

Americans Deserve Better than the Ryan Amnesty Plan

- **The Ryan amnesty plan is amnesty first and a border wall maybe later, just like the 2013 Senate Gang of 8 amnesty bill.**
 - An estimated 1.8-2.4 million illegal aliens would get amnesty in the form of “contingent nonimmigrant status” immediately under the Ryan plan.
- **The Ryan amnesty plan creates a special path to citizenship for the amnestied aliens, thus allowing them to cut in line in front of people who have been playing by the rules to enter the United States legally (p. 197).**
 - The Ryan plan creates a new “merit-based” system created specifically for the amnestied aliens and the children of certain guestworkers. Every amnestied alien with a high school diploma or the equivalent who can pass an English test would qualify.
- **The Ryan amnesty plan’s border wall “triggers” only affect whether amnestied aliens can get on the special path to citizenship, not whether they get amnesty in the first place (p. 156).**
 - The “trigger” provision simply says that no amnestied aliens can get green cards through the “merit-based” system if border wall funding is rescinded or transferred to a different account by a future Congress. The amnestied aliens, however, will already have indefinitely renewable visas to live and work here.
- **The Ryan amnesty plan says specifically that illegal aliens who are apprehended after the date of enactment (p. 173), who are in removal proceedings (p. 174), or who have been ordered removed but ignored the order (p. 175) must all be allowed to apply for amnesty if they are prima facie eligible.**
 - This means that immigration enforcement across the country will come to a virtual halt for several years since every illegal alien under the age of 40 will claim to be eligible for amnesty and will have to be given a chance to apply and have the application adjudicated before he or she may be removed.
- **The Ryan amnesty plan does NOT satisfy President Trump’s Four Pillars of required reform because it does not end chain migration.**
 - The Ryan amnesty plan reallocates visas from two of the five chain migration categories, but it does not eliminate the categories for parents (including the parents of the amnestied aliens who will be rewarded for illegally bringing their children here), or for adult unmarried children of citizens or lawful permanent residents. The parent category is the largest chain migration category and the only one that is not numerically limited. It grew from 116,000 in 2014 to 174,000 in 2016.
- **The Ryan amnesty plan would doom America to future amnesties since it fails to mandate E-Verify to protect jobs for American workers.**
 - Every past amnesty, including President Obama’s illegal DACA amnesty, has resulted in a surge in illegal immigration. The Ryan amnesty would be no different because it doesn’t stop the jobs magnet by requiring employers to use E-Verify to ensure their workforce is legal.