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On Thursday the Biden administration, along with congressional Democrats, unveiled a new immigration bill creating a path of 8 years to citizenship for the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants already in the country. #velshi

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The bill also provides an expedited path for DREAMERS - the undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children by their parents. #velshi

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The bill's approval has a tough road ahead given razor thin Democratic majorities in both houses, but while there's little bipartisan support for immigration reform in Washington, DC, there's broad support for what it aims to do among Americans. #velshi

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A new Vox and Data for Progress poll found a majority of likely voters and an overwhelming proportion of Democrats "strongly" or "somewhat" support offering a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. #velshi

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When asked specifically about DREAMERS, support was even greater with 72% of all likely voters & 87% of Democrats in favor. This poll is consistent with a PEW survey from last year. 72% of Americans couldn't agree that today is Saturday, so it's is a big deal. #velshi

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America NEEDS immigrants & lots of them for one *very* important reason: we DON'T have enough people and we DO have an aging workforce that will need to be replaced. In fact, there's a term for it: "negative replacement rate." #velshi

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After 4 years of an administration that characterized immigrants as drug-dealing rapists traveling in deadly caravans from "s-hole" countries, some Americans think immigration shouldn't exist at all. #velshi

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It's economically unsound, xenophobic and isolationist which has no support in the facts. The U.S. has been a beacon of innovation, creativity and ingenuity is due, in large part, to America having attracted the best, the brightest & the hardest working immigrants. #velshi

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Our universities, considered among the best in the world, attract the smartest people in the world. Once they graduate they are the brilliant minds creating companies and running businesses that employ Americans and advance America’s role on the world stage. #velshi

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Amazon, Apple, Google, Tesla - companies like these are the definition of best innovation and all were founded by immigrants or children of immigrants. #velshi

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Despite some historically bad policy from bad policy-makers, America is, historically, really good at immigration. As we begin to discuss actual immigration policy remember it’s not a matter of “should we” but, rather, how best to finally get this done properly. #velshi