

IDEASPACE® — U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY

▲ UNDOCUMENTED POPULATION, ICE, DACA

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**11. Fourteenth Amendment** confers citizenship on any person born in this country. We should look for ways to prevent abuse of this right, such as pregnant foreigners entering the country for the express purpose of giving birth to a U.S. citizen.



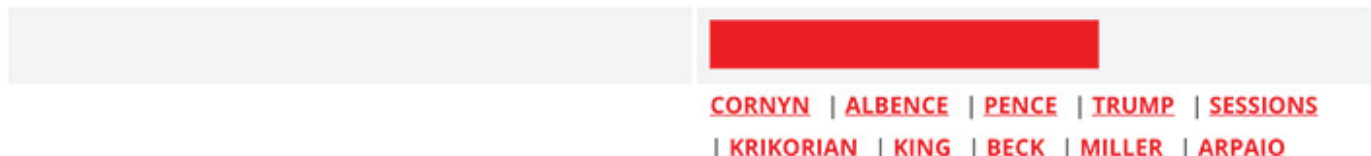
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12. If you are in this country with permission and want to **apply for citizenship**, the law should provide that it counts against you if you have used food stamps or enrolled in other public benefit programs.



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**13.** If you are in this country without proper documentation, you are a **candidate for deportation** even if you moved here as a minor or have been here for a long time. The agencies charged with enforcing our immigration laws should use all legal means to find you, arrest you, and deport you. Such tools include surprise sweeps of suspect employers and community gathering places, such as hospitals and schools. The federal government should oppose the dangerous example set by sanctuary cities that refuse to assist in enforcing immigration laws.



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14. If you are in this country without proper documentation it does not make sense for our country to devise a **pathway to citizenship** for you.

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15. Given that there are more than **11 million undocumented immigrants** already in our country and the harsh uncertainties this generates for them and those who interact with them, we need to work toward a national consensus on a pathway to citizenship for law-abiding, productive members of the undocumented population.

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16. Government-run **health care programs** are major public benefits that absorb significant tax dollars. We should not extend to undocumented immigrants the right to participate in such programs.

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17. Undocumented immigrants who were brought to this country as children should be allowed to remain here through a permanent resolution to the **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals** (DACA) program, which was never meant to last forever. It has been allowed to continue amid litigation challenging the termination of the program; if the courts ultimately permit its termination, Congress should step in to save it.

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18. There are millions of people in our country without proper documentation. A high proportion of them are productive members of our economy and our communities. We do not have the political will or the resources to deport the entire undocumented population. Therefore, we should find a realistic and humane way to bring greater order to this situation. We need to make sure we have **workable rules for the undocumented** regarding such matters as verification of legal status, employment, payment of taxes, education, and participation in programs that confer a governmental benefit.



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19. It makes no sense to conduct **systematic raids on schools, hospitals, and other public places** to arrest undocumented persons; any benefit of such raids is outweighed by the resulting fear that impedes access of the undocumented to these public places.



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20. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (**ICE**) is so disreputable that it **should be abolished** and its functions assigned to other agencies.



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