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Success! Grassroots Pressure Forces House Leadership to Back Off Amnesty Plan—For Now

On January 31, the House Republican leadership unveiled its long anticipated "Standards for Immigration Reform" at their retreat in Cambridge, Maryland. As expected, their principles for immigration "reform" included a call for amnesty. The one-page document adopted the position that "individuals who broke our nation's immigration laws...could live legally and without fear in the U.S."

By all appearances, it seemed that

the House leadership was ready to move ahead with a package of bills that roughly added up to the one big bill approved by the Senate last June. The leadership's position was met with euphoria among amnesty advocates and business lobbyists who showered the document with praise.

But what a difference one week can make. On February 6, House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) seemingly put the brakes on legislative action in 2014.

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Latest Administration Maneuver: Make it Easier for Terrorist Supporters to Enter the U.S.

Even as terrorism threats against the United States remain high, the Obama administration took steps in early February to weaken a federal law that prohibits those who provide "material support" to individuals or organizations engaged in terrorist activity from being admitted to the country.

In the aftermath of 9/11, Congress amended the Immigration and Nation-

ality Act to prohibit entry to anyone who knowingly provides "material support or resources" to individuals or organizations that have committed (or plan to commit) an act of terrorism.

The law defines "material support" to terrorists to include a host of serious actions, such as providing a safe house, transportation, communications, funds,

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“Generation Jobless” Becoming Generation Hopeless

Facing chronic unemployment and underemployment, one group is being hit harder than any other: The Millennial Generation. Millennials—Americans 18 to 34 years old—are being disproportionately harmed by mass immigration, finds a new report by FAIR. *Generation Jobless: The Unemployment Crisis of Millennials* finds that excessively high levels of immigration have become a significant impediment to younger workers gaining a foothold in the labor market.

According to the report, this crisis—affecting both lesser skilled youth and those with college educations—would be exacerbated if Congress enacts immigration “reform” legislation that grants amnesty to illegal aliens and doubles the annual admission of new immigrants.

Many factors contribute to the bleak employment picture among younger workers struggling to find stable well-paying jobs, but direct competition from immigrant workers—legal and illegal—may have long-term consequences for young American workers.

AMONG THE KEY FINDINGS OF GENERATION JOBLESS:

- HALF OF UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN OCTOBER 2013 WERE MILLENNIALS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 34.
- 39 PERCENT OF 18- TO 34-YEAR-OLDS WERE NOT IN THE LABOR FORCE IN 2012.
- THERE NUMBER OF 16 TO 34 YEAR OLDS INCREASED BY 2.6 MILLION BETWEEN 2007 AND 2012. DURING THAT SAME TIME SPAN, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYED AMERICANS 16-34 DECREASED BY 2.9 MILLION.
- U.S.-BORN HISPANIC MILLENNIALS OF ALL EDUCATION LEVELS, ARE THE MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY COMPETITION FROM FOREIGN WORKERS.



THE FULL REPORT, *GENERATION JOBLESS: THE UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS OF MILLENNIALS* IS AVAILABLE AT FAIRUS.ORG.

DHS Audit Reveals Massive Asylum Fraud

An internal audit by the Department of Homeland Security reveals that the political asylum process is plagued with rampant fraud. The 2009 assessment obtained by the House Judiciary Committee found that at least **70 percent** of asylum applications were based in part on fraud. The audit examined asylum claims made in 2005, which predates the Obama administration. However, given the policies of the current administration, there is little reason to believe that widespread fraud has been curbed.

Specifically, the audit found that 12 percent of cases showed “proven fraud” while 58 percent had “indicators of fraud” but lacked sufficient evidence to make a final decision. Nevertheless, many of the fraudulent asylum applications were approved according to the DHS report.

A second DHS report obtained by the Judiciary Committee found that the government is not detaining asylum applicants despite an explicit

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Homeland Security Secretary Says Department Planning for Amnesty

Just one day after Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) announced that the House is unlikely to move forward on any immigration legislation that includes amnesty for illegal aliens, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson stated that his department was gearing up to implement an amnesty anyway. "I have already directed the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security to coordinate the process to ensure we are ready to implement the law," Johnson told an audience at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.

