

Are Undocumented Immigrants Entitled to Public Education? T-Chart

Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fourteenth Amendment states that no state shall... deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law or protection of the law. The Fifth Amendment protects in the same way but on the Federal level. This means that aliens are persons and they are protected within its jurisdiction (meaning the states) even if entered in an unlawful way. They therefore should be protected by the states laws. • The Equal Protection Clause directs that “all persons similarly circumstanced shall be treated alike” • It is not justice for the children of these illegal immigrants if the state holds them accountable and punishes them for the actions of their parents • Education has a fundamental role in maintaining the fabric of our society, be it economically, politically, or socially. If select groups are denied the means to values and skills of our society there will be grave social costs on our Nation • Education prepares individuals to be self-reliant and self sufficient participants in society. • Illiteracy can handicap an individually each and everyday of his life which does not allow a person to advance on the basis of individual merit. • With no education we deny them the ability to live in the structure of our civic institutions which will not allow them to contribute to the progress of the Nation • There is no national policy that supports the State in denying these children an elementary education • There is no evidence in the record suggestion that illegal immigrants put any burden on the State’s economy. • No evidence of not letting illegal immigrants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The equal protection clause does not mandate identical treatment of different categories of people • The state has a legitimate reason to differentiate between people who are lawfully within the state and those who are unlawfully there because it is not unconstitutional. • The supreme court says that illegal aliens are not a “suspect class” and that education is not a fundamental right, so the state does not have to grant illegal immigrants an education • The equal protection clause is not an all encompassing equalizer (the state is able to distinguish between mentally healthy and the mentally ill) • The state has no constitutional duty to include illegal aliens among governmental benefits such as education because it is federally prohibited that illegal immigrants be in the United States • Education is very important but it is not as important as food, shelter etc and what makes it different than health care, housing or public assistance. Where do we draw the line on what States are required to give • Since illegal aliens are not meant to be here, the state can constitutionally not elect to provide them with governmental services which are funded by lawful citizens • The state should be able to protect its money and preserve its revenues that support programs which help the citizens that pay for those programs. • Illegal immigrants do not pay for programs so why should others who are paying for those state programs have to pay for them for the illegal aliens • It is rational to believe that allowing people who do not help in a benefits program but receive

<p>become educated would result in an improvement of the quality of education at the schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of these children will remain in the country indefinitely and some will become citizens. It is important that they have a good education. • Denial of education does not show that it helps the state in some way • Could possibly create a subclass of uneducated people which can increase crime • “Supreme Court Case, Plyer v. Doe says, states can’t deny children a public education even if they are here legally or illegally. It also says, “Denying public education could impose a lifetime of hardship on a discrete class of children not accountable for their disabling status. • If we don’t provide illegal immigrant children an education we will see a huge drop in enrollment from this group of people. • Why are arguing about educating children, while big corporations are being bailed out for billions of dollars and are only making our national debt worse without batting an eye. • Illegal immigrants have jobs and pay taxes so why should their children not be allowed to go to school? • Our country was first inhabited by Indians and we were the immigrants that came and took over. • We are all immigrants to this land. Indians were here first. • Illegal immigrants in some cases OVERPAY in taxes. If they hold a job where they pay social security taxes. They do not receive those benefits and that money they are not refunded. 	<p>benefits from that program will cause the quality of that benefits program to deteriorate. Same goes for Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax dollars are being spent on children whose families do not pay taxes • The student may receive an education or part of an education than leave or get deported • America can no longer afford the cost because it has its own grave financial problems • Our education system is not keeping up with the demands that are being made on it. We shouldn’t keep diverting our funds to children of illegal immigrants. Need to focus on children of lawful families • A non-profit organization called FAIR estimated it costs taxpayers \$52 billion dollars a year to educate illegal immigrants • There are other government programs and services that illegals receive.....i.e. social security • The National Research Council estimated that immigrant households create a net fiscal burden on all levels of government of 20.2 billion annally. • The NRC estimates state and local governments spend 4 billion a year on health care and 20-24 billion a year to educate illegal immigrants. • Encourages illegal immigrants to cross the border because they have knowledge that their kids will receive a free education.
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