

2012 Congressional Candidate Survey on Immigration Issues

I attest that my answers accurately represent my position on the issues addressed in this survey and understand that my responses will be made public on the NumbersUSA Candidate Surveys website.

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Immigration Positions Favored by NumbersUSA

NumbersUSA supports the recommendations of the bi-partisan U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform (appointed by the Senate and House and chaired by Barbara Jordan) that called for immigration reductions to protect vulnerable American workers and their families.

NumbersUSA believes any kind of amnesty (reward-of-residency) for illegal aliens encourages a lot more illegal immigration. Many small enforcement efforts have proven that illegal aliens will buy their own bus and plane tickets back home if they cannot find a job, cannot receive major public services and cannot move freely without fear of a random arrest. Requiring that all employers use the E-Verify system of workplace verification, fully funding the entry/exit system to go after visa overstays, and full federal cooperation with local government attempting to push illegal aliens out would achieve successful Attrition Through Enforcement.

With nearly 20 million American workers who want a full-time job unable to find one and with immigration-driven U.S. population growth destroying approximately 1 million acres of natural habitat and farmland each year while further congesting American communities, Numbers USA believes Members of Congress should be looking for ways to stop illegal immigration and to greatly reduce the current flow of more than 1 million legal immigrant workers and their children into the United States each year.

The Census Bureau states that U.S. communities – which had 203 million people in 1970 and more than 310 million today – will have to handle a half-BILLION people after mid-century, at present rates of immigration. Nearly all the growth will be the result of post-1970 immigration. NumbersUSA opposes the federal government forcing that kind of congestion and infrastructure overload on local communities and the American people.

Those are our opinions. We will display your opinions fairly and accurately on our website. Please send us your opinions soon.



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After each statement, please mark the position that most closely matches your own views. If you feel your choice needs clarification of some kind, write that in the "Comments" section; we will include the comments on your Candidate Page (unless you write "DON'T QUOTE"). 1.) Oppose Amnesty? Do you OPPOSE offering the officially estimated 11 million people illegally in the U.S. a path to U.S. citizenship and/or long-term work permits (whether through a blanket amnesty or an "earned legalization" or other form)? YES INO NOT TAKING A POSITION Comments: 2.) Support Attrition Through Enforcement? Do you support Attrition Through Enforcement (denying public benefits, turning off the jobs magnet and enforcing existing laws) as the primary way to deal with the existing illegal population, causing illegal aliens to self-repatriate back to their home countries over time? YES YES NO NOT TAKING A POSITION Comments: 3.) Support Mandatory E-Verify? Should jobs held by illegal aliens be opened up for unemployed Americans and legal immigrants already here by (a) requiring all employers to use the federal automated, rapid-response internet system (E-Verify) to screen out illegal foreign workers, and (b) by setting up systems to identify and fire existing employees who used fraudulent and stolen identities to obtain jobs? Da YES [] NO **INOT TAKING A POSITION** Comments: 4.) Support Local Enforcement? Should the federal government be required to cooperate with local officials, including picking up all illegal aliens detained locally and training law enforcement agencies waiting in line for the 287(g) and other programs designed for local governments to assist federal immigration enforcement? YES

5.) Oppose Sanctuary Policies & Other Incentives? Should Congress reduce funding to state and local governments that adopt sanctuary, in-state tuition, and/or other policies that give incentives to illegal aliens?

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6.) Support Completion of US-VISIT? Should Congress fully fund the completion of the entry/exit system at all borders and points of entry in which every person entering and leaving the U.S. is logged into a database which would notify law enforcement, businesses and others when a foreign tourist, student, worker or other fails to leave on-time? *(US-VISIT was approved by Congress in 1996, has never been sufficiently funded and is largely incomplete.)

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A) Support Border Security? Should Congress fund and provide oversight for the full implementation of border security neasures already signed into law?
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Oppose Birthright Citizenship? Should Congress move the U.S. in line with most other nations and stop the policy of giving nutomatic citizenship at birth to children when both parents are illegal aliens, tourists, or other visitors? YES NO NOT TAKING A POSITION
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O.) Oppose Chain Migration? Should Congress implement the bi-partisan, national Jordan Commission recommendation to limit family-based immigration to the nuclear family of spouse and minor children, thus eliminating the "chain migration" categories of extended family that are the key reason immigration has quadrupled since the 1960s? YES
) NOT TAKING A POSITION Comments:
Oppose Visa Lottery? Should Congress stop using a lottery to give away permanent green cards to 50,000 randomly chosen foreign citizens each year (an elimination suggested by the Jordan Commission)? YES NO NO NOT TAKING A POSITION Comments:
11) Oppose Unnecessary Worker Importation? Should Congress institute safeguards that will prevent importation of foreign
workers (particularly on permanent visas) if their presence would threaten the jobs or depress the wages of American workers? YES NO
[] NOT TAKING A POSITION Comments:
12.) Support a Reduction in Total Immigration? Until 1976, U.S. immigration tradition was an average of around 250,000 a year; since new legislation in 1990, it has averaged 1,000,000 a year. More than 40 million foreign-born now live and work in the U.S. At current rates, immigration will add more than 100 million additional people to the U.S. population by 2060. This government-forced rapid population expansion will require huge increases in energy and in governments expenditures for roads, bridges, sewage treatment, schools, and other infrastructure and services. Polling finds that most Americans in every region of the country believe this immigration-driven population growth with harm their quality of life. Do you favor reducing overall immigration numbers toward the traditional levels? [VES [] NO [] NOT TAKING A POSITION Comments: