

IIEC Principles for Comprehensive Immigration Reform



The Iowa Immigration Education Coalition, a non-partisan education coalition of business, labor, education, health, religious, civil and immigrant rights groups, has developed seven principles for common-sense solutions to immigration reform.

The Iowa Immigration Education Coalition is a multi-perspective group of business, labor, civil rights, religious, immigrant, education, social service, government, and other community leaders united for the purpose of providing Iowans with relevant and timely information about immigration issues and their impact on Iowans and their communities.

Create Smart Enforcement

Because there has been inconsistent enforcement of our immigration laws over a long period of time, unauthorized immigrants are well integrated into the fabric of a local community. Current enforcement policies removing workers who have become well established in a community have a negative economic and humanitarian impact on families and local economies. Smart immigration reform is the opportunity to restore law and order by redirecting enforcement to real security threats and serious criminal activity.

Create an Employment-Based Program to Meet Workplace and Economic Needs

Create more pathways to legally bring in temporary and permanent workers. These authorized individuals would then be granted full labor and civil rights to protect them from the few employers who take advantage of vulnerable workers.

Keep American Families Together

Increase the number of family visas overall and within each category. Currently, families are separated by processing delays and long visa waiting periods that can last decades.

Create a Path to Citizenship

Creating a path for earned citizenship for unauthorized immigrants will put more employers and workers on the tax rolls and help law enforcement focus on criminals, drug dealers and human traffickers.

Strengthen Our Nation's Security and Borders

National security is enhanced by registering unauthorized immigrants. This allows a mechanism for law enforcement to track who is in the U.S.

Promote Immigrant Integration

Government, nonprofit agencies, community and religious groups must help immigrants learn the English language as well as laws and ordinances. This will facilitate civic participation and cultivate a robust democracy.

Protect Fundamental Rights For All

The Constitution guarantees due process for all people in the United States. A properly-functioning immigration system that allows for more legal permanent and temporary workers provides a better way to guarantee due process and the fundamental rights of all as provided for in our Constitution.

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