



**Side-by-Side Comparison of Presidential Candidates'
Positions on Immigration**

REPUBLICANS

	Rudy Giuliani	Mike Huckabee	Duncan Hunter	John McCain	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Tom Tancredo	Fred Thompson
Immigration	Giuliani supports comprehensive immigration reform that includes a process to "regularize" undocumented immigrants, but insists that he does not believe in amnesty. He also says reforms should strengthen border security and require immigrants to learn English. As mayor, he emphasized the positive contributions of immigrants and called federal immigration laws	Huckabee says that he does not believe in amnesty for illegal immigrants in the U.S. "There does need to be restitution and a way to make sure they don't jump in front of people who have been trying to get into the country legally," he says. He has also said: "There is a need for people who will do jobs after our citizens have had first crack at them." Huckabee favors increased border security. "I've never really worried about someone slipping across the border to pluck chickens or pick tomatoes or make beds, but it does worry	Immigration is one of Hunter's primary campaign issues because his California district borders Mexico. One of Hunter's biggest claims to fame is what he calls the "Hunter Fence," a federally funded border fence project that aims to block illegal migration and drug smuggling across the California-Mexico border. He co-authored and voted for the 2006 Secure Fence Act, which calls for more than 700 miles of new fencing along America's border	McCain supports comprehensive immigration reform that addresses border security and what he calls the economy's need for immigrant labor. McCain and Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) twice co-sponsored a comprehensive reform bill that would double the size of the U.S. Border Patrol. The bill also calls for a border fence, a crackdown on employers who hire undocumented immigrants, a	In a June 2007 debate Paul asserted that he is "positively opposed" to amnesty and that the U.S. must stop encouraging illegal immigration by providing health care services for illegal immigrants. According to his campaign website, Paul believes that while physically securing borders and coastlines is a top priority, existing laws must be enforced and "taxpayers should not pay for illegal immigrants who use hospitals, clinics, schools, roads and social services." In	Romney opposes amnesty for undocumented workers, favors securing the U.S.-Mexico border with a fence and wants to institute an employment verification system through high-tech identification cards. While Massachusetts governor, Romney vetoed a bill that called for lower tuition rates for the children of undocumented immigrants. He "reached an agreement with federal authorities" to give state troopers the power to arrest immigrants who are in the state illegally.	Tancredo has made the immigration "phenomenon" the signature issue of his campaign, staunchly supporting the construction of a 2,000-mile fence along the border with Mexico. He opposed the failed McCain-Kennedy bill because it would have provided "blanket amnesty" to illegal immigrants. His views on other issues, such as health care, national security, prisons, education and the environment, are largely derived from his concern for controlling the flow of immigrants, both	Thompson said there is "no good solution" to the problem of illegal immigration but that border enforcement must come before any other legislation. He criticized Mexican President Philippe Calderon's leftist economic policies for contributing to illegal immigration. While he was a member of the Senate, Thompson voted to allow more temporary immigrant workers and more highly skilled immigrants. He also voted to

	<p>"harsh and unfair." He also barred New York City employees from reporting illegal immigrants seeking government assistance. Giuliani criticized a New York state proposal to allow immigrants to obtain driver's licenses.</p>	<p>me that somebody could also slip across the border with a shoulder-fired missile launcher," he said. Huckabee also has spoken out against what he calls "sanctuary cities."</p>	<p>with Mexico.</p>	<p>"path to citizenship" for undocumented immigrants and a "guest worker" program offering temporary visas.</p>	<p>2006, he voted for legislation to erect a fence along stretches of the U.S.-Mexico border.</p>		<p>illegal and legal. Tancredo says that government should crack down on employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens and emphasizes the importance of immigrants assimilating into America's national culture.</p>	<p>limit welfare benefits for legal immigrants. In October 2007, Thompson announced that he would crack down on cities and other areas that provide sanctuaries and social services for illegal immigrants.</p>
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