Regarding Obama's Executive Immigration Action

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The President issued an Executive Action on 21 Nov 2014 regarding the enforcement of the immigration laws. It amounts to deferring deportation for about five million illegal aliens if they meet two criteria: a) must have been in the U. S. for five years; and b) must have children who are citizens by birth or naturalization. The alleged rationale for this action deferring deportation is that Congress has refused to act in the interest of keeping families (some members of which are here illegally) together. His other claims about the action are that eligible illegal aliens: a) must register with the federal government; b) must be finger-printed and undergo a criminal background check at their own expense; c) are not eligible for any public benefits; and d) must pay income taxes upon successfully completing the background check and receiving a work permit. Also, he claimed that more resources will be devoted to securing the border and deporting felons. This being an executive action, it expires when the President leaves office. (I am being charitable by assuming this delusional narcissist will leave office voluntarily on 20 Jan 2017; don't be surprised if he claims a third term because it would have been the will of the people who don't vote in 2016.)

Every candid observer must agree, given his conduct over the past six years, that Barack Obama is a pathological liar. Aside from that, consider this action from the standpoint of the illegal alien. Raise your hand if you're a moron and you believe that an illegal alien is going to register with the government so that the government will know who they are and where they are when the executive action expires. Raise your hand if you're a moron and you believe that an illegal alien is going to pay for a background check and processing fees that he has never had to pay before. Raise your hand if you're a moron and you believe that an illegal alien is going to volunteer to now pay taxes he has not been liable for all these years. Raise your hand if you're a moron and you believe that the illegal aliens receiving public welfare benefits will give them up. Raise your hand if you're a moron who thinks that border or visa enforcement will actually occur under this administration. Raise your hand if you're a moron and you believe that the federal government will deport felons. All of Obama's claims are false as usual: there will be no fees, no registration, no background checks, no payment of taxes, no reduction of welfare rolls, no border enforcement, and no deportation of anyone, felon or not.

It is worse than that. The Republicans do not have many options for stopping the implementation of this action, since it is difficult legislatively to force a President to actually do his job. They will whimper a lot, but won't do much about it. Secondly, a sizeable fraction of Republicans (led by Senator John McCain) want all the illegal aliens made citizens on the grounds that it is the path of lesser resistance compared to actually securing the border and enforcing the visa limitations. It will also show that the Republicans are just as willing as Democrats to hand our national sovereignty over to foreign-national trespassers, which hopefully will cause many Hispanic people to vote for Republicans.

It is likely that the President will get away with deferring deportation for these five million, so what is to stop Barack "I lied, period" Obama from granting all illegal aliens permanent residency six months from now? What will stop him from granting all 30 million illegal aliens automatic citizenship a year from now? We should expect that this is only the beginning.