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How can I get a Green Card? (Legal Permanent Resident Card)

- o Green Card Through Family
- o Green Card Through Employment
- o Green Card Through Refugee or Asylee Status
- o Other Ways to Get a Green Card

Legal Permanent Resident Card Processes & Procedures

- Adjustment of Status - Beneficiary does not need to leave the US
- Consular Processing - For beneficiaries who are outside of the country or will need to back to their country of origin.
- Cancellation of Removal - When an immigration judge issues a legal permanent resident card.

LPR through Family

Many people get Green Cards (become permanent residents) through family members. You may be eligible to get a Green Card as:

- o An immediate relative of a U.S. citizen, this includes spouses, unmarried children under the age of 21, and parents of U.S. citizen petitioners 21 or older

LPR through Family

- o **A family member of a U.S. citizen fitting into a preference category**, this includes unmarried sons or daughters over the age of 21, married children of any age, and brothers and sisters of U.S. citizen petitioners 21 or older
- o **A family member of a green card holder**, this includes spouses and unmarried children of the sponsoring green card holder
- o **A member of a special category**, this can include battered spouse or child (VAWA), a K nonimmigrant, a person born