

A Leap Forward on Immigration

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Why is President Obama's executive order for immigration reform necessary and justifiable? The facts, the history and the complexities of a broken immigration system prove that the president's decision is the first step to solving this crisis. And he clearly has the legal authority to act.

Lessons have been learned and well-documented since previous laws were enacted, yet Congress has failed to offer satisfactory solutions. Illegal border crossings have subsided and border security has increased. Per the Cato Institute, "All indications are that the economic impact of this will be positive."

Long-term benefits include: A stronger economy, increased efficiency in labor market requirements, building allegiance among working immigrants and giving hope and unity to millions of families. Our economy would come to a screeching halt without these workers; seriously impacting business operations and the consumers and employers who rely on their productivity. More importantly, this is a humanitarian issue, which the United States can no longer ignore.

We are the wealthiest country in the world (with supposedly compassionate, Christian values) built by immigrants who have innovated, fought, struggled and made tremendous contributions. We must create a path for those who are here; who are working and leading responsible lives, with only the best of intentions for their families, their future and the future of the United States.

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