



**Question:** What's Your Position on the Illegal Alien Issue?

**Answer:** That's simple. The Answer is all right there in the Question – It's Illegal.

**Here's why:** America has always been a Nation of Immigrants. It's part of our history and part of our pride. All of us have ancestors who came here from somewhere else. The trick is, our forebears came in through the Front Door. Whether that Front Door was Plymouth Rock, Ellis Island, or the Trading Docks at Newport they all came here legally.

The current debate about Illegal Immigration has nothing to do with anyone's great grandparents. It's all about those who have snuck into this country through the back door and who now want to have our laws changed to accommodate what they've already done.

Sorry, folks. I'd like to change the speed limit on I-95 to accommodate my personal preferences, too. But that shouldn't actually happen, either.

We want immigration. We are strengthened and made more diverse by Legal Immigration. There have always been laws for new Americans to adhere to, however, if they aspire to join us as citizens. Those laws should be followed. That they have not been in years' past does not mean they are any less in force.

Should those laws be changed? Perhaps, but that's what legislatures do as society evolves. I'll tell you one thing, I will not vote for any measure that rewards years of successful lawbreaking. No Amnesty. There has always been a Path to Citizenship and it has always gone through the Front Door, not the Back Door. That should continue.

Enforce the laws we have. Modify them through legislation, not social fiat.

Any revision of the existing laws surrounding Immigration must include a provision to use E-Verify to speed the validation process during hiring. In an age of digitized information we should make it easier for employers to comply with the

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law and more obvious to visitors to our country that they need to abide by them, too. The presence of E-Verify will do both those things.

The object of Legal Immigration should be to have new Americans assimilate into society as soon and as completely as they can. The single most effective link that binds all Americans together should be a common language. English.

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