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前言



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—Barack's interview by Oprah Winfrey on May 9, 2008





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—Obama's Interview on Univision on
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背景速览



BAMA

2012 年，奥巴马在谋求总统连任竞选中一直承诺将推行全面的移民改革计划。为了尽快兑现第二任期的承诺，他于 2013 年 1 月 29 日前往拉斯维加斯举行活动，正式开始推动移民政策改革。31 日，在接受西班牙语美国电视网关于移民问题的专访时，他指出，移民改革必须包括四项原则，即加强边境安全、严打雇佣非法移民的行为、为非法移民提供入籍途径和加强移民体系效率。

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Maria Elena Salinas: Thank you Mr. President. You're starting your second term taking on two very controversial and difficult issues: immigration reform and gun control. You said in your speech in Las Vegas, "the time is now." Gabby Giffords in a very emotional plea in the Senate hearing today on gun control said, "now is the time." Can Congress tackle both issues at the same time? And which one will have priority?

President Obama: Well, there's no doubt that Congress can tackle both. Because both are important. We have to get comprehensive immigration reform. The system is broken. It's been too long since we reformed the system. And we're starting to see a bipartisan consensus built around this. So we need to take the opportunity and we need to do it fast. I don't want us waiting six months or a year to get this done. And there's no reason why we can't move fairly quickly. As the senators do their work, start identifying where there are some differences. We can provide some technical assistance.

Maria: Will one be easier than the other?

Obama: Well, my suspicion is we're seeing more bipartisan discussion on the immigration issue, than on the gun issue. But I also think that on the gun issue you're starting to see the gun owners, people who

玛丽亚·艾琳娜·萨利纳斯: 总统先生, 非常感谢你接受我们的采访。你的第二届任期已经开始了, 现在你面临两个非常具有争议性的困难议题: 移民改革和枪械管控。你在拉斯维加斯的演讲中说: “现在是时候了。” 在今天的参议院听证会上, 当谈到枪械管制问题时, 加比·吉福兹非常动情地说: “现在是时候了。” 国会能够同时处理这两个议题吗? 还是要优先考虑其中的一个?

奥巴马总统: 毫无疑问, 国会有能力同时处理这两个问题, 因为它们都非常重要。我们必须推行全面的移民改革, 因为现在的移民体制支离破碎, 距离上一次改革的时间也太久了。在这个问题上, 国会两党派已经达成了共识。 所以我们需要抓住机遇, 快速解决这个问题。我不想等到六个月或一年后再解决这个问题, 我们也没有理由不快速行动。议员们已经开始着手细节问题, 正在识别各州在这方面的差异。我们可以提供一些技术支持。

玛丽亚: 哪一个会更容易一些?

奥巴马: 我猜想, 相比枪械管控, 两派对移民问题的讨论多一些。不过, 在枪械管控方面, 自从 20 名儿童被心理失常的人枪杀后, 自从人们很



traditionally opposed gun control saying, you know what, when 20 of our children are shot by somebody who's disturbed, and when it's that easy to get these high clip magazines that can fire off hundreds of shots in a few minutes, that it's time for us to do a better job on background checks, to get control of these magazine clips, to really crack down on gun trafficking. And so I'm actually optimistic that we can get both done. Both will end up generating some opposition and some strong opposition. There will be passions on both sides. But I'm generally encouraged that the Senate seems to be having a serious conversation about these issues.

Maria: You said in your speech that if Congress does not work in a timely manner on immigration reform you will send your own bill. And you will ask them to, in your own words, to vote on it right away. What to you is a timely manner? The Senate is supposed to introduce legislation by March. Is it weeks, is it months? What's a timely manner?

