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**The Consequences of Passing H.R. 4393 – The DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act of 2025**

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**Preamble**

When the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, better known as the Hart-Celler Act, was passed under a lie, the new law set America back decades and has been a driving force behind dysfunction that was entirely avoidable, if public officials had been honest with the American people. Halfway between now and then, there was another opportunity to avoid our present crisis of nation and identity, yet we again took the easy road and chose amnesty. Under the Reagan administration, amnesty was again chosen with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

If America chooses the easy road a third time, there will not be a fourth time; America will simply Balkanize for its failure to make citizenship meaningful, distinctive, and aligned with our historical civic project. These would be the consequences of passing H.R. 4393, The DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act of 2025, which is nothing less but a backdoor to amnesty for up to 45 million people. America, and the Republican Party, cannot afford another such mistake.

America is not the America of 1920 when the forces of history and reality led the country to tightening up its immigration laws in 1924, under President Calvin Coolidge. That successful four-decade era saw our Nation meet some of its greatest challenges for both itself, and for the world it would lead out of darkness and into the light. That era also saw our countrymen go from being strangers to neighbors, and a broadly shared era of prosperity followed the times of strife and global crisis.

The country that closed its doors to mass immigration under President Coolidge had no modern social welfare state, it had no great defense obligations beyond its own borders, and it was governed by wise men in both parties that were more likely to act as stewards over the Nation's finances, laws, common culture, and common destiny.

None of this is present today. The America of 2026 has a large social welfare state, we have been the de facto international policeman since at least 1991, and in many respects 1945. Our deficits and national debt deteriorate no matter who gets elected, and these conditions are on autopilot, with political parties incentivized for maximum political conflict and minimal policy success.

The more the world's problems, especially those of the third world, are put onto America's finances, or slipped across our border, the faster we accelerate the current timeline, which is on a fast-track for fiscal insolvency and balkanization. It's time for a better path, and this begins with ending mass migration.

### **Policy Implications of Mass Migration**

In November of 2023, the House Committee on Homeland Security estimated that caring for and housing illegal migrants who entered into the US in 2021 could cost taxpayers up to \$451.7 billion per year between healthcare, law enforcement, education, and housing. This figure does not include a fourth year of the former Biden administration's open border policy which would push that estimate north of half a trillion. This also does not include the tens of millions prior to 2021 who are in the country illegally. The arguments made of the tax revenue illegal immigrants generate are not persuasive. Illegal migrants were projected to pay \$96.7 billion in taxes in 2022, including \$51.8 billion to the federal government and \$37.3 billion to state and local governments, and about \$13 billion annually to the Social Security Trust Fund.

That 96.7 billion does not even equal one-fifth of the likely high-end cost of the Biden-era illegal mass migration, nor does it cover the expenses of the 2017 figure on the annual cost of illegal immigration from the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) which estimated the annual cost to the taxpayer to be at \$116 billion per year. The tradeoff was bad then, and it's bad now. And these numbers do not take into account the social and cultural costs of non-assimilation, which an entire cohort of American political actors are committed to upholding.

According to a 2025 report by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), the United States currently has a housing shortage of 4.7 million units, but is only producing 1.6 million units per year. FAIR found that the current immigration system will add demand of 6.9-11.2 million new units by 2035. A recent Ipsos survey found that 49% of Americans struggle with housing costs, including 67% of Generation Z Americans. This is properly an immigration issue, not a housing issue, and Republicans can lower the cost of housing by reducing mass migration.

According to data disclosed to Congress by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in September 2024, more than 7 million illegal aliens are undergoing removal proceedings, or have a removal order, but are not detained in ICE custody. These include 425,431 convicted criminals and 222,141 illegal immigrants with pending criminal charges. Of the convicted criminals:

- 62,231 were convicted of assault.
- 14,031 were convicted of burglary.

- 56,533 were convicted of drug convictions.
- 15,811 were convicted of sexual abuse or assault.
- 13,099 were convicted of homicide.

With a more restrictive immigration system, these criminals could be deported today. And as the expenses in this paper show, if we do not dramatically continue to reverse our course here, America will end up with neither immigrants that are assimilating at capacity or a social safety net for anyone.

**Summary: the Cost to the American Citizen of Illegal Mass Migration**

<i>Total Estimated Cost of Illegal Mass Migration</i>	\$451.7 billion (House Committee on Homeland Security, 2024)
<i>Education Additional Projected Costs</i>	\$59 to \$78 billion dollars annually (House Committee on Homeland Security)
<i>Housing Additional Projected Costs</i>	Very market-dependent in areas where illegal migrants settle (NYC, LA, etc.), but one analysis shows that a 5% increase in immigrant share equates to a 12% increase in the average U.S.-born household’s rent, relative to their income (Center for Immigration Studies)
<i>Health &amp; Hospitals Additional Projected Costs</i>	\$16.2 billion in emergency Medicaid spending since 2021 (Congressional Budget Office). At the state level, 2025 was the first year of mandatory tracking for Texas, and over \$1 billion was reported in healthcare costs linked to people not lawfully present in the country. The state of Florida similarly tracked about \$660 million in uncompensated health services for those not lawfully present.

**Policy Recommendations**

The New York Young Republican Club recommends the following tangible acts to mitigate the effects of mass migration on the American people:

- Republicans should reiterate support for the 2024 Republican Platform’s commitments for (1) sealing the border, and stopping the migrant invasion; and (2) carrying out the largest deportation operation in American history.
- Republicans should pass a law mandating better tracking requirements for crimes committed by illegal aliens. Crimes tracked by the FBI and other federal agencies should also be tracked by immigration status. This will provide reliable, meaningful numbers for

legislators and policymakers to use when considering the ramifications of mass migration.

- Republicans should unify around Rep. Andy Ogles (TN-5) on the text of his proposed Assimilation Act. This act would provide a framework for ending the era of mass migration, ending chain migration, halting the H1-B visa program, and restoring America's immigration laws to before the Hart-Celler era.

**Finally, America is a nation.** We are a nation of families, neighbors, and laws. And if we are to remain a nation, citizenship must be meaningful, distinctive; the current American citizens must be sovereign, and no one else. America is one nation. And we're certainly not a select few of our politicians, who have betrayed the people time and time again on this issue. If they do it with the Dignidad Act it will be the last time, because America as we know it will cease to exist.