

RESOLUTION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

WHEREAS, the large and growing population of illegal immigrants within the US is reflective of a federal immigration policy that is both poorly conceived and inconsistently applied;

WHEREAS, immigration policy should be primarily driven by economics, with appropriate safeguards to maintain the security of our borders and national integrity under the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the best economic solutions are those based on free-market principles, with the role of government being limited to supporting, supplementing and regulating the operation of the free market to the minimum extent necessary;

WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court ruled earlier this year in *Chamber of Commerce v. Whiting* that state and local governments have the authority to encourage immigration compliance through business licensing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Salt Lake County Republican Party encourages our Utah elected officials to consider the following specific measures for immigration reform:

PROTECT UTAH WORKERS by suspending the business license of those who employ illegal immigrants or fail to ascertain the legal status of their employees, imposing a license fee surcharge upon reinstatement.

PROTECT AMERICAN WORKERS by imposing a federal surtax on those who employ foreign workers, in lieu of government-mandated work visa caps, unless they demonstrate that they advertised the jobs and no qualified domestic candidates applied.

PROTECT CONSUMERS by imposing only the minimum surtax necessary to tilt the job market in favor of domestic workers, in much the same way as modest tariffs are used to protect domestic products without unduly impacting prices.

PROTECT NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTEGRITY by applying immigration standards based on criminal history, asylum from political or religious oppression, employment prospects, nuclear family preservation, and English language proficiency.

STOP IDENTITY THEFT through fines, incarceration, and deportation of illegal immigrants convicted of fraudulent Social Security Number use.

STREAMLINE THE PROCESS of obtaining a work visa, imposing a fine on those who illegally entered the country as adults and/or illegally brought in minor children, or illegally overstayed their visa, allowing them to stay in the country during the process, then eliminating social benefits and deporting those who fail to qualify for a work visa.

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RESULTS OF LD 40 SURVEY ON IMMIGRATION REFORM

Q1. Which of the following best describes your general view regarding immigration reform?

- 9.8% In today's global world there is little need to limit the US residency of non-citizens through arbitrary quotas.
- 7.8% Immigration quotas are too low and need to be increased.
- 41.2% Immigration should be largely based on legitimate economic demand to fill jobs that the US work force is insufficient or unwilling to meet.**
- 21.6% Current immigration laws and quotas are appropriate and merely need to be more fully enforced. Immigration needs to be further restricted in order to preserve and protect our nation, culture and economy.
- 19.6%

Q2. Which of the following best describes your position on federal vs. state immigration reform?

- 12.3% It is purely a federal matter and should not be addressed by the state.
The state may address the impact of immigration on laws and programs under state jurisdiction (drivers licenses, etc.) and share relevant data with the appropriate federal agencies.
- 14.0% The state should encourage immigration reform by the federal government through innovative pilot programs at the state level.
- 29.8% The state should step in to address the failure of the federal government to fully enforce existing federal immigration law.
- 12.3% **The state should enact and enforce stricter immigration laws if the federal government proves unwilling to do so.**

Q3. Which of the following criteria should be considered in regards to immigration and deportation policy? (please check all that apply)

- 96.4% Criminal history.**
- 61.8% Employment prospects.
- 61.8% Keeping families intact.
- 47.3% English proficiency.
- 76.4% Escape from oppression (political, religious, etc.).

Q4. Which of the following restrictions on foreign labor, whether on-shore or off-shore, do you believe would be most effective in protecting US jobs?

- 39.6% No restrictions are needed.**
- 24.5% The employer should advertise the position and show that no US citizens applied for the job.
- 3.8% The foreign worker should pay a fee.
A foreign worker payroll surtax should be imposed on employers to tilt the job market in favor of US citizens.
- 28.3%
- 3.8% No foreign labor should be allowed at all.

Q5. Which of the following approaches should be taken with undocumented immigrants who are already residing and working in the US?

- 7.4% Amnesty with a fast track to full citizenship.
- 7.4% Go through a new streamlined visa process while being allowed to stay.
- 38.9% Pay a fine and go through a new streamlined visa process while being allowed to stay.**
- 24.1% Deportation followed by re-entry subject to a new streamlined visa process.
- 22.2% Deportation followed by re-entry subject to the existing lengthy immigration process.

Q6. Which of the following approaches should be taken with undocumented immigrants who were brought into the US as minor children?

- 15.8% Amnesty with a fast track to full citizenship.
- 29.8% Go through a new streamlined visa process while being allowed to stay.**
- 22.8% Pay a fine and go through a new streamlined visa process while being allowed to stay.
- 21.1% Deportation followed by re-entry subject to a new streamlined visa process.
- 10.5% Deportation followed by re-entry subject to the existing lengthy immigration process.

Q7. Which of the following approaches would you prefer in dealing with the use of a fraudulent Social Security Number (SSN) by undocumented workers?

- 7.1% Assist the victims of SSN theft but do not punish the undocumented workers, and provide a foreign worker ID in lieu of an SSN.
- 16.1% Impose a fine if there was a victim whose SSN was stolen, and provide a foreign worker ID in lieu of an SSN.
- 19.6% Impose a fine whether or not there was an actual victim, and provide a foreign worker ID in lieu of an SSN.
- 21.4% Fine, incarcerate, and deport the offender if there was a victim whose SSN was stolen.
- 35.7% Fine, incarcerate, and deport the offender whether or not there was an actual victim.**