re not tracking visas that are—we track visas that are coming in but we’re not tracking visas that are leaving... and three, we incentivize and reward bad behavior. We punish good behavior, which means it’s easier to be here illegally than it is to be here legally in this country.” “We’ve got to at least allow our border security agents to pursue on public land.”	We must have a way to track visas.	No stated position.
Doug Owens (D)	Supports comprehensive immigration reform including a path to citizenship. It’s time to reform to “our nation’s antiquated, ineffective immigration laws.” Owens believes that it is important to “keep families together.”	No stated position.	“We must strengthen the security of our border.”	Despite his support for amnesty, Owens says that we must enforce the law and require everyone to play by the same rules.	Owens supports providing federal benefits like health care to illegal aliens.



Virginia

U.S. House of Representatives Race—District 4, Open



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
A. Donald McEachin (D)	McEachin supports “comprehensive immigration reform that enables law-abiding, contributing members of our communities to earn citizenship in the country they call home.”	No stated position.	No stated position.	He voted against a bill that would require local government to work with federal immigration officers to enforce the law. He voted against a bill that would require sanctuary cities to be liable for injury to a person or property caused by an illegal alien. He voted against legislation that would punish employers for hiring illegal aliens.	He supports giving benefits like in-state tuition to illegal aliens. “The alien that is living with you do not mistreat him. Treat the resident alien the same way you treat the native born among you.”
Mike Wade (R)	Mike Wade said, “It is impossible to deport all illegal immigrants in the U.S.” He proposes a process to attain legal status. “Self-reporting illegals without criminal histories would be given probationary periods of five years before being allowed to apply for citizenship.”	No stated position.	“We as a nation have an obligation to secure our border. This will allow us to control who comes in and out and will allow us to ensure those coming will contribute to our communities.” “We must erect a physical barrier along our southern border to control the problem.”	No stated position.	No stated position.

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Barbara Comstock (R) Incumbent	Barbara Comstock opposes passing comprehensive immigration reform. Instead, she believes that immigration reform should be done piecemeal. Comstock opposed President Obama’s executive amnesty programs. She also opposed so-called DREAMers serving in the military.	No stated position.	“America is a welcoming nation... and we are also a nation of laws.” Comstock wants to protect our borders and continue to welcome those “who play by the rules.”	Comstock supports efforts to implement an effective biometric entry/exit system to track individuals who overstay their visas. She voted to prohibit funding to sanctuary cities. She supports the ability of law enforcement officers to ask individuals who have been arrested if they are in the country legally.	Comstock opposes giving benefits to illegal aliens.
LuAnn Bennett (D)	LuAnn Bennett supports comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship. “Congress must come together to pass comprehensive immigration reform.” “We must do everything we can to keep families together.”	When asked about immigration reform to resolve the so-called “critical labor shortage faced by farmers” Bennett said she supported legislation like the Senate Gang of Eight bill.	Keeping Americans safe is one of Congress’ most important jobs Bennett says. “We must continue to keep our country safe and secure through the use of smart power, aggressive diplomacy, and by projecting our values of diversity and equal opportunity.” Bennett has opposed building a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border and denounced any attempt to ban people from entering the country based on their religious beliefs.	Bennett opposed using a tracking system to determine which individuals are remaining in our country after their visa expired. “Rep. Comstock and Donald Trump share the exact same crass and insensitive views about our immigrant neighbors... Those views – that the federal government should inhumanely track people like FedEx packages.”	No stated position.



Wisconsin

U.S. Senate Race



	AMNESTY	LEGAL IMMIGRATION	BORDER SECURITY	INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT	BENEFITS FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS
Ron Johnson (R) Incumbent	He opposes any form of amnesty because it creates an incentive for illegal immigration. Ron Johnson voted against the Gang of Eight bill.	Johnson believes that our legal immigration system ought to be based on what is best for America, the American people and the American worker. “We need to process legal immigrants’ applications before processing DACA and DAPA applicants.”	“First and foremost the federal government must act to secure our borders,” says Johnson. He believes the federal government has failed to enforce current immigration laws and tighten our borders to stop the flow of illegal immigration. Border security is the first step in any immigration reform. Johnson believes that we must gather better data on illegal border crossings. He would also like to move more border enforcement agents to border hotspots as well as erecting fencing in the high-traffic areas.	Our immigration laws must be enforced. Businesses or employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants should be penalized and we should take steps to prevent abuse or exploitation of workers due to their immigration status. Johnson has been a big proponent of removing criminal aliens that have been released from prison.	Taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens should be prohibited.
Russ Feingold (D)	Russ Feingold supports comprehensive immigration reform which “reunites families, modernizes existing immigration programs and gives immigrant college-age students a chance at the American dream. It also must include a pathway to earned citizenship”	When previously in the Senate, Feingold voted consistently to support chain migration that expands the numbers of relatives allowed into the United States and is a primary reason for the levels of legal immigration snowballing. He also voted against implementing the recommendations of the bipartisan Jordan Commission that would have lowered the overall legal immigration levels.	Russ Feingold has placed a low emphasis on border security and has previous voted against building the fence.	He has supported federal funding of sanctuary cities.	He supports health care for illegal aliens. He also supports providing educational benefits to illegal aliens.

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Mike Gallagher (R)	To deal with illegal aliens in the United States, Mike Gallagher said, “We must secure the border, enforce the law, and fix the broken immigration system.”	Gallagher believes that we need to modernize our immigration system in a way that benefits American workers.	The border is porous and a national security issue. “You can’t have a country without a secure border,” Gallagher says. “It’s a matter of our sovereignty and our national security.”	Gallagher supports enforcing our immigration laws. “We need to enforce the law. We are a nation of immigrants; I have enormous, enormous sympathy for those who are willing to risk their lives to come here, who want to come here to give their kids a better life; but we’re a nation of laws, and if we don’t respect our own laws, no one else is going to respect our laws.”	Gallagher would oppose benefits for illegal aliens. “We have a broken immigration system that rewards those that want to do it the wrong way, while making it hard for those who want to do it the right way.” “I reject a future in which a broken immigration system continues to reward those who do it the wrong way.”
Tom Nelson (D)	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	No stated position.	Nelson supports benefits for illegal aliens. While in the Wisconsin Assembly, Nelson voted to give illegal aliens in-state tuition benefits. Nelson also voted against a bill that would have required citizenship or legal permanent residency in order to obtain public assistance.