The deputy Johnson referred to is Alejandro Mayorkas, an official currently under investigation for allegedly improperly granting visas as director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Employees at USCIS have stated publicly that, under his leadership,

they were pressured to approve visa applications even when they had serious reservations about the applicants.

Johnson's statement adds to the lack of trust cited by Boehner a day earlier. According to the secretary, DHS is expending resources and manpower preparing to implement a law that Congress has not enacted. This is the same department that claims that it cannot enforce many immigration laws due to lack of resources.

Second, Johnson's speech raises concerns that the Obama administration may attempt to circumvent Congress's authority and implement a de facto amnesty for virtually all illegal aliens in the United States. President Obama has sent mixed signals about his intent. On the one hand, he has said he does not have the constitutional authority to carry out an administrative amnesty. On the

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Fremont Voters Stand Up to City Council and Support Town's Immigration Enforcement Ordinance

Voters in Fremont, Nebraska, overwhelmingly reaffirmed their support for local laws designed to discourage illegal immigration. Among other provisions, the ordinance first approved by the Fremont City Council in 2008 requires all renters to attest to the fact that they are legal U.S. residents.

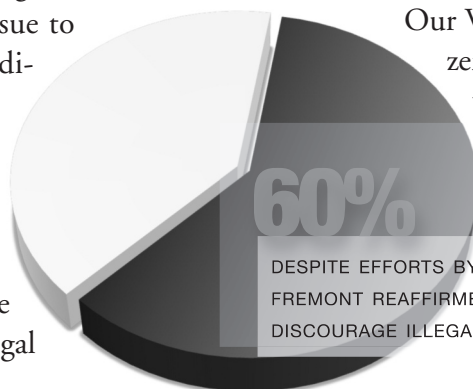
Illegal alien advocacy groups, led by the American Civil Liberties Union, immediately sued to prevent the council-approved ordinance from taking effect. In response, the City Council put the issue to Fremont voters who approved the ordinance in 2010.

In 2013, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld most provisions of the Fremont law. However, before carrying out the law, the Fremont City Council scheduled another referendum on the matter. Despite an intense effort by illegal

alien advocates to mischaracterize the law, and threats of additional lawsuits, voters again approved the measure by an even larger margin, 60% to 40%, on Feb. 11.

Approval of the ballot measure by voters represents a significant victory for law abiding residents and taxpayers in Fremont, and validates the important work that FAIR and the Immigration Reform Law Institute have invested in this effort.

FAIR's Field Department worked closely with Our Votes Should Count—the Fremont citizens' group that spearheaded the effort to win voter approval for the second time—to defend their city against law-



DESPITE EFFORTS BY ILLEGAL ALIEN ADVOCATES, VOTERS IN FREMONT REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR LOCAL LAWS THAT DISCOURAGE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

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Across the Country

Maryland

In February, Gov. Martin O'Malley sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security protesting the removal of illegal aliens from his state who did not have prior criminal records. Under Secure Communities, fingerprints of individuals arrested and booked by state and local police are cross-checked against other databases, including that of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. A prior criminal conviction is not necessary for ICE to institute deportation proceedings against someone who is in the country illegally. Nevertheless, O'Malley, who is considered a possible Democratic presidential contender in 2016, protested that Secure Communities should only be used to "focus on violent criminals who pose a threat to national security and public safety." It is very rare, however, that the current administration deports people who do not meet its self-declared, removal priority criteria. According to FY 2013 deportation data, only about 8,300 illegal aliens (out of an estimated population of 12 million) were individuals who did not meet the administration's criteria for removal.

New York

It is hard to believe that any mayor could be more accommodating of illegal aliens than Michael Bloomberg, whose term expired on Dec. 31. But, new Mayor Bill DeBlasio is certainly making an effort. Fulfilling a campaign pledge, DeBlasio announced plans to begin issuing municipal ID cards to illegal aliens who reside in New York City. In his first State of the City address, DeBlasio stated, "We will protect the almost half-million undocumented New Yorkers, whose voices too often go unheard. We will reach out to all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status—issuing municipal ID cards available to all New Yorkers." DeBlasio's proposal ignores the explicit findings of the 9/11 Commission which said that the ability of the terrorists to obtain government-issued IDs helped facilitate the attacks. His plan also ignores the reality that New York City remains a target for international terrorists.

Virginia

Seven illegal aliens granted temporary legal status under the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program have filed suit in January against Virginia's State Council of Higher Education for denying their requests for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities. Virginia law prohibits illegal aliens from obtaining in-state tuition benefits. As recently as January 23, the Virginia State Senate Committee on Education and Health defeated a bill to allow DACA recipients to benefit from in-state tuition rates. Moreover, there is no requirement under DACA, a temporary amnesty program that has never been authorized by Congress, that states grant these benefits to illegal aliens who qualify for the program.

GOP'S IMMIGRATION PRINCIPLES *continued*

"There's widespread doubt about whether this administration can be trusted to enforce our laws, and it's going to be difficult to move any immigration legislation until that changes," said Boehner.

Even Senate Gang of Eight member, Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), warned the House against trusting the president to implement any immigration enforcement legislation in good faith. The administration "will just do the legalization part but they won't do the enforcement part," he said.

Of course Boehner and Rubio already knew that President Obama cannot be trusted to enforce immigration laws. What changed over the course of a week was a massive response from the Republican Party's political base, and from a broad swath of the American electorate. Despite self-serving assertions by supporters of amnesty and immigration increases, supported by push polls, that there is broad public support for amnesty, it proved not to be the case.

In the days following the release of the GOP leadership's principles, FAIR and other groups promoting true immigration reform mounted a relentless public information effort to inform the American public about the dangers posed by the plan. FAIR's media team blanketed the talk radio airwaves bringing the message directly to listeners across the country, while FAIR's field staff rallied members and activists to express their disapproval to the House leadership.

The efforts bore immediate results. According to the Daily Caller news site, during the first few days after the

House leadership came out in favor of amnesty, angry citizens posted "more than 4,200 comments on House Speaker John Boehner's web page, protesting his planned immigration deal with President Barack Obama."

The *Wall Street Journal*, which has long advocated for amnesty and unlimited immigration, explicitly credited grassroots opposition and the power of talk radio for the Speaker's hasty retreat on amnesty. Lamenting Boehner's announcement, the Journal charged that "immigration reform is strangled by Republicans dancing to talk radio."

The Speaker's acknowledgement that moving forward with amnesty would be difficult in 2014 is a major victory for true immigration reform advocates. It demonstrated, once again, that an organized and forceful response from the American people can still have a significant impact in Washington, even against a massively funded lobby on the other side.

However, "difficult" does not mean impossible. There is every reason to expect that the House leadership will continue to seek opportunities to implement some form of amnesty and immigration increases. Boehner left open the door saying, "the president could reach out and work with us" to restore trust. In addition, Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), continued to hold private meetings with Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) about immigration.

Throughout the rest of 2014, FAIR will continue to be vigilant for signs that Boehner and others are preparing to move forward with their agenda, and to mobilize public opposition to any efforts to bring amnesty legislation to the floor.

Quotable...

"For immigration to continue to serve our national interest, it must be lawful. There are people who argue that some illegal aliens contribute to our community because they may work, pay taxes, send their children to our schools, and in all respects except one, obey the law. Let me be clear: that is not enough."

—BARBARA JORDAN, CHAIR
U.S. COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM, 1993-1996

Barbara Jordan was a pioneer of American politics. Her work on immigration must not be swept aside by contemporary politicians who wish to obscure the long history of civil rights pioneers who understood that immigration policy must not be used to undermine the standing of American citizens.



Illegal Alien Advocates Threaten to “Punish” GOP

Speaker John Boehner’s (R-Ohio) announcement that the House is not likely to take up an amnesty bill in 2014 drew explicit threats of political retribution from amnesty advocates. “What we are now doing is to switch tactics from persuasion to punishment,” said Kica Matos of the pro-amnesty group Fair Immigration Reform Movement. “We will be a thorn in your side every single day. We’ll be in your face. Get used to seeing us,” she warned.

Frank Sharry, who runs America’s Voice, another stridently open borders group, was defiant. “We’re just not going to take a press statement by John Boehner and say I guess it’s over. It’s

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not for John Boehner to tell us when we are alive or dead,” said Sharry.

The reaction from the business lobby was more restrained, but, nevertheless, clear in the message that they are not abandoning their efforts to enact an amnesty in 2014. “We are proceeding as before,” said Randy Johnson, a senior vice president at the U.S.

