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## Immigration

① America's immigration system is broken. Too many employers game the system by hiring undocumented workers and there are 11 million people living in the shadows. Neither is good for the economy or the country.

② The President's plan builds a smart, effective immigration system that continues efforts to secure our borders and cracks down on employers who hire undocumented immigrants. It's a plan that requires anyone who's undocumented to get right with the law by paying their taxes and a penalty, learning English, and undergoing background checks before they can be eligible to earn citizenship. It requires every business and every worker to play by the same set of rules.

Together we can build a fair, effective and common sense immigration system that lives up to our heritage as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants.

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There are four principles to the President's common sense proposal:



### ③ CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN BORDER SECURITY

The President's proposal gives law enforcement the tools they need to make our communities safer from crime, enhances our infrastructure and technology, and strengthens our ability to remove criminals and apprehend and prosecute threats to our national security.

### ④ STREAMLINING LEGAL IMMIGRATION

Legal immigration should be simple and efficient. The President's proposal provides visas to foreign entrepreneurs looking to start businesses here, helps the most promising foreign graduate students in science and math stay in this country after graduation, and reunites families in a timely and humane manner.



EARNED CITIZENSHIP



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The President's proposal provides undocumented immigrants with a legal way to earn citizenship so they can come out of the shadows. It holds them accountable by requiring they pass background checks, pay taxes and a penalty, go to the back of the line, and learn English. It requires everyone to play by the same rules.

## CRACKING DOWN ON EMPLOYERS HIRING UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

The President's proposal is designed to stop businesses from exploiting the system by knowingly hiring undocumented workers. It holds these companies accountable, and gives employers who want to play by the rules a reliable way to verify that their employees are here legally.

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To learn more about the President's efforts to advance immigration reform, read the Immigration Blueprint [PDF].

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FIXING A BROKEN  
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## HOW DO YOU FIX A BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM SO EVERYONE PLAYS BY THE RULES?

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S COMMON-SENSE IMMIGRATION REFORM PROPOSAL HAS FOUR PARTS.

### CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN BORDER SECURITY

- Build on the progress we've made since President Obama doubled the number of Border Patrol agents.
- Enhance infrastructure and technology that strengthens our ability to remove criminals and address national security threats.

### CRACKING DOWN ON EMPLOYERS THAT HIRE UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

- Hold businesses accountable for knowingly hiring undocumented workers.
- Give employers who want to play by the rules a reliable way to verify that their employees are here legally.

### CREATING A PATH TO EARNED CITIZENSHIP

- Provide undocumented immigrants a legal way to earn citizenship so they can pay their taxes and play by the same rules as everyone else.
- Require undocumented immigrants pass national security and criminal background checks, pay taxes and a penalty, go to the back of the line, and learn English before they can earn their citizenship.

### STREAMLINING OUR LEGAL IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

- Establish a simple and efficient legal immigration system that rewards anyone willing to work hard and play by the rules.

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