Obama: Well, you know if they can get a piece of legislation debated on the floor by March I think that's a good timeline. And I think that can be accomplished¹. Keep in mind that most of these issues we've done work on already. We have a pretty good sense of



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会引发一些反对，甚至一些强烈的反对，但它们也得到了很多人的支持。事实上，参议院似乎要对此类问题展开严肃的讨论，为此，我备受鼓舞。

玛丽亚: 你在演讲中说，如果国会没有以及时的方式对待移民改革，那么你将亲自提交草拟提案。用你自己的话说，你会要求他们马上进行投票。你认为什么才是“及时的方式”？比如说，参议院应该在三月之前引进相关法律。是几周，还是几个月？什么是“及时的方式”？

奥巴马: 如果他们能在三月之前完成一项立法的辩论，我认为那将是一个不错的期限。这是毋庸置疑的。请记住，我们所提出的大部分议题都已经产生了影响。我们清楚地知道我们在边境安全问题上付出的

1. accomplish [ə'kɒmplɪʃ] vt. 完成，达到，实现



the work we've already done on border security, and any additional changes that need to be made. We already know what would be required to earn a legal status and citizenship in terms of paying a fine and learning English, and going through background checks and paying back taxes. So a lot of this work has been done. And in the past has obtained bipartisan support. So we've already drafted a bill.

Maria: At what point would you intervene though? How much time—do you have your own timeline as to how much you would give them, before you intervene with your own bill?

Obama: Yeah, as I said, if they're on a path as they've already said where they want to get a bill done by March, then I think that's a reasonable timeline. And I think that we can get that done. I'm not going to lay down² a particular date because I want to give them a little bit of room to debate. If it slips a week, that's one thing. If it starts slipping three months, that's a problem.

Maria: Will we have immigration reform by the end of this year?

Obama: I believe so.

Maria: You can tell our audience "¡sí se puede!"³

努力。当然，我们还需要做一些额外的改变。我们已经知道，在交罚款和学习英语方面，以及在审查背景和偿还税款方面，怎样才能获得合法地位和公民身份。所以，我们在这方面做了很多工作，并得到了两党派的一致支持。为此，我们已经起草了一项法案。

玛丽亚：你会在什么情况下介入？多长时间——你打算在拿着自己的法案介入之前给他们多久的期限？

奥巴马：是的，我说过，如果他们现在已经按照自己说的那样启动了立法程序，在三月之前能通过这一法案，那么我便认为这是一个合理的期限。而且我认为，我们能实现这一目标。我不想规定一个特定的日期，因为我想给他们留一些辩论的空间。如果延迟了一个星期，这不是什么严重的问题。但是如果延迟了三个月，那问题就严重了。

玛丽亚：我们会在今年年底之前完成移民改革吗？

奥巴马：我想应该没问题。

玛丽亚：你可以告诉我们的观众：“是的，我们能！”

2. lay down 制定，规定

3. ¡sí se puede! (西班牙语) 我们可以。相当于英语中的 Yes, we can!



Obama: “¡si se puede!” But I want to remind the audience, because Maria Elena, we’ve had this conversation for many, many years. The only way this is going to get done is if the Republicans continue to work with Democrats in Congress in both chambers in order to get a bill to my desk. And I’m going to keep on pushing as hard as I can. I believe that the mood is right. I was very pleased to see the senators from both the Democratic side and the Republican side come together and put forth principles. Now they’ve got to fill in the details. But you know, the issue here is going to be political. Look, it’s not that we don’t know how to do this. It’s not that we got technical problems. This is a matter of, as I said in my speech yesterday, us recognizing that comprehensive immigration reform will make our economy stronger. It is true to our traditions. It speaks to our future. It makes sure that young people who are here like the DREAMERS who want to contribute and want to join our military, want to start a business, that they have opportunities. And, you know, if we keep that positive mindset understanding that that is a strength of America that we attract talent from all around the world, then I’m confident that we can get it done.

Maria: Most people believe that the biggest hurdle⁴ will be the path to



奥巴马: “是的，我们能！”但是我想提醒各位观众，因为，玛丽亚·艾琳娜你要知道，关于这个问题，我们已经讨论了很多年，而唯一的解决办法就是，国会两院的共和党人继续和民主党人合作，把相关法案拿到我面前。我会尽力推动这一立法程序。我认为，现在的气氛是积极的。我很高兴看到两党议员团结在一起，共同提出原则。现在，他们正在补充一些细节问题。但是，这个问题

还是会政治化。你看，这并非我们不知道该怎么办，也并非我

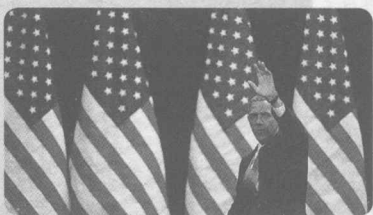
们遇到了技术性问题。正如我在昨天的演讲中所说，这是因为我们都认识到全面移民改革能使我国的经济更强大。这忠实于我们的传统与未来。它能确保一些有梦想的年轻人有机会为国家服务、加入军队、自主创业等。如果我们能坚持这种积极的心态，认为这种改革是美国的优势所在，能够吸引来自全球各地的人才，那么我就有信心完成这一工作。

玛丽亚: 大部分民众都认为，解决这一问题的最大障碍

4. hurdle [ˈhʌ:dl] n. 障碍，困难



citizenship. You have clearly said that it mustn't be included from the outset⁵. Senator Marco Rubio says that he will not support a bill that does not put border security ahead of citizenship. Is this going to end up being a battle between you and Marco Rubio?



Obama: No, I don't think so. Look, we put border security ahead of pathway to citizenship. We have done more on border security in the last four years than we have done in the previous 20. We've seen a drop in terms of illegal crossings of about 80 percent since 2000. We have made enormous strides, put resources in. We've actually done almost everything that Republicans asked to be done several years ago as a condition to move forward on comprehensive immigration reform. Given that that's the case, it's not as if we haven't been attentive to border security and we will continue to be attentive to border security. What we don't want to do is to create some vague prospect in the future that somehow comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship will happen, you know. We want to make sure that we're very clear

是为非法移民提供入籍途径。你曾经清楚地表示，从一开始就不应该把它包括进来。但是共和党参议员马尔科·卢比奥则表示，他不会支持一项把边境安全置于公民身份之后的法案。那么这件事情最终会不会演化为你和马尔科·卢比奥之间的竞争？（卢比奥曾明确表示，共和党人将反对一切不以保障边界安全为前提的移民改革方案）

奥巴马：不，我认为不会。你看，我们把边境安全放在比提供入籍途径更重要的位置上。过去四年，我们针对边境安全所做的工作比过去 20 年还要多。2000 年以来，非法越境的移民下降了 80%。我们已经取得了巨大的成就，充分配置了资源。事实上，作为推进全面移民改革的前提条件，我们早在几年前就几乎完成了共和党人要求的所有事情。考虑到这个事实，我想说，我们以前就已经关注了边境安全问题，今后也会继续关注下去。我们想明确地告诉人们，在未来，我们要推行一个包括给非法移民提供入籍途径的全面移民改革。我们想保证这次立法能够提供一套真正的入籍途径，但是这需要时间。根据我们的提案，

5. from the outset 从一开始



that this legislation provides a real pathway. Now that pathway will take some time. That even under our proposal, this is not a situation where overnight suddenly people all find themselves as citizens. They're going to have to earn their way to it. And they're going to have to go to the back of the line. We're going to have to clear out the, you know, existing lines, the backlog that we have in terms of legal immigrants. Because they did it the right way. We shouldn't punish them for not breaking the law.

Maria: Right.

Obama: So all those things are going to have to be put in place. But we have to put that in the place at the outset and make sure that people are clear that this pathway is real and not just a fantasy for the future.

Maria: As you could imagine there are hundreds of questions, the questions that I have gotten on social media since I announced that I would be doing this interview. Millions of people are desperate to hear from you. They want answers. People who voted for you and people who are confident that this year, this time around you will definitely keep your promise. Most cases are very complex. But the most commonly asked question is, for example, one from Jonathan made on Facebook. "Under your plan what would happen to those who

非法移民不会意外地发现自己获得了公民身份，他们需要自己去努力争取并且退回边界线以外。至于合法移民，我们需要及时处理他们的移民申请。因为他们是通过合法途径获得的，他们没有违反法律，不应该受到处罚。

玛丽亚：是的。

奥巴马：也就是说，所有这些都需要落实到位。但是我们首先需要提供入籍途径，保证人们清楚地知道这条途径不是水中花，而是真实存在的。

玛丽亚：你可以想象，自从我宣布要做这期访谈节目后，人们通过社交媒体给我留了几百个问题。几百万人都期待你的声音，他们想要你给出答案。支持你的选民们都对今年充满了信心，他们认为，这一次你一定会信守诺言的。大家的问题基本上都很复杂，其中问得最多的问题是，例如，一个名叫乔纳森的人在“脸谱”上写道，“按照你的计划，你要怎么对待那些已经收到被驱逐出境的信的人？在美国生子但已被驱逐



already have deportation⁶ letters. Also, would parents of US born children who have been deported be able to come back under your plan?"

Obama: Well, what I'm going to do is allow the Senate to work on these details. I don't want to, you know, fill in all the blanks. Because otherwise I would have gone ahead and put a bill forward. And then sometimes that creates a dynamic⁷ in Congress where if I'm for it, then maybe some people have to be against it. I think these are all legitimate questions. I think that over the next several weeks, these next several months what we'll see is many of these issues will be debated. But the basic principle would be, from my perspective, that somebody who has lived here has been overall a good neighbor, has been somebody who's been law-abiding other than the fact that they came here illegally. They have put roots down here. They should have the capacity to earn citizenship. And we'll have to make a whole range of decisions about individual cases. And we'll have to create a structure to make sure that that works. And as I said, we've got to make sure that we streamline the

出境的父母还可以回来吗?"

奥巴马: 我将会允许参议院着手这些细节问题, 但我不想填补所有的空白。因为, 否则的话, 我可能会迫不及待地提出一个法案。有时候, 这会引发国会内部的对抗, 如果我支持, 那么有些人就可能反对。我认为, 这些都是合乎逻辑的问题, 在接下来的几周和几个月里, 我们会看到国会将就这些问题进行辩论。但是, 在我看来, 基本的原则应该是, 对于那些曾经居住在美国的非法移民, 我们不应该考虑他们是否是由非法途径来到这里的, 是否已经在这里扎根了, 而是要考虑他们是否是友好的邻居,



是否遵守法律, 那么他们便有能力获得公民身份。对于很多个例, 我们也要做出

一系列的決定。我们还必须要创建一个保证这些原则有效运

6. deportation [ˌdɪpɔː'teɪʃn] n. 驱逐出境, 又称限期离境, 指主权国家强制外国人限期离境。主权国家为维护本国安全、利益或社会公共秩序, 有权将违反本国法律的外国人或外交人员驱逐出境。

7. dynamic [daɪ'næmɪk] n. 对抗性态势, 一种相互作用的形势或过程, 尤指有两股竞争性或对抗性力量的卷入。



process for legal immigration because so much of the illegal immigration process has resulted because it's so difficult for many people to reunify with their families, and so forth.

Maria: Exactly. And there were a lot of questions about that too. Now I know that you have reduced, this is another concern on Twitter, the number of deportations of non-criminals. However, in 2012 more than 184,000 non-criminals were deported. In the spirit of your push for immigration reform, would you consider a moratorium⁸ on deportations of non-criminals? Remember, these are your words, "This is not about policy. It's about people."

Obama: Well, I think it is important to remind everybody that, as I said I think previously, and I'm not a king. I am the head of the executive branch of government. I'm required to follow the law. And that's what we've done. But what I've also said is, let's make sure that we're applying the law in a way that takes into account people's humanity. That's the reason that we moved forward on deferred action. Within the confines of the law we said, we have some discretion in terms of how we apply this law. The same is true with respect to the kinds of the length of time that people have to spend outside of the country when their

转的机制。我已经说过，我们需要保证简化合法移民的程序，因为很多非法移民的程序曾经导致很多人难以与家人团聚等问题。

玛丽亚：确实是这样。关于这一点还有很多问题。现在，我知道你已经削减了对非犯罪移民的驱逐人数，这也是人们在“推特”上表达的另一个担忧。然而，在2012年，有超过18.4万非犯罪移民被驱逐出境。本着推行移民改革的精神，你会考虑停止对这些人的驱逐吗？要记住，你曾经说过这样的话，“这不是政策问题，而是事关人们的利益。”

奥巴马：我认为，有必要提醒大家，我以前也曾经说过，我不是专制的国王。我只是政府行政部门的首脑，也必须遵守法律。事实上，我们也是那么做的。但是我也说过，我们要确保在运用法律时考虑人类仁慈的品性。这是我们推行延迟行动的原因所在。我们也说过，关于如何在法律规定的范围内运用法律，我们拥有自由裁量权。例如，这种情况也适用于当夫妻一方住在美国国内，如何确定另一方在国外的时间的问题。

8. moratorium [mə're'tɔ:riəm] n. (行动、活动的) 暂禁，暂停