



Obama Starts Suspending Deportations

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Keeping its promise to suspend deportations for a broad class of illegal immigrants, the Obama Administration has officially started the process that's expected to spare tens of thousands from removal in the coming months.

Among the first illegal aliens to benefit from the president's backdoor amnesty plan is a Mexican man living in Florida. He got busted a few years ago after applying for a work permit and was earmarked for deportation. Earlier this month local media portrayed the man, Manuel Guerra, as a [desperate undocumented worker](#) trying to build a new life after fleeing violent street gangs in his native Mexico.

This week the 27-year-old, who has lived in the U.S. illegally for more than a decade, became the poster child for Obama's newly implemented amnesty program. Federal immigration authorities officially [suspended his deportation](#), according a mainstream newspaper report that says Guerra had been caught in a "tortuous and seemingly failing five-year court fight against deportation." Guerra was spared after a working group from the departments of Homeland Security and Justice met to start reviewing 300,000 deportation cases pending before immigration courts nationwide.

Under Obama's new plan, authorities will have [wide discretion to halt deportations](#) and will be encouraged to do so in cases where illegal immigrants attend school, have family in the military or are primary bread winners.

The stealth amnesty plan was first introduced last year in case Congress doesn't pass legislation to legalize the nation's 12 million undocumented immigrants. Earlier this year political appointees at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), actually issued a directive to enact "meaningful immigration reform absent legislative action." The plan includes delaying deportation indefinitely ("deferred action"), granting green cards, allowing illegal immigrants to remain in the U.S. indefinitely while they seek legal status (known as "parole in place") and expanding the definition of "extreme hardships" so any illegal alien could meet the criteria and remain in the country.

This goes hand in hand with the president's new blueprint for immigration reform, which was recently issued by the White House. Titled ["Building A 21st Century Immigration System,"](#) the plan strives to strengthen the U.S. economy and "competitiveness" by creating a legal immigration system that reflects the nation's "values and diverse needs." After all, it claims that

the “overwhelming majority” of people living in the U.S. with “no legal status” are “simply seeking a better life for themselves and their children.”

The president’s new plan, which has already allocated \$8 million to community groups that operate immigrant “integrational programs,” also expands “anti discrimination provisions of immigration law” and provides more “comprehensive anti-retaliation protections.”

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