



Talking Points About Dreamers

Below are suggested general talking points on Dreamers, which are also included in the short guide for congressional meetings:

- Dreamers serve in our military, contribute to our economy, and together with their families, make our nation a better place. By passing legislation that protects these young people from deportation, balanced with appropriate and effective border enforcement provisions, Republicans and Democrats have the opportunity to serve the interests of American workers and their families.
- Up to 2.3 million young undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children, known as Dreamers, live in the U.S. These young people grew up and have lived in the U.S. for most of their lives, graduated high school and are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree or higher education, enlisting in the military or working jobs. We must provide these young undocumented immigrants with a permanent solution that allows them to remain in the U.S., instead of sending them back to a country they have never known. You can find more information about Dreamers specific to your state [here](#).
- Dreamers help the American economy. Young undocumented immigrants who currently have DACA contribute to their communities and the economy by working legally, paying their fair share of taxes and building business that hire American workers. Over the next 10 years, young undocumented immigrants who currently have DACA will contribute an estimated [\\$433.4 billion to the GDP](#), [\\$60 billion in fiscal impact](#), and [\\$12.3 billion in taxes](#) to Social Security and Medicare. If we allow all 2.3 million Dreamers in the U.S. to work legally and pay their fair share of taxes, we'll ensure that they contribute to our communities and economy.
- Congress must also find a permanent legislative solution to address the situation of current TPS holders who have been integral parts of our communities and economy. It is inhumane to send people who have lived in America for decades back to a dangerous country. TPS holders have put down deep roots in America, many of whom have lived in the U.S. for [over 20 years](#). Sending them back would separate thousands of families as TPS holders have about [275,000 U.S. citizen children](#).
- TPS recipients are vital to local economies across the U.S. TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti [contributed](#) \$4.5 billion in income each year to the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) and \$6.9 billion to Social Security and Medicare over a decade.