

# The 'RAISE' Act follows the guidelines for immigration set by President Trump's immigration executive order

## Details of the RAISE Act



Significantly alters the nation's green-card system by eliminating several avenues for U.S. citizens and permanent residents to sponsor family members for green cards.



The plan would allow only spouses and unmarried minor children of U.S. citizens and permanent residents to get green cards, along with a modest number of visas for aging adult parents whose American children are their caretakers.



The bill also eliminates the diversity visa lottery, which allots about 50,000 visas per year for citizens of countries that traditionally have low rates of immigration to the United States.



It would limit refugees to 50,000 annually — in line with levels outlined in Trump's controversial executive order.

Sources: David Sherfinski, "Tom Cotton, David Perdue introducing legislation that would curb number of green cards issued," *Washington Times*, February 7, 2017; Seung Min Kim, "Cotton and Trump plot crackdown on legal immigration," *POLITICO*, February 7, 2017; "How many immigration applications are filed each year?" *American Immigration Center*, 2017.

# The 'RAISE' Act puts a spotlight on interest groups that typically don't have high-profile support

## Players involved with the RAISE Act

### Authors of the RAISE Act:



**Tom Cotton**  
*Senator from Arkansas (R)*



**David Purdue**  
*Senator from Georgia (R)*

### Groups who would consider it a victory:



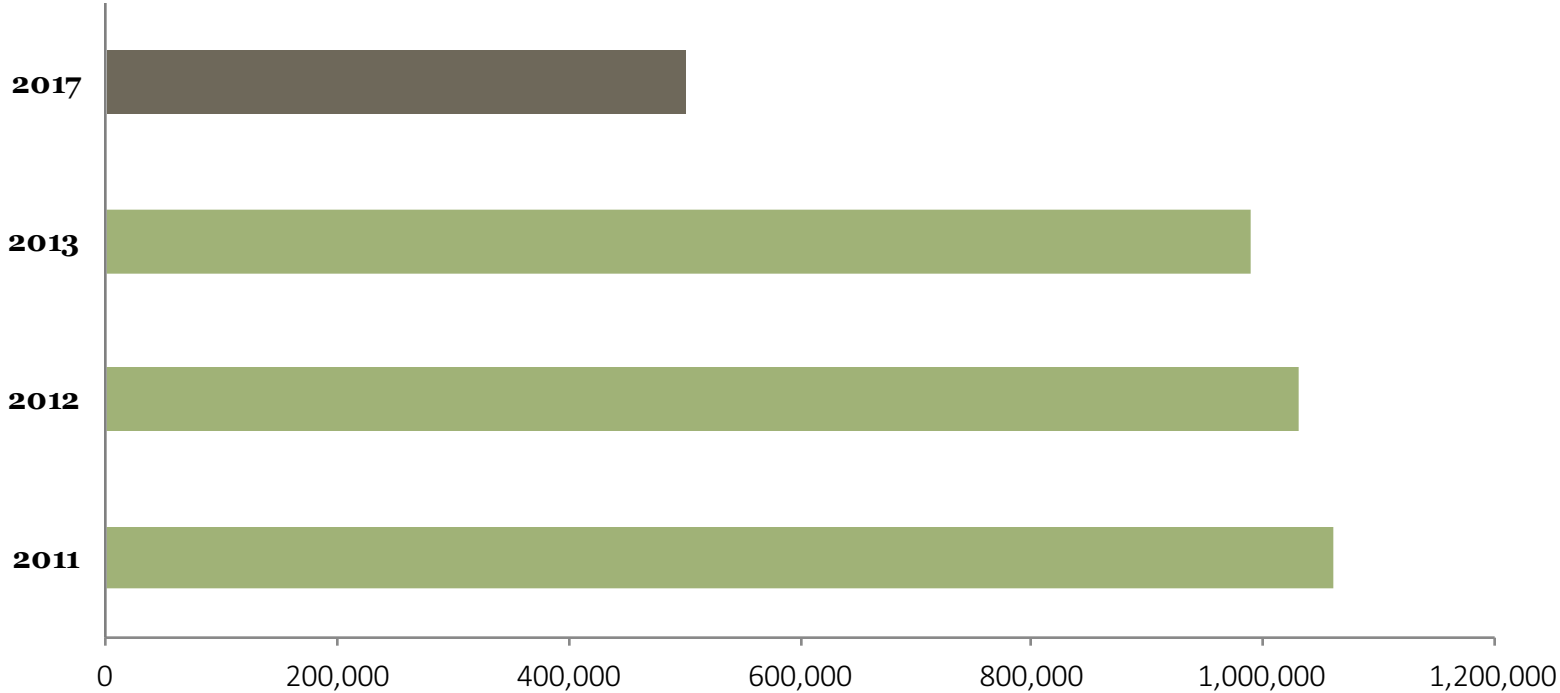
- These groups are scrappy and poorly funded compared to the business interests that support immigration reform
- They've been on the fringes of U.S. politics and now their interests will be center stage
- This is the moment for immigration restrictionists
- Their agenda goes beyond stopping illegal immigration and advocates reducing legal immigration
- Major political figures who support policies in line with their agenda include: President Donald Trump, White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon, Senior Policy Adviser Stephen Miller, Attorney General nominee Jeff Sessions and Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), among others

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# Tom Cotton's 'RAISE' Act would drastically reduce legal immigration over the next decade

## Proposed cut to green cards in the 'Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment' Act

■ Number of green card granted   ■ Approximate number of green cards that would be granted under the RAISE Act



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