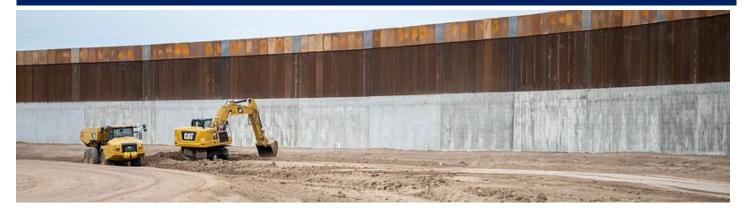


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Investing in Border Security through Immigrant Contributions



Immigration has long been a crucial issue in American politics, with challenges in balancing the need for robust border security and expanding legal immigration.

Our innovative proposal builds on this momentum by offering a solution that directly channels taxes paid by new legal immigrants into enhancing border security for a decade.

President Trump brought this issue to the forefront of national debate, emphasizing the importance of securing our borders and prioritizing American safety.

Many members of congress, notably Mark Alford, Ted Cruz, and Tim Burgess have further brought this to the forefront of the national conversation through their efforts to directly connect to the American people via their podcasting channels (see www.firesidechat.us), enabling those of us who don't live in border states to understand of the true extent of this crisis. President Trumps administration's focus on border security highlighted the gaps in the existing system and underscored the need for comprehensive reform.

This plan not only ensures the strong border security that conservatives have consistently championed but also aligns with the push for expanding legal immigration pathways that progressives advocate. By implementing this policy, we can generate an estimated \$405 billion over ten years, fully funding critical border security enhancements without increasing taxes, the federal deficit nor the national debt.

- Pays For Itself: Taxes from legal immigrants fund border security, generating \$405 billion in ten years without increasing the national debt.
- **Bipartisan Appeal:** This policy unites both sides of the political spectrum by enhancing border security while expanding legal immigration opportunities.
- **Self-Sustaining Solution:** By linking immigration to border security funding, we create a virtuous cycle that strengthens border protection and supports legal pathways.
- **Economic Growth**: Harnesses the economic potential of new immigrants by integrating them into the workforce, boosting GDP, and addressing labor shortages, which in turn fuels national prosperity.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

A Balanced Immigration Policy

The United States has always been a nation of immigrants, and immigration remains vital to our national identity. However, the debate over immigration has grown increasingly polarized. There's a strong demand for reinforced borders to protect against illegal immigration and related concerns. Simultaneously, there is an equally strong call for expanding opportunities for legal immigrants, who contribute significantly to our economy and society.

Our current system struggles to satisfy either of these demands, leading to stagnation, congressional infighting, division and ineffective policies. Now is the time for a solution that unites these perspectives—a solution that strengthens our security while also embracing the economic and cultural benefits of legal immigration.

Reframing the Debate: A Win-Win for Security and Growth

This plan redefines the immigration debate in Congress, transforming the question of how to address immigration into a constructive discussion on how many immigrants we should welcome into the country based on hoe much funding we need for border security. By linking immigrant contributions directly to border security, this policy ensures that the more immigrants we admit, the more resources are available to secure our borders. This approach not only addresses security concerns but also opens the door to broader legal immigration, satisfying both objectives.

Some may worry that increasing immigration could reduce job opportunities for current Americans. The Galinsky 2024 platform addresses this concern with a bold vision for a hybrid monetary system designed to spur job creation for American workers. Learn more about our proposed hybrid monetary system at: www.galinsky2024.us/issue/opportunity-economy This comprehensive approach ensures that as we secure our borders and expand legal pathways, we are also building a stronger economy that benefits all Americans.

Policy Options: Evaluating the Path Forward

In addressing the complex challenge of immigration and border security, we must carefully consider several policy options, each with its own set of benefits and drawbacks. Below, we evaluate the most viable paths forward to achieve a balanced and effective solution.

Maintain the Status Quo: Continue with the existing system, which inadequately addresses both border security and immigration needs.

 Drawbacks: Ongoing failure to secure borders leads to continued illegal immigration and missed opportunities for economic growth.

