

EXAMEN COMMUN D'ENTREE EN DEUXIEME ANNEE

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Fixing Immigration, in Principle

By [THE EDITORIAL BOARD](#), *The New York Times* - JAN. 30, 2014

What you need to know now that House Republican leaders have unveiled a list of “principles” that have raised hopes for a breakthrough on immigration reform this year:

Principles are no substitute for actual legislation, and we’re still a great distance from a deal. Repairing a system so huge and so broken is a big undertaking for any Congress, much less
5 this dismally dysfunctional one. The Republicans’ grab bag of ideas still leaves Democrats nothing to negotiate with.

That said, the list’s release Thursday, after years of stalemate, leaves us with a palmful of blessings to count.

10 **LEGALIZATION!**

The question about the nation’s 11 million unauthorized immigrants has always been this: Are they out or in? Criminals or potential Americans? The new principles say that these immigrants must “get right with the law.” This is a big change from “get out,” the central
15 immigration position of the Republicans’ 2012 presidential nominee, Mitt Romney, who embraced the “self-deportation” mantra of his adviser Kris Kobach, author of Arizona’s brutal immigration law. Mr. Romney’s moral and electoral failure left his party in dire straits with Latino voters. From absolute denial to the brink of grudging acceptance is a big step away from neo-nativism.

20 **WHAT ABOUT CITIZENSHIP?**

Any legalization plan has to include the real possibility of immigrants’ becoming Americans. The principles rule out a “special” path to citizenship but do not reject outright the possibility of
25 eventual naturalization for the 11 million. The details matter, and we haven’t seen them yet. Republicans need to remember: Maybe some European or Asian societies are happy to rely on imported laborers with no right to vote, no representation or hope of equality, but that’s not the American way, and must never be.

30 **NEW ENFORCEMENT AND TOO FEW VISAS**

The Republicans are demanding “significant fines” and other punishments for the undocumented, and the meeting of enforcement benchmarks as a condition for legalization, along with mandatory national expansion of the E-Verify hiring database and a new entry-exit
35 visa system. New layers of enforcement, onerous to the point of spiteful, cannot be allowed to prevent immigrants from leaving the shadows. Increased powers for states and localities to enforce immigration laws — an invitation to racial profiling and other abuses — have no place in any bill. And reforms to legal immigration — with visas for farmworkers, high-skilled workers and others — must be expansive enough to ease crushing backlogs that discourage millions
40 overseas.

THE DEPORTER IN CHIEF

As we wait for a bill, which could come in months or years or never, deportations continue.
45 The Obama administration has expelled nearly two million people, breaking up thousands of the families President Obama has repeatedly promised to protect. If Congress fails, will he protect them through his own administrative action, as he already has by deferring deportations for a relative handful of unauthorized youths?

50 **THE TEMPTATION TO DESPAIR**

We are a long way from the hopeful days when John McCain and Edward Kennedy embarked on big bipartisan Senate legislation that was eventually killed by a Republican filibuster. Reform has died several deaths since then, and millions have suffered. Now Republicans, the
55 party of self-deportation and Arizona-style laws, may be edging closer to saying yes to legal status for millions of the undocumented. Who knows if they’re serious, or if any bills will get past the party’s “hell no” caucus. It will be clear soon enough whether this is the first step back toward the rational, humane reform that should have passed years ago.

I - Reading Comprehension (8 points)

a/ Explain and comment on the following sentence in the text: “Maybe some European or Asian societies are happy to rely on imported laborers with no right to vote, no representation or hope of equality, but that’s not the American way, and must never be.” (4 points)

b/ From reading the editorial, how do you explain the Republican position on immigration? What are its explicit and implicit motives? (4 points)

II – Synonyms (4 points)

Find synonyms in the text to the following words or phrases (Beware: verbs might not be in the infinitive form)

1. development
2. sadly
3. gridlock
4. rallying cry
5. in a predicament
6. reluctant
7. yardstick/standard
8. vengeful

III – Essay (8 points)

From your understanding of the text, compare and contrast the partisan, ideological, economic, historical and institutional terms of the debate on immigration in the United States and in France. (8 points)