



Immigration Aftermath

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Now that the President's plan has been laid out, what's the potential impact, both on those it's meant to help, and the rest of the country?

Our National Correspondent Kristine Frazao takes a closer look.

It was a change of tune Thursday night for immigration rights activists.

The question now for the country- what's next?

The Cato Institute's Alex Nowrasteh says President Obama's executive action is mostly a good thing.

"The economic benefits are pretty unambiguously positive. These immigrants will be able to spend more money. They will be more productive which means more will get higher wages which means more will work," said Nowrasteh.

Not everyone is quite so positive.

Roy Beck with Numbers USA worries American workers may be hurt if those who came here illegally are given work permits.

"For the most part they're working under the table - they're working off the books. This throws them in to competing directly with the paycheck jobs," said Beck.

Apart from those who are covered by the executive action, there are still about six million who are not.

"For the people not covered by this order it means that the government's enforcement apparatus will be more heavily focused on them," said Beck.

The President vowed to ramp up resources at the border and deporting those who threaten national security.

"Felons, not families. Criminals, not children. Gang members, not a mother who's working hard to provide for her kids," said President Obama on Thursday night.

The biggest criticism of the plan so far seems to be not the plan itself - but the way the President went about it.

"As I told the President yesterday, he's damaging the presidency itself," said Speaker of the

House, John Boehner (R) Ohio.

"What will be the depth and breadth of the president's power if he can essentially make laws without Congress?" asked Rich Kelsey of George Mason University Law School.

One thing not answered in the President's address: whether it falls under his constitutional power in the first place.

Part of the President's executive order is schedule to take effect this spring. Some aspects of it could take up to 18 months to be up and running.