



Gov. Ron DeSantis has a few words for George Bush's amnesty coalition

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Florida Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis appeared to take a solid swipe at former President George W. Bush's amnesty coalition when giving a speech in Pennsylvania on Friday. He firmly told Republicans that they must reject both open borders and amnesty.

DeSantis made his comments during his keynote speech at the annual Lincoln Day Dinner in Pennsylvania where he received thunderous applause: "There's a lot of talk about unity or disunity in the Republican Party, this person, that person ... I will tell you this, as we look forward to the fights ahead, we cannot — indeed we will not — go back to the days of the failed Republican establishment of yesteryear."

He emphatically added: "We are not going to do that. We have to reject open borders, we have to stand for the rule of law and American sovereignty. And we cannot be for amnesty in any form. We've got to stand with the American people and we have to put Americans first."

The governor's admonition comes after months of former President Bush's outrageous lobbying of Republican lawmakers to support the Biden administration's push for amnesty that would include approximately 11 to 22 million illegal aliens who are currently residing in the United States.

Bush has linked arms with the Texas Association of Business, Americans for Prosperity, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Roundtable, the New American Economy, and taxpayer-funded refugee contractors to promote his unpopular plan. It is a retreat of his "Any Willing Worker" policy from the early 2000s. The plan would throw open the nation's borders and let millions of illegal aliens in to perform low-wage jobs that many believe would benefit business

and take work away from Americans. It also seeks to increase legal immigration in an attempt to drive down wages in the labor market.

The Cato Institute conducted a poll that shows 6-in-10 Americans prefer less overall immigration. That includes 75 percent of Republicans and 76 percent of actual conservatives. The poll also found that the majority of Republicans also oppose birthright citizenship for U.S.-born children of illegal aliens.

That's not the only indicative poll either out there showing that Republicans hate Bush's proposals. A Rasmussen Reports survey shows that 82 percent of Republicans support nationwide mandatory E-Verify and that 78 percent oppose amnesty. A majority of 57 percent also want legal immigration cut in half.

Back in April, Gov. DeSantis ordered a crackdown on illegal immigration in Florida. The move was ostensibly in response to President Joe Biden mandating the release of criminal illegal aliens into American communities. His orders instructed state agencies to make every effort to turn criminal illegal aliens over to ICE and to notify a given community any time an illegal alien was released.

DeSantis is fearless on illegal immigration. He is also pushing for a ban on sanctuary cities across his state. The popular Republican is reportedly looking to expand mandatory E-Verify as well.

“So what I would say to Republicans: Don't seek approval from these people,” DeSantis stated. “They don't like you. They will smear you. They will attack you. The way to win is to fight back and not take it anymore Don't let these people set the agenda for our party anymore.”

“Hold the line. Don't back down,” he warned sounding ever more presidential. “And in the state of Florida, with me as governor, I have only begun to fight.”