

Candidate Positions on Immigration

Obama's Platform on Immigration

<http://www.barackobama.com/issues/pdf/ImmigrationFactSheet.pdf>

Obama promotes a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in “good standing,” improve the bureaucracy with respect to immigration and preserve the integrity of American borders.

John McCain's Platform on Immigration

<http://www.johnmccain.com/Informing/Issues/68db8157-d301-4e22-baf7-a70dd8416efa.htm>

McCain promises to secure the border as an “essential element” of America’s national security. McCain calls for building in international alliances, maintaining pro-growth policies, and an assimilation program for immigrants

Democratic Party

<http://www.nnirr.org/resources/docs/DemocraticPartyonImmigration.pdf>

The Democratic Party National Platform includes a plank on immigration. The excerpt here was part of the draft platform that was to have been approved at the recent national convention.

Republican Party

The Republican Party national platform is not yet public. The following article describes issues that have come up in the preparations...

The RNC Meets to Draft Their Platform: Sparks Fly on the Issue of Illegal Immigration

<http://embeds.blogs.foxnews.com/2008/08/26/the-rnc-meets-to-draft-their-platform-sparks-fly-on-the-issue-of-illegal-immigration/>

<http://www.nnirr.org/resources/docs/RNCMeetstoDraftTheirPlatform.pdf>

All eyes may be on Denver this week, but the Republican National Committee began their meetings to draft an election platform today ahead of next week’s convention. Sparks flew when delegates got into debate over illegal immigration, which reflected where John McCain originally stood on the issue, but has now taken a more conservative stance.

Delegates were split into different subcommittees and it was in the national security meeting where members got into heated discussion surrounding the issues of amnesty and English as the official language of the United States...

“Floor Statement of Senator Barack Obama on Immigration Reform”

http://obama.senate.gov/speech/060403-floor_statement_3/index.php

April 3, 2006

Senator Obama elaborates on his support for a path for citizenship, the creation a guest worker program and technology for employers to check the legal status of potential employees.

“McCain Statement On Passage Of The Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act Of 2006”

http://mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=PressOffice.PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=5c9437f6-b739-4bdb-8838-369bf39418af&Region_id=&Issue_id=e2d83197-0adb-4a53-994a-9eb58268b452

May 25, 2006

Senator McCain acknowledges the immigration system is broken but opposes those who call for massive deportation of undocumented migrants. However, McCain reiterates the need to secure borders. He concludes with the story of an immigrant who joined the military and died in Iraq before earning his citizenship.

Candidate Match Game II

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/politics/election2008/candidate-match-game.htm>

An interactive website that matches your political views with one of the two presidential candidates.

CNN Politics Election Center 2008

<http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/issues/issues.immigration.html>

CNN.com

CNN presents the immigration positions of Obama and McCain.