



Dear Friends,

20 days, 20 ideas, 20 minutes, \$20: Makeover

Here are Ideas #9, 10, 11, 12, 13 in our campaign to give voters actual solutions to our current challenges and to provide **20 steps to a Total Makeover of Our Democracy.**

We need you as partners in this journey to create a healthy, vibrant and thriving democracy. [If you like the idea, contribute \\$20.](#)

My opponents are in the kowtowing business--kowtowing to party establishment, big money, PAC, and K Street. **I am in the solutions business.** The solutions business for Main Street's small businesses--your business.

Immigration reform is crucial for our economy and our security.

I am the only candidate who is willing to tell the whole truth on immigration. I am the candidate who has concrete and real ideas for true reform and who has the expertise to back it up. My reform is not the big money, big corporate giveaway that is the "gang of eight" bill. My reform encompasses what is **good for our Nation's safety and security while keeping alive the promise of immigration that is the very heritage of our country.**

My grandparents and great grandparents came from Sicily and Italy with little more than the shirts on their backs, yet they successfully pursued and realized their American Dreams. Their children, my parents, became a doctor and a nurse and built their medical practice from nothing and raised six children, all of whom became successful in their fields.

My inlaws fled Communist China and built their laundry from next to nothing and sent all seven of their children to college. **I am grateful every single day that my family and my husband's family immigrated to America** and I love that in my job, immigration, **I get to help people achieve their American Dreams every single day.**

Yet, the U.S. government is not honoring our rich history as a nation of immigrants and is not ensuring the security of borders and the sovereignty of our laws. We must do all three if we are to truly fix and reform our immigration system. Both parties want votes and cheap labor and they are willing to sell us out to the highest bidder, once again making a farce of immigration reform. Here is what real reform would look like:

1. **Implement Serious Fines on Employers Violating the Law.**
2. **Increase Border and Port Security.**
3. **Path to Legalization, Not Citizenship.**
4. **Repeal the 3 and 10 Year Bars to Re-Entry. Replace it with a 2-4 Year Bar.**
5. **Create an Essential Worker Visa similar to the current seasonal worker visa.**

With these next 5 emails, I will lay out my plan for real reform.

The plan continues with **Idea #10, Port and Border Security**. Right now, our borders and ports are vulnerable--the vast majority of cargo containers enter our country through ship or truck, and yet the inspection rates for both are woefully low. For containers entering by ship, the most common method, **inspection rates have actually gone down to 4%** (*nine years ago the rate was already an unacceptable low of 5%*). Someone is asleep on the job.

For undocumented immigration, it is imperative that we stop it at the borders. Prevention of illegal immigration is far easier to handle than stop-gap reactive measures. (My next idea will outline how we approach the current population of undocumented immigrants--common sense people are embracing my proposal.)

Congress could easily rectify this insecure system by implementing my Idea #10.

- Increase the inspection rate from 4% to 10% in the next 12 months; to 50% in 4 years. This will increase jobs that will be good for the economy and our security. Win-win.
- Increase Customs & Border Protection (CBP) agents at all borders and all airports.
- Increase Immigration Judges--double the current number of 235.
- Implement an expedited Deportation Hearing process for immigrants with felony convictions, reduce the delay until trial time from 2 years to 6 months.

With my plan, we increase our security and safety at the borders and we make sure that criminals with felony convictions are not allowed to remain in the U.S. for extended periods of time because of logjams in the court system.

DeFranco Delivers Idea #10: Port and Border Security.

Any person in the real world should see that Congress could secure our safety if it had the courage to take on the corporate monopolies who will howl at the dollar cost of increased inspections. Allowing porous borders so that monopolies can import goods at will risks the safety of every American. It is illogical, a set up for disaster, bad for the American people and bad for the economy. Why hasn't my opponent done something about it?

My Idea #10 is a solution that is not only fair and just but will also have a tremendously positive impact on jobs and our economy by making safety a priority. Proper border security will also help immigrants who are exploited by coyotes, snakeheads, and other vile criminal networks.

My solution #10: Serious Port and Border Security= Safety & Stability=Fuel Job Growth & Grow Main Street.

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