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### Elevating the Debate on Immigration

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Today, David Plouffe sent an email to the White House email list about the President's speech on immigration in El Paso, Texas at 3:30 p.m. EDT (1:30 p.m. CDT) and the ways you can get involved in a national dialogue on this issue.

Check out the email below, and if you didn't get it, be sure to [sign up for the White House email list](#).

Today, President Obama is traveling to El Paso, Texas to discuss the need to fix our broken immigration system. You can watch his speech live at [WhiteHouse.gov/live](#) starting at 3:30 p.m. EDT (1:30 p.m. MDT):



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PRESIDENT OBAMA SPEAKS  
ON IMMIGRATION REFORM  
TODAY AT 3:30 P.M. EDT

Our nation is the leader of the global economy in part because of the steady stream of hardworking and talented people who have come to our country in search of a better life for themselves and their families. As we continue to strengthen our economy, we need an immigration system that demands responsibility and accountability from government, businesses and immigrants themselves.

In his speech today, the President will lay out his vision for an immigration system for America's 21st century economy and will call on Americans across the country to join a constructive conversation on this issue. We know that folks are already discussing this issue around their dinner tables, with their friends and neighbors and through social media communities like Twitter.

Here are just a few ways you can get involved in the conversation, and tell us here at the White House what you think:

1. [Twitter](#). During the President's speech today, I'll have a screen up next to my TV to watch the conversation on Twitter using the [#immigration](#) hashtag, so make sure to use #immigration to share your thoughts.
2. [Advise the Advisor](#). Cecilia Muñoz, one of the President's senior advisors on immigration issues, just posted a new Advise the Advisor video asking for your feedback on this important issue. Visit [WhiteHouse.gov/Advise](#) to see the video and tell us what you think.
3. [Roundtable Discussions](#). In addition to all the ways you can join the conversation online, we're encouraging Americans to host roundtable discussions in your own communities over the next few months, and let us know what you talked about and what issues matter the most in your community. Visit [WhiteHouse.gov/Immigration](#) to get started.

Most Americans agree that our immigration system is broken: it hamstrings our economy, it hurts families who play by the rules, and it leaves millions living in the shadows without a path to get right

with the law.

We can't out-educate, out-innovate and out-build our competitors without an immigration system that works for our economy. That's why this conversation on immigration reform is so important. We need voices from across the country to help us elevate the debate and move forward.

We're looking forward to hearing what you have to say.

Sincerely,

David Plouffe

Senior Advisor to the President



See more about [Immigration](#)

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