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DACA: TRUMP AND OBAMA - STRANGE BEDFELLOWS?



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Here's what provoked me:

It occurred to me that as Trump moves forward by rescinding DACA and putting a gun to the head of Congress to take legislative action, he really was aligning himself with Obama's original goal. So, I was also speculating thatwell...... read the following explanation of my position.

Here's my response:

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Obama warned us. He once said he didn't have the authority to "wave a wand" to take care of illegal immigrants brought here as children, through no choice of their own. And when he finally issued the executive order, he said it wasn't a solution, just a "stop-gap" measure. He knew only Congressional legislation would be permanent.

Trump rescinded Obama's unconstitutional Executive Order, but delayed any action on it for six months. He wants Congress to act, and encourages a compassionate solution for the "dreamers." It seems to me he saved a lot of time, effort and money by diverting the inevitable constitutional challenge of Obama's DACA order.

If it's true that Americans and our legislators want a compassionate resolution of the DACA dilemma, Trump has come to the rescue. He has provided the smoothest, quickest way forward. And, is this creating some "wiggle room" out of which might come bipartisan collaboration on broader immigration reform?

Obama said Congress must act. Trump echoed that and created a pathway to do so. Strange bedfellows indeed! I wonder if they planned it. If so, that would mean Obama's recent "cruelty" comments are just "cover" for future covert collaboration. (Probably not!)