Chamber of Commerce, which has amassed a war chest to use against lawmakers who stand in the way of their political agenda.

According to Politico, the amnesty coalition is planning to target individual GOP House members in the upcoming election. Ironically, the Republican members mentioned are those who have been most supportive of amnesty. “[L]awmakers such as Rep. Jeff Denham (R-Calif.), who has gone as far as to sign onto a Democratic-backed comprehensive bill, aren’t safe from the wrath of the pro-reform groups,” reported Politico.

ADMINISTRATION EASES TERRORIST BAN *continued*

false documentation or identification, training, explosives or weapons (including chemical, biological, or radiological).

Despite the clear language of the statute, Secretary of State John Kerry and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson announced that they were exempting individuals whose “material support” they deem to be “limited” or “insignificant.”

The law also grants the secretaries case-by-case discretion to determine circumstances under which the grounds for inadmissibility “shall not apply with respect to an alien.” However, Secretaries Kerry and Johnson have created new broad and vague categories of exceptions. As a result, terrorist supporters looking to game the system now have the ability to claim that they merely provided “insignificant” or “limited” material support to terrorists and therefore the bar to admission should not apply to them.

This latest move provides yet another example of the administration’s abuse of executive authority to ignore or

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rewrite immigration laws. In this case, the Feb. 5 “Exercise of Authority” notice also poses a significant risk to national security. In recent years, numerous acts, or attempted acts of terrorism have been carried out by individuals who were legally admitted to the U.S. despite having ties to terrorist organizations. Application of the law, as written by Congress, cannot guarantee that terrorists will not slip through the cracks. However, the administration’s action to weaken the prohibition against the admission of some individuals, whose ties to terrorism are known, unnecessarily increases the likelihood that terrorists will find their way into this country.

RAMPANT ASYLUM FRAUD *continued*

requirement that they be held pending an adjudication of their claims. A 2009 directive issued by former Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton authorizes parole for any asylum applicant with a “credible fear” who “presents neither a flight risk nor danger to the community.” The directive is in direct contravention of immigration statutes which state that an alien may only be released from detention prior to the full asylum hearing “on a case-by-case basis for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit.”

Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) charged that the DHS audits threaten the integrity of our asylum system and accused the Obama administration of failing to correct the problems. “Because our immigration laws are so loosely enforced by the Obama

administration, we should not be surprised to see so much fraud in the system...President Obama’s continued refusal to enforce our laws on the books encourages more illegal immigration and invites fraud,” he told the *Washington Times*.

Ironically, Goodlatte has been one of the House Republican leaders promoting the idea of granting amnesty to illegal aliens—a process that would require DHS to review 12 million or more applications and identify fraud.

THE INABILITY OF DHS TO PREVENT MASSIVE FRAUD IN THE MUCH SMALLER ASYLUM PROGRAM SHOULD SERVE AS A CLEAR WARNING THAT FRAUD ON AN EVEN LARGER SCALE WOULD PLAGUE ANY AMNESTY PROGRAM APPROVED BY CONGRESS.

FREMONT SUPPORTS ENFORCEMENT *continued*

suits mounted by the ACLU and the illegal alien advocacy network. As they have in other places around the country that have adopted anti-illegal immigration policies, these well-funded groups have used the threat of costly legal battles to intimidate local governments and residents. Over the years, IRLI has worked with local Fremont officials to craft effective laws that withstand legal challenges from the illegal alien advocacy network and to assist in their defense in the courts.



The city must begin implementation of the ban on renting to illegal aliens within 30 days of approval by the voters, according to the terms of the ballot initiative. Some Fremont residents remain wary that the City Council may seek additional ways to delay implementation. With news that the initiative was again approved by voters, Our Votes Should Count activists, warned that obstruction of the public will could result in recall efforts.

DHS GEARS UP FOR AMNESTY *continued*

other hand, he has warned that he is prepared to act unilaterally if Congress does not implement his legislative agenda.

The president is already carrying out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an unauthorized temporary amnesty for illegal aliens who might have qualified for

legalization under the DREAM Act—legislation that Congress rejected as recently as 2010. Amnesty advocates are vociferously demanding that the president move ahead with a similar amnesty for illegal aliens not covered under DACA.

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