### Comprehensive Immigration Reform Politics Disadvantage

#### History proves - Obama’s win on the shutdown fight increases the odds of immigration reform passing

**Taley 10/16**/13 (Margaret, staff writer, “Obama’s Debt Fight Win Won’t Secure Agenda Success,” <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-10-16/obama-s-win-in-debt-fight-won-t-secure-success-for-future-agenda>)

Whether Obama gets from Congress a new immigration law or changes he’s seeking in taxes and entitlement programs depends on how Republicans read the outcome of this fight, Plouffe said… “They may say, ’We don’t feel the need to do what Gingrich did.’”

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#### Obama’s political capital key to passage of immigration reform

**Matthews 10/16**/13 (Laura, staff writer, “2013 Immigration Reform Bill: 'I'm Going To Push To Call A Vote,' Says Obama,” <http://www.ibtimes.com/2013-immigration-reform-bill-im-going-push-call-vote-says-obama-1429220>)

Still, pro-immigration advocates are hopeful they can attain their goal soon. “With more prodding from the president and the American people,” Gutierrez said, “we can get immigration reform legislation passed in the House and signed into law.”

#### Immigration reform key to increase high skilled workers

**Lee 10/16**/13 (Esther Yu-His, staff writer, “Class Divide Widens Between Low-Wage And High-Wage Workers In Silicon Valley,” <http://thinkprogress.org/immigration/2013/10/16/2779601/wage-immigrants-silicon-valley/>)

Faced with a growing need for high-skilled foreign workers, Silicon Valley has taken a pointed interest in immigration reform in the past year, as is made clear by FWD.us, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg’s advocacy group lobbying for comprehensive immigration reform… The industry successfully influencing senators to nearly double its allotment of high-skilled, H-1B visas from 65,000 to 110,000 in the Senate immigration bill.

#### Skilled workers are key to hegemony

**Kliman 10** [Daniel, visiting fellow at the Center for a New American Security, “Immigration and American Power”, May 28, <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/05/28/opinion/main6525992.shtml>]

President Obama’s National Security Strategy released on Thursday has launched the opening salvo in a battle to recast what immigration means to the United States… Although these goals should be pursued as well, renewing American power starts with welcoming foreign talent to America’s shore.

#### America’s dominant position of power solves multiple great power wars

**Thayer 06** (Bradley, Professor of Defense and Strategic Studies, In Defense of Primacy, National Interest, Proquest)

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, peace and stability have been great benefits of an era where there was a dominant power--Rome, Britain or the United States today… And so, in general, democratic states are good for their citizens as well as for advancing the interests of the United States.