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MUCH TO DO ABOUT DACA

"To have a lawful system of immigration that serves the national interest, we cannot admit everyone who would like to come here. It's just that simple. That would be an open-border policy and the American people have rightly rejected that." Jeff Sessions, U.S. Attorney General

The Constitutional violation of separation of powers by President Obama's 2012 Executive Order, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA) was phased out by the Trump Administration this month. Now the President is being accused of placing "dreamers" under threat of deportation. "Dreamers" are the reported 800,000 illegal aliens that are affected by Trump's decision.

It is somewhat surreal to view clips of President Obama prior to 2012 where he repeatedly states that a President does not have the unilateral authority to usurp the power of Congress. But usurp it he did. To those in the main stream media and to his Progressive base, Obama did not usurp, he just evolved.

From January 2009 to January 2011, Obama enjoyed a large majority in the House and a super-majority in the Senate. Why Democrats did not pass immigration reform is not a mystery. Their laser like focus was on their fifty year goal of government controlled healthcare. The dreamers were not a priority. After all, Democrats believe they can always count on the Latino vote.

President Trump did not formally end DACA. Congress is charged with the responsibility to achieve a policy, within six months, to address Obama's blanket amnesty. Time will tell if a legislative compromise can be reached. In the interim, you can rest assure Progressives will demagogue the issue.

DACA was marketed as a way to keep high school valedictorians, gifted students and other high achieving young people in the U.S. However, the demographic data does not support those claims. DACA accepts applications from illegal aliens who were 31 years old or younger on June 15, 2012. That means 36 year olds may apply this year.

In 2013, the Brookings Institute filed a Freedom of Information Act requesting statistics for the age of DACA. Per the information received, 64 percent of

DACA applicants were past high school age. Only 1 percent of applicants were denied. Brookings Institute is not considered to be a conservative think tank.

One might ask what is the big deal of granting amnesty to 800,000 individuals brought here illegally through no fault of their own. The big deal is that under our current chain migration policy, once these individuals receive green card status, they can immediately turn around and sponsor their illegal parents for a green card. Thus, cherished legal status would be granted to individuals that are guilty of violating our immigration laws. This should give pause to even pro-amnesty activists.

If Democrats are serious about a DACA legislative solution, they should limit it to DACA recipients only. They should support the RAISE Act that ends chain migration and places immigration on a merit-based footing. In addition, support of border security (wall), and mandatory E-verify system should be part of any solution.

Democrat Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi was shouted down at her San Francisco news conference on September 18th. Mrs. Pelosi was trying to support dreamers impacted by Trump's DACA decision. A group calling themselves the "Immigration Reform Movement" warned Democrats not to "sell us out."

A representative of the group grabbed the microphone to say: "We remember all too well how for eight years the Democrats laid siege to our communities, raiding and deporting nearly three million people, of our family members and loved ones. Where was your resistance then? Ms. Pelosi, did you think we would forget? We send a clear message to our fellow undocumented youth and community: We are the resistance to Trump! Not the Democrats!"

The former Speaker of the House was forced to leave and terminate her press conference. The Immigration Reform Movement wants amnesty for all 11+ million illegal aliens and not just DACA recipients.