

Immigration
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Immigration Reform did not advance during 2010. President Obama did not have the votes to pass any meaningful legislation. Senator Durbin and other members of the Senate tried to pass the Dream Act during the lame duck session but were unsuccessful.

Leaders of the Latino organizations vowed to keep on trying in the coming year.

2010 also saw new laws introduced in several state legislatures. These laws are intended to restrict undocumented immigrants in various ways, such as, renting an apartment, gathering for day jobs or giving police the right to question drivers and ask for identification.

The new Congressional session has begun and a group of new lawmakers are intending to introduce a Constitutional Amendment to change the 14th Amendment, which grants citizenship to anyone born in the United States, regardless of parents' status. This would create two tiers of birth certificates, one for citizens and legal residents and another for undocumented parents. This would certainly be challenged in the courts.

The 14th Amendment has been interpreted for more than a century to protect the rights of American-born Chinese children, Native American children, and children born to Japanese-American children during World War !!.

The Republican leadership has said that the flow of illegal immigrants must be stopped before any meaningful legislation can be considered. However, it is not just the Mexican border, but illegals from many other countries that have overstayed student or work visas that are never mentioned when discussing immigration reform.

Last year the Obama administration deported nearly 1/2 million undocumented people, many who had committed crimes in the U.S.

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