

Immigration reform; time for congress to act

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ABSTRACT

During the terms of the last four U.S. presidents, immigration has been a continuing problem. President Clinton, Bush, Obama and Trump were all faced with a huge tide of illegal immigration and all three presidents had a clear message from the voters that immigration was an important issue. The U.S. Congress has been unable to, or more aptly put, unwilling to deal with this problem. The reason of course is because it is such a “hot” political problem. Those that want to stem the flow of illegal immigration are instantly labeled as racists or at the least, uncompassionate or uncaring. Those that wish to do nothing about the current situation are labeled as anti-American and soft on crime. There does not seem to be any political middle ground on this issue.

It is currently an issue in which no one wants to take the risk of being politically incorrect or willing to put their job on the line. What really seems to be lost is the purpose of our legislative bodies; they are to serve the will of the people so long as the will of the people does not contravene the U.S. Constitution.

This paper will research the existing immigration laws, presidential executive orders attempting to solve illegal immigration issues, and possible solutions to the existing problem brought on by illegal immigration. This paper will also research what body of the U.S. government is responsible for immigration laws and for the administration of immigration laws.

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