

## Secure Borders - The Rule of Law

"In an age of terrorism, drug cartels, human trafficking, and criminal gangs, the presence of millions of unidentified persons in this country poses grave risks to the safety and sovereignty of the United States. Our highest priority, therefore, is to secure the rule of law both at our borders and at ports of entry. ...In this country, the rule of law guarantees equal treatment to every individual, including more than one million immigrants to whom we grant permanent residence every year. That is why we oppose any form of amnesty for those who, by intentionally violating the law, disadvantage those who obeyed it. Granting amnesty only rewards and encourages more law breaking. ...We insist upon enforcement at the workplace through verification systems so that jobs can be available to all legal workers. Use of the E-verify program ... must be made mandatory nationwide. State enforcement efforts in the workplace must be welcomed, not attacked. ... State efforts to reduce illegal immigration must be encouraged, not attacked."

Excerpts from the Republican Party Platform - 2012