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DEMOCRATS

HILLARY CLINTON

THE BORDERS Employ technology to reduce unauthorized crossings.

CITIZENSHIP Allow illegal immigrants to seek citizenship.

EMPLOYMENT Prohibit guest-worker programs. Increase enforcement of laws barring companies from hiring illegal immigrants. Create an information system for prospective employers.

JOHN EDWARDS

THE BORDERS Double the number of border agents; install surveillance equipment.

CITIZENSHIP Allow illegal immigrants to earn citizenship by paying a fine, passing background checks and learning English.

EMPLOYMENT Prohibit guest-worker programs. Increase penalties for businesses that knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

DENNIS KUCINICH

THE BORDERS Ban use of National Guard troops or other military forces to patrol the border.

CITIZENSHIP Provide permanent residence to immigrants who have lived here more than five years, and grant conditional status and work rights to those who have been here for less time.

EMPLOYMENT Strengthen anti-discriminatory workplace laws and end penalties against companies that hire illegal immigrants.

BARACK OBAMA

THE BORDERS Hire more border guards, employ technology and build more "infrastructure."

CITIZENSHIP Allow illegal immigrants to seek citizenship after passing background checks, paying fines and having their cases reviewed after pending applications by legal immigrants.

EMPLOYMENT Increase enforcement against companies that hire illegal immigrants, although he considers raids upon suspect workplaces "ineffective."

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REPUBLICANS

RUDY GIULIANI

THE BORDERS Build more fences and hire more border agents.

CITIZENSHIP Require all immigrants who seek citizenship to be able to speak, read and write English. Deport those who have "abused their privilege" of being in the U.S.

EMPLOYMENT Require noncitizens to carry tamper-proof ID cards for employment. Consolidate databases for quick verification of an applicant's status.

MIKE HUCKABEE

THE BORDERS Build a fence with a surveillance system along the border with Mexico by 2010. Hire more border agents.

CITIZENSHIP Require illegal immigrants to leave within 120 days and to apply for citizenship from their home countries.

EMPLOYMENT Require verification of citizenship as a condition of employment. Impose steep fines for companies that violate the law.

JOHN MCCAIN

THE BORDER Build more fence and hire more patrol agents.

CITIZENSHIP Grant temporary status to most illegal immigrants and allow them to apply for citizenship after paying fines and passing background checks.

EMPLOYMENT Permit a temporary worker program. Enforce laws against hiring illegal immigrants.

RON PAUL

THE BORDER "Physically secure" the border.

CITIZENSHIP Deport illegal immigrants and offer them no special avenue toward citizenship. End the automatic citizenship of children born here to illegal immigrants.

EMPLOYMENT Abolish the NAFTA trade agreement.

MITT ROMNEY

THE BORDER Build a fence along the border with Mexico. Require noncitizens to carry tamper-proof ID cards.

CITIZENSHIP Prohibit any "special pathway" for citizenship to anyone who is in the country illegally. Recruit skilled workers from other countries and allow them to apply for citizenship.

EMPLOYMENT Increase penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants. Set up a national database for employers to verify the status of job applicants.

FRED THOMPSON

THE BORDER Build more fences and use technology to enhance detection.

CITIZENSHIP Give no amnesty or probationary status to illegal immigrants. Streamline applications for legal immigrants. Make English the official language of the U.S.

EMPLOYMENT Require all employers to use federal information to verify the status of job applicants and track the locations of temporary-visa holders.

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