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# Immigration service proposes fee increase

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Many fees charged by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service would increase sharply under a proposal to make user fees support the service.

"We are to become a user-funded service. We can't be supported by the taxpayers because the taxpayers are not the people using our services," Barbara Melton explained at an "Immigration 101" training session in Pueblo Tuesday. The training was for people in human service agencies and congressional offices who work with immigration issues.

Melton and Candace Moon explained that the USCIS is one of three agencies formed from the former Immigration and Naturalization Service when it became part of the Homeland Security department after 2001.

The others are Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Customs and Border Protection.

Moon stressed that the USCIS is "service-minded" and completely separated from the enforcement functions.

"If someone came into our office and their visa was expired, we would inform them of that and tell them they should get it extended or leave, but we wouldn't have to have them arrested unless they were wanted for

USCIS staffers try to work their way through common situations affecting immigrants and "non-immigrants," which is the technical term for someone like a student who is legally in the United States on a temporary visa.

The word "immigrant" now is reserved for someone who is legally allowed to enter the U.S. with the intention of residing here permanently. That person would be entitled to a "permanent resident card," which has replaced the venerable "green card" in the government

People don't want to work anymore.  
**PROPOSED FEES**

Many U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service fees would be doubled or more. Some of the common fees:

- A petition for an alien fiance, now \$170, would increase to \$455.
- An application to register or adjust permanent status, now \$325, would increase to \$905.
- An application for naturalization, now \$330, would increase to \$595.

permanent resident status — other than those coming into the U.S. as political refugees or under a petition by relatives — only admits 55,000 people a year out of 110,000 who apply, Moon said.

In most cases, there is a 10-year, or longer, wait for a visa. Of course, the picture is complicated by issues like marriage and children, and the service has forms for each and every contingency.

In general, a permanent resident can apply for naturalization after five years in the U.S. (three if married to a U.S. citizen). Male permanent residents ages 18-26 must register for Selective Service, or they can't apply for naturalization until they reach age 31, Melton said.

And she noted, "A permanent resident isn't always permanent. Any violent crime or moral turpitude can cause them to lose that, and if you ever caught falsely claiming U.S. citizenship, you will be forever barred from naturalization."

The proposed fee increase is based on the agency's experienced expenses for processing the various forms.

The agency will accept comments from the public until April 2. Full information about the changes is available on the agency's Web site, USCIS.gov.

Comments may be mailed to the USCIS Regulatory Management Division, Homeland Security Department, 300 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Third Floor, Washington, D.C. 20520.

wife and children stay so then our tax dollars have to support them Welfare, foodStamps, Low Income housing, heat, Utilities, Medical, Wic ect, ect because they don't work never have worked yet they caught all these + S.S. or Disability

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Then you have complex husband works and works he brings wife and family then wife live to together but tell others there separated so wife gets Welfare, foodstamps, Low Housing, heat, Utilities, Medical, Wic ect ect then girls have babies and have never worked but yet they get all these follow mothers foot steps a lot of families do these which is not fair to the people that have worked all there life and have never used any of your tax dollars these are (U.S. Citizens.) they ~~use~~<sup>are born here</sup> if they needed until they get back on there ft. these is what is making SS go broke. You just don't have sense anymore like spending tax dollars for Countries to stop Drug Smuggling U.S.A is one of the biggest users. tax dollars building another Berlin Wall when all you had to do was charge so much for a permit to come over and work and go home every yr. only people with good police records these would have been no use for fake papers. just like Mexico you cross you pay at the border person pays 20.00, vehicle pays depends on you ~~you get your~~<sup>money</sup> back if you cross back but you don't get your 20.00 back. people pay to cross over and it's not guaranteed. if you didn't make it so easy maybe they wouldn't even want to ~~here~~. And you wouldn't have to worry about your services and what you're going to charge. Customs Boarder Protection

You say we are to become a user-funded service.  
We can't be supported by the taxpayers because  
the taxpayers are not the people using our services."  
Where is all the money from the immigrants, and  
"non-immigrants," where is the money going  
from the taxes <sup>income</sup> that are not being collected  
because they don't have a S.I. Card. it is taken  
out of there pay ch but where is it going?  
People complain and complain but where  
is this money going? we have always been  
very independent but some come here and  
change and you make people dependent  
on the government, Leap, Utilities, Medical, etc.,  
Foodstamps, low Income Housing, ECT; ECT;  
Driver License, FAKE papers, ECT, ECT.

I myself think its to much money?

here in the U.S you pay 2,3,4 times more  
for everything. When you become a citizen its  
you get your S.Security CK in other countries  
I don't know but in Mexico you don't get these  
So Naturally your going to want to become  
a citizen. which is wrong. example you have  
a immigrant that been here since 69y. then he  
finanly gets his papers in the 90's he then brings  
family wife, children then he dies and

Only people with crimes cannot come over here  
any more. I come over 2 yrs work 2 yrs and  
go home Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April to be with my  
family and then ~~go back~~ come back to work  
but it is costly because I have to pay to  
cross back over, I don't even know if I am  
going to make it. With all the crime and the  
news everyday someone from Mexico comes  
up dead killed, wreck, drowned, Work accident  
what ever things have to change.

U.S.A needs to change all I see is  
a lot of Hate, ~~poverty~~, Berlin Wall,  
War now he wants War with IRAN ON  
the news you here other countries talking  
about the U.S.A. Not good sense.

I only went to second grade.  
Hope you can read my letter.  
Jose