**Recent U.S. immigration policy**

**Dream Act (2001)**

* Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors
* Grants permanent residency to immigrants of good moral character
* Must have arrived in the U.S. as a minor, graduate high school, 2 years in college or military
* Bill did not pass in the Senate, but 15 states have versions of the DREAM act

**Secure Fence Act (2006)**

* Authorized fencing along the U.S. border
* 700 miles, double layer fence, surveillance technology
* Goal to stop unlawful entry of undocumented immigrants, contraband and terrorists

**DACA (2012)**

* Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
* Relief for unaccompanied minors who crossed the border
* Delays deportations – must have hearings in front of immigration judge
* Offers refugee status
* Federal law required all children to be educated regardless of immigration status

**Executive Order (2014)**

* President Obama
* Protects certain illegal immigrants from deportations but does not grant citizenship
* Must be legal resident or parent of an American citizen, must work, pass a background check, and pay back taxes owed
* Impacts 5 million immigrants

**Trump Immigration Policy**

* Trump’s signature issue
* Deportation of undocumented immigrants
* Attempted to end DACA
* Travel ban to prohibit issuing VISA from seven (mostly Muslim) countries until a vetting process is developed
* Build a substantial wall dividing the U.S.-American border

**Biden immigration policies**

* Allow a pathway to citizenship for unauthorized immigrants already in the U.S.
* Allow unauthorized immigrants to apply for protection from deportation, work permits, and driver licenses
* Allow more immigrants to obtain green cards. Eliminate current policy of no more than 7% green cards issued per country