

# Candidate 4 evidence

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## Introduction

For many years now in the US illegal immigration has been a huge problem with many immigrants illegally crossing the US border to get into the country. Currently 40 million people in the US are immigrants and 12 million of these are illegal. Furthermore 1.5 million illegal immigrants cross the border each year. This is a huge number and it shows that there must be something done to decrease the large number of immigrants entering the US. This essay will outline the top three ways for the director of US citizenship and immigration services to tackle illegal immigration. The top three methods are: Tighter border control, Amnesty to the illegals, and the Guest Worker Program. All of these methods would be effective in tackling illegal immigration but were here to find out which is the most effective and which of these methods is the best fitting to tackle illegal immigration.

## Option 1 – Tighter border Control

For those who don't know tighter border control would mean that the US would have a harsher border and the US border would have far better security all around. This means that there will be a tougher barrier/wall that illegals would have to scale in order to enter the country. This would also mean that airport security will be much stricter in random searches and airplane security will be tougher. Between inauguration at the end of September 2017, immigration and customs enforcement officers made 110,568 arrests. This may seem like a small number but if we go back to an earlier statistic with 1.5 million illegal immigrants entering the country each, this statistic shows that roughly 1.3 million illegal immigrants were able to make their way into the United States. This number is far too big as it shows that right now the border patrol is extremely weak and that tighter border control needs to be enforced for the US to decrease this large number. In June 2017 ABC 15 in Arizona reported that, "US border patrol agents are worried that what's coming into the US could harm everyone, agents are worried about a viral outbreak." This means that because the border control is currently not tight enough, it is allowing immigrants to make their way into the country and some of them are carrying disease and infection. This goes along with a statement made by an unnamed chief officer who works along the Mexican border who said to ABC 15, "many of them coming into the US are carrying scabies and many other officers are contracting scabies and this is why it could cause a viral outbreak of scabies." This again shows us that because the border is currently not tight enough that it is allowing immigrants to enter the country and it is allowing them of which who have disease's i.e. scabies, to give it to border enforcement officers which would mean these officers would have to take time off their work to get rid of the diseases they have caught. This creates a massive loop as it means with disease coming into the US and it effecting officers at the border it stops the officers performing at their best and could leave a massive opportunity for illegals to enter the country. However with these points in mind many people do believe that the US border is already tight enough with 310,531 arrests being made during the government's 2017 fiscal year, this being a decline of 24% from the

previous year and fewest overall since 1971. This point shows that the US border is already cracked down on illegals entering the country and it that strands have been made and they are successful with the number of illegals entering the country being as low as it was 4 decades ago. This may have a lot to do with the current presidents influence on the border with Trump having plans to harshen the border control and measures already been made by the president to stop illegal crossing. This point against tighter border control is strongly show with a recent survey taken by people on Instagram, people were asked whether or not the US should enforce tighter border control. The results showed that 63% of people on Instagram disagreed with the US taking action on border control. This could be the result of the earlier statement of people believing that the US border is already tight enough.

### **Option 2 – Amnesty to the Illegals**

For those who don't know amnesty to the illegals means that the illegals who are already in the US would be granted citizenship and some people who want to enter the US would be granted citizenship instead of having to try to illegally cross the border. This is good as it would stop people coming into the US as it would encourage them to try apply to enter the country and get amnesty instead of illegally crossing into the US. This would also stop crime in the US as if an immigrant was to cause a crime during their stay in the US then their Amnesty would be stopped and they would most likely be deported. Currently 800,000 undocumented people have been granted temporary relief by the US government. This is good as it means many people who have been living in the US for possibly decades are now allowed to live their lives without being scared of one day being deported back to their original country. There is strong backing for the US to give amnesty to the illegals with many of the democrat party supporting the US to give amnesty to the illegals. This shows as in the Instagram survey many were asked which US political party they supported. The results showed a strong backing for the Democratic Party with 70% of the survey takers supporting the Democrats. This then most likely played and influence on the later question which asked survey takers whether or not they agreed with amnesty to the illegals. The results showed a close results with 54% agreeing with the idea of amnesty to illegals. However there are still many people who disagree with amnesty to illegals as the think it would cause harm to the country and that jobs will be stolen and the economy will be damaged. This shows as this backing is supported by the win of the current President in 2016 with many Trump supporters believing that immigrants are stealing people jobs and are damaging the country as a whole.

