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“Immigration Dreaming: Beyond the Dream Act” (an Immigration Primer for Today)

Immigration Facts:

There have been approximately a half million deportations from the U.S. during each of the last two years and numbers are increasing since the 35,000 deported in 2001.

About a half million aliens were incarcerated last year and the year before, with numbers increasing.

Legal immigration is down to under 1 million annual immigrant immediate relatives – U.S. citizen spouses and adult children to their alien spouses, minor children under 21 and parents.

Employment based immigration for bachelor level professionals takes 8 years now, 1.5 if you're extraordinary. It takes master level professionals from China and India _____ to gain permanent residence. Some nonimmigrant and even immigrant cases can take less time, sometimes significantly.

There is an element of luck and timing to immigration processing.

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