

DREAM Act

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Purpose

Provide a legal pathway to permanent residency and then citizenship for undocumented youth



~2.6 million Dreamers live in the U.S, only 530,000 have active DACA protection

Protecting Dreamer's Rights

Dreamers:

1. Often have an incomprehensive understanding of their status and immigration procedures
2. Face discrimination based off their status (financial aid, enrollment in colleges, job opportunities, tuition costs)
3. Live in constant fear of deportation



Story of an American

Tereza Lee:

1. Brought to the U.S from South Korea as a kid
2. Talented pianist aiming to apply to the top music schools in the nation
3. Ineligible to apply because of lack of social security number and other documentation
4. The only option was to leave the U.S, her home since she was young, for a decade, coming back after to apply for citizenship
5. DREAM Act would have provided legal pathway for her to gain citizenship while staying in the U.S because of her clean criminal record and musical talents



United We Dream

1. Largest youth-led immigrant advocacy non-profits in the U.S
2. Performed multiple walkouts & demonstrations pressuring Congress to pass the act
3. In one walkout, over 1000 students participated
4. Participates in Congressional lobbying,
5. Social media campaigns such as Home is Here



Limitations

1. Not all undocumented immigrants qualify: mostly only undocumented youth
2. Introduced in court many times, but still has not yet been passed → Needs more support

However,

1. Provides a pivotal step for immigrant rights and provides a solid pathway to citizenship/permanent status for many immigrants in America
2. Protects DACA recipients who live in a currently temporary and uncertain situation & allows for more Americans to contribute socially & economically



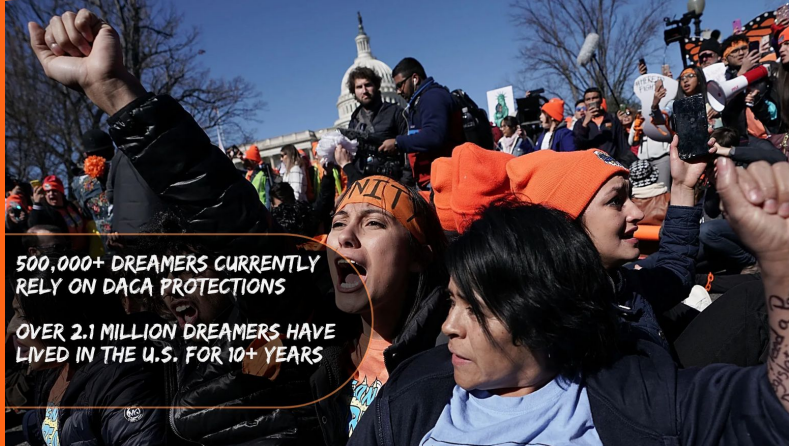
VOTE FOR THE DREAM ACT

WHAT THE DREAM ACT WOULD DO

- CREATE A PATHWAY TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH
- PROTECT DREAMERS FROM DEPORTATION
- INCREASE ACCESS TO EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
- PROTECT FAMILIES FROM SEPARATION



THEY GREW
UP HERE.
THEY BELONG
HERE.



500,000+ DREAMERS CURRENTLY
RELY ON DACA PROTECTIONS

OVER 2.1 MILLION DREAMERS HAVE
LIVED IN THE U.S. FOR 10+ YEARS

Vote for the passing of the DREAM Act now!

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