

# Tell Congress: No Amnesty!

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## Summary of Gang of 8 Amnesty Bill

1. **Amnesty.** The G8 bill creates three amnesty programs:
  - a. Blanket Amnesty: Illegal aliens in the U.S. before 12/31/11 get amnesty 6 months after enactment (receive what G8 calls “registered provisional immigrant” status).
  - b. DREAM Act: Illegal aliens who entered the U.S. before 16 years of age who meet certain requirements will receive green card in 5 years, then can immediately receive citizenship.
  - c. AgJOBS: Illegal aliens who can establish they have worked in agriculture for a certain period of time receive green card in 5 years.
2. **Border Security.**
  - a. The bill requires DHS to submit a plan to secure the border and provide additional fencing (at its discretion) within 6 months.
  - b. Gives DHS 5 years to apprehend 90% of illegal border crossers in “high risk” sectors (areas with 30,000 apprehensions/year).
  - c. If DHS fails to meet 90 percent apprehension goal, the bill establishes a “Southern Border Security Commission” composed of border state governors and “border security experts” to advise DHS on how to reach the goal.
3. **Guest workers.**
  - a. Unskilled Labor: The G8 bill creates a new W guest worker program for unskilled workers on top of the existing guest worker programs.
    - i. The W visa program admits up to 200,000 unskilled workers each year, and allows more under certain circumstances.
    - ii. Workers can bring in spouses and children, not counted against cap.
  - b. “Skilled” Labor: The G8 bill expands existing guest worker programs such as the H-1B program, increasing the base cap from 65,000 to 110,000. Over time the program can be increased to admit as many as 180,000 workers/year.
  - c. Farm Workers: The G8 bill creates new ag guest worker program that admits up to 112,000 farm workers annually.
    - i. Program expanded from seasonal to year-round.
    - ii. Eliminates current H-2A program.
4. **Legal immigration.** The G8 bill dramatically expands legal immigration:
  - a. The bill increases family-based immigration by expanding those who are exempt from the numerical caps on green cards.
  - b. The bill increases employment-based immigration by eliminating the cap for the following categories: aliens of extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business or athletics; outstanding professors and researchers; multinational executives and managers; PhD holders in STEM fields; physicians completing certain requirements.
  - c. The bill creates a new merit based visa system allowing 120,000 visas annually with the ability to increase up to 250,000 annually.
5. **Interior Enforcement.** The G8 bill doesn’t bolster or enforce current immigration law:
  - a. Makes E-Verify mandatory for all employers 5 years after Administration implements regulations.
  - b. Requires DHS to implement “electronic” exit system, but only at airports and sea ports (excludes land ports and no requirement system be biometric).

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