### **Option 3 – Guest Worker program**

For those who don't know the guest worker programme means that many citizens of other countries can freely come into the United States so long as that they work while in the country, this work includes: working of farms, working if factories, and other manual labour jobs. The guest worker programme sets out the idea of a 21st century version of the Bracero guest worker programme under which millions of Mexicans worked in US farms from the 1940's to early 1960's. This would be good as in the modern day many US citizens are uninterested in doing manual labour jobs with and this program would be good as it would not damage the US as more would be produced by the US with immigrants working in their farms and factories. This

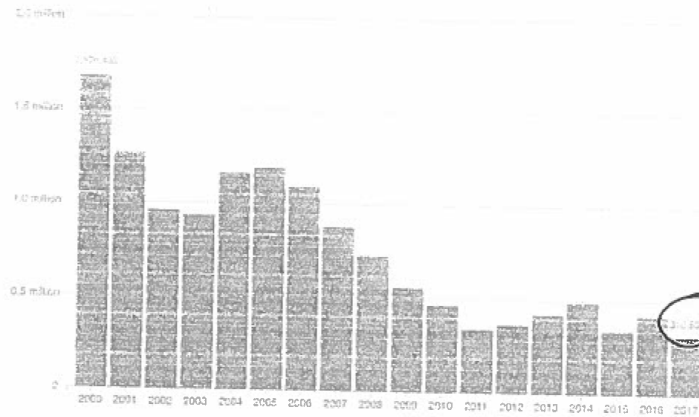
would overall boost the US economy by large. This could work as the US could follow the same steps as countries like Canada. Canada runs a seasonal guest worker programme which for the past years has been a major success according to many Canadian citizens and Canadian immigration services. This could be seen as good and bad. With Canada being successful in their seasonal guest worker programme then it could mean that the US are successful too. However the US has a much larger economy than Canada and they would most likely welcome more immigrants than Canada did to cover many of the farms and factories in the US. Many people are keen to see the US interpret the guest worker program with the recent survey showing a massive backing for the guest worker programme with 83% in support of the programme. However again like amnesty to illegals there are those of which that feel that their jobs will be taken away by the immigrants, there are also those of which that feel for the rights of the immigrants working on the farm. However Senators have proposed a plan that improves of the current H2A agricultural guest worker visa. This shows that right now the guest worker programme is the US is controversial to say the least and it would need a lot to make it work.

### **Conclusion**

Overall the best option the director of US citizenship and immigration services should use is option 1/tighter border control. The reason that this is the best option is due to the fact that it purely stops the illegals getting into the country in the first place whereas all of the other options allow the illegals to enter the US. This conclusion is not supported by the sources as the recent Instagram survey showed more of a favour towards the other options with many disagreeing with the idea of tighter border control. However as an evaluation of the Instagram survey, the survey was taken by people in the UK which means it was not a first-hand survey and many who have taken the survey are only gaining knowledge by the UK news and media. This overall results in tighter border control being the best option for the US to take.

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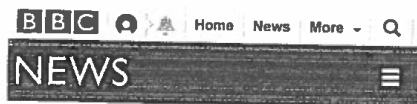
Illegal Border Crossing Apprehensions Have Fallen Steadily Since 2000



Source B

<https://qz.com/49617/a-guest-worker-program-is-the-only-way-for-us-immigration-reform-to-succeed/>

Source C



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**Trump plan to offer citizenship to 1.8m undocumented immigrants**

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The White House has outlined an immigration plan for nearly two million people to become US citizens in exchange for funding for a controversial border wall with Mexico.

The framework was suggested by a senior Trump aide, ahead of legislative negotiations with Democrats.

The proposed bill, to be unveiled on Monday, requests \$25bn (£17.6bn) in funds for a wall on the Mexican border.

The Democrats, who oppose funding for the wall, have criticised the plan.

**What is the plan?**

The details emerged in a conference call on Thursday between White House policy chief Stephen Miller and Republican congressional aides, according to US media.

Mr Miller reportedly described the White House plan as a "dramatic concession".

The blueprint sets out a 10-12-year path to citizenship for 1.8 million people.

This includes some 700,000 so-called Dreamers, immigrants who illegally entered the US as children and were protected from deportation under an Obama-era programme, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (Daca).

The other 1.1 million would be immigrants who did not apply for Daca but are eligible for the scheme.

The White House framework also seeks to end two other initiatives often criticised by President Donald Trump.

It proposes to curtail so-called chain migration, permitting US residents only to get visas for their spouse and children, not for extended family members.

The White House also wants to scrap the diversity visa lottery, under which 50,000 people from around the world every year win Green Cards at random.