Increase Border Security Funding via General Taxation: Allocate more federal



resources to border security through higher taxes or reallocating existing funds.

• **Drawbacks**: This approach risks increasing the federal deficit and may face significant political opposition, particularly in an already strained budget environment.

Direct Immigrant Taxes to Border Security (Recommended): Create a dedicated fund where the taxes paid by new legal immigrants are used exclusively for border security over a set period, such as a suggested ten-year period.

• **Benefits**: This option provides a self-sustaining, politically feasible solution that enhances border security while incentivizing legal immigration, generating approximately \$405 billion over ten years assuming an estimated 2.5 million new immigrants per year.

Turning Vision Into Reality

- I. Legislative Action (Within the first year of the next congressional session): Introduce and pass the "Border Security and Legal Immigration Enhancement Act of 2024" in Congress.
- **2. Fund Establishment (Six months post-legislation):** Create the Immigrant Tax Revenue Border Security Fund within the U.S. Treasury, ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of these funds.
- **3.** Resource Allocation (Ongoing, with annual review to ensure effectiveness): The Department of Homeland Security will prioritize areas most in need of security upgrades, with the Treasury overseeing the allocation of funds.
- **4. Annual Reporting (Beginning one year after fund establishment):** A detailed annual report will be submitted to Congress, highlighting the impact of the fund on border security and providing accountability to taxpayers.

A New Era for US Immigration Policy



By linking immigrant contributions directly to border security, this policy proposal offers a transformative solution that addresses the most pressing concerns of the immigration debate.

The policy ensures that our borders are secure, our laws are respected, and our economy is strengthened by the contributions of legal immigrants.

This policy is designed not only to address the immediate challenges of immigration but also to set a new standard for the future, ensuring that America remains a nation of opportunity. By bridging the divide between security and inclusivity, it lays the groundwork for a more unified and prosperous society. This visionary approach will help shape a future where all Americans, both new and native-born, can thrive together in a secure and welcoming nation.

Supplementary Data and Projections

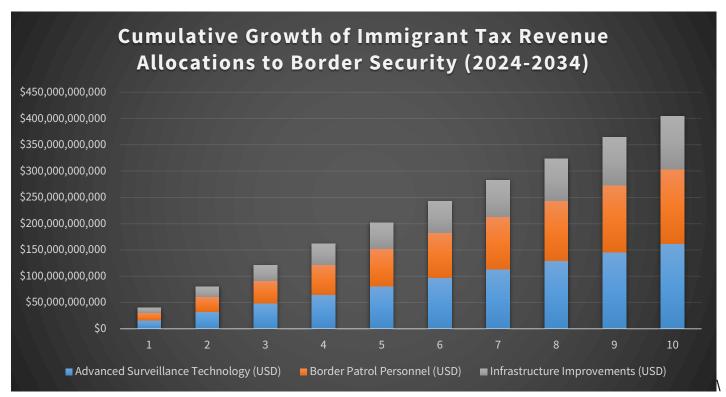
Estimated Financial Projections for the Immigrant Tax Revenue Border Security Fund

These calculations estimate how the fund will accumulate and be allocated over a 10-year period.

Each year, the specified percentages of the total contributions are allocated to reccomended areas of border security enhancement.

- Annual Contributions:
 - Total Tax Contributions per Year: \$40,517,500,000.00
 - This is based on the average tax contribution of \$16,207 per immigrant and an estimated 2.5 million new immigrants per year.
- Recommended Allocations:
 - Advanced Surveillance Technology (40%):
 - Annual Allocation: \$16,207,000,000.00
 - 10-Year Cumulative Allocation: \$162,070,000,000.00
 - Border Patrol Personnel (35%):
 - Annual Allocation: \$14,181,125,00000
 - 10-Year Cumulative Allocation: \$141,811,250,000.00
 - Infrastructure Improvements (25%):
 - Annual Allocation: \$10,129,375,000.00.
 - 10-Year Cumulative Allocation: \$101,293,750,000.00

Growth of Immigrant Tax Revenue Allocations to Border Security (2024-2034)



Learn more at www.galinsky2024.us/issue/immigration-border-security

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