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Donald Trump’s policy compared to Barack Obama’s

After Donald Trump’s scandalous phrase in the While House a few weeks ago, calling the African countries “S…H… countries”, we will focus on the issue of immigration in the USA and how it is addressed today. **Then**, we will compare the current policy with the ways it has been addressed in the past few years by the former American president, Barack Obama.

**First of all**, let us remember that Donald Trump’s electoral promise was to build a wall between Mexico and the USA. This would result in keeping illegal immigrants from entering the American soil. As a matter of fact, this is still an ongoing issue today, and we don’t know whether he is going to go through with it in the short term.

**What is more**, the Republican president aims at selecting the candidates applying for a green card according to their skills and education. This selection, he says, will boost the American economy, as educated and highly educated immigrants will provide a very valuable work force to the country. As for illegal immigrants, it is feared that they may be massively deported, as Trump’s administation is drafting their RAISE Act.

**Finally,** what is striking is that Donald Trump is carefully undoing Obama’s protective immigration laws (DACA, or the DREAM Act). Indeed, the former Democrat president’s policy was very inclusive (as it is examplified by his “Stand stronger” campaign). Thus, Obama wanted America to remain a nation of immigrants that could be able to absorbe all kinds of newcomers, and to grow stronger from its multiculturalism and diversity.