



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals





DACA

- In 2012 Obama introduced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
 - Permit that allows undocumented immigrants to not get deported and work legally in the US
- Qualifications
 - Came to US when you were under 16
 - Are in school, have a high school diploma, or GED
 - No criminal record (small misdemeanor allowed)
- Named “dreamers” from the Dream Bill



DACA cont.

- 26 states sued Obama in 2014 for wanting to expand DACA to adults and have other programs for undocumented immigrants who have children who are US citizens
- DACA continued under previous qualifications
- Trump promised to get rid of DACA in 2016
- Didn't get rid of it and same 26 states threatened to sue him





Status Quo

- The program has not been accepting recipients since July of 2021 after federal judge declared the DACA program illegal
- Current DACA recipients have to reapply to renew their status every two years
 - The government could decide to not renew their status and in that case they would get deported





**What should be done when
illegal immigrants are
found who were brought
when they were kids?**



If someone came illegally to the country but has a child who was born in the US, should that change their situation?



**Should Dreamers have to
reapply every two years
or should it be
permanent?**



Is DACA a good system? What other programs could be better than the status quo?



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