

2016 Stronger Together Talking Points and FAQ on Immigration Reform

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Core Message

Our Commonwealth's culture and economy thrives with the innovative contributions of immigrant communities. We want a leader that will embrace and defend all our neighbors and friends.

Hillary will work to fix our broken immigration system and stay true to our fundamental American values: that we are a nation of immigrants, and we treat those who come to our country with dignity and respect—and that we embrace immigrants, not denigrate them.

Trump may try to disguise his plans by throwing in words like "humane" or "fair," but the reality remains that all his immigration policies do is vilify and marginalize millions of people.

***Note:** Please remember to use *undocumented immigrant* in place of *illegal alien/immigrant* in an effort to end the use of dehumanizing language.

A Global Massachusetts Culture and Economy Thrives

- Massachusetts' cultural fabric is made more vibrant with the over 1 million Massachusetts residents that are foreign-born (statistic as of 2013).
- Immigrants are entrepreneurs and consumers. They add tens of billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs to the Massachusetts economy.
- Massachusetts ranks fourth in the nation as a host state for foreign students, according to a 2015 study by the Institute of International Education. Not only do these students thrive, they enrich the educational experience of their peers.
- Immigrant communities have made important contributions to our economy, including our traditional industries of fishing, textiles, as well as our innovation economy.

Hillary Clinton's Comprehensive Immigration Plan is Fair and Humane

- Hillary Clinton will introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship within her first 100 days in office.
- She will end the three- and 10-year bars.
- Clinton will defend President Obama's executive actions—known as DACA and DAPA—against partisan attacks.
- She will enforce immigration laws humanely, focusing resources on detaining and deporting those individuals who pose a violent threat to public safety, and ensuring refugees who seek asylum in the U.S. have a fair chance to tell their stories.
- Clinton will end family detention and close private immigration detention centers.
- Clinton will expand access to affordable healthcare to all families.
- She will work to expand fee waivers to alleviate naturalization costs, increase access to language programs to encourage English proficiency, and increase outreach and education to help more people navigate the process.

Trump's Immigration Plan is a Mainstream Hate Movement

- He's proposed forming a deportation force to round up more than 16 million immigrants and kick them out of the country. Trump now says he wants to do this "humanely" which apparently means kicking parents out with their kids.
- He wants to end birthright citizenship and says that children born in America are, quote, "anchor babies" and should be deported. Millions of them.
- And he wants to ban Muslims around the world – 1.5 billion men, women, and children – from entering the country just because of their religion.
- Trump continues to reinforce his hateful rhetoric and dangerous policies: send a deportation force into American communities, rescind DACA and DAPA, end birthright citizenship, ban remittances to families in Mexico to help build his giant wall.
- In an obvious attempt to make himself more palatable to general election voters, Donald Trump said he was open to "softening" his immigration stance, but instead of specifying which, if any, of his plans he would consider altering, Trump doubled down on his divisive rhetoric and dangerous ideas.