

DEMOCRATS ADDRESS THE BORDER/IMMIGRATION ISSUES

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- On January 20, 2021 President Biden issued 3 Executive Orders **to end the Trump travel ban** - orders imposed by former President Trump banning immigrants from 14 countries – mostly **Muslim**.
- The Biden/Harris Administration has encouraged **legal pathways** for immigrants, including by opening regional processing centers in Latin American to **help migrants apply for asylum**, and expanded access to CBP One, an app for migrants to schedule asylum appointments.
- **Advocated for passage of the 2024 initial bi-partisan immigration and border agreement**, which was “**shot down**” by Trump as he ordered Republican to vote against it as it would “make Biden look good” and the GOP needs it as a campaign issue. It would have reduced the number of migrants who can claim asylum at the border and provide more money for Customs and Border Protection officials, asylum officers, immigration judges and scanning technology at the border.
- The Democrats have tried to **address the real reasons** (in countries immigrants are coming from) for why immigrants try to come to the U.S.
- **Will not put “kids in cages,” family separation, mass deportations, etc.**
- **More judges** have been appointed to assess asylum claims, etc.
- Tried Executive Orders, etc. to provide legal path to citizenship for **DACAs** (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).
- On March 17, 2024 President Biden announced a **new policy for hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants married to U.S. citizens**.
 - President Biden, using his executive powers, plans to allow **undocumented spouses** to apply for legal residency without having to leave the U.S., a major relief for those who have jobs and are raising young children and worry that there is no guarantee that they will be allowed back into the county. This will be “parole in place,” allowed in federal law and therefore potentially insulated against any court challenges.
- On June 4, 2024 President Biden issues an **Executive Order to shut down the border if illegal crossings** reaching an average of 2,500 migrants a day in a given week. The order suspended protection for asylum seekers without a “credible fear” for requiring asylum, allowing for immediate deportation of unauthorized migrants.

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TRUMP ON BORDER/IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Cruelty – Authoritarianism - Fascism

- He advocated for **“kids in cages,” family separation, mass deportations**, etc. & plans for the deportation operation designed to **remove more than 11 M people** from the country (Time: 4/30/2024: however, does not cite the number.)
- **He says that all immigrants are rapists, murders, criminals, vermin, etc.**
- He has said that he would be willing to build **migrant detention camps** (Time: 4/30/2024)
- He has said that, contrary to U.S. law, he would **deploy the U.S. military**, both at the border & inland:
 - **National Guard** as well. (Time: 4/30/2024)
 - Would seek help from local police (Time: 4/20/2024)
 - He has said they aren’t citizens. (Time: 4/20/2024) Individuals in the U.S. are protected by our laws.
- Plans to resume Federal funding to resume construction of **“the border wall,”** likely by allocating money from the military budget without Congression approval. (Time: 4/30/2024)
- Wants to **end “birthright citizenship”** despite that it’s in the U.S. Constitution
- Wants to **end DACA** (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).
- Would deny funding for jurisdictions that decline to adopt his policies. (Time: 4/30/2024)
- The **Muslim ban** was one of the first actions he took after taking office
- Wants to just close the border including those seeking asylum

Sources:

- Statements Made by Donald Trump & recorded and shown on TV etc.
- Newspaper articles/reports.
- Project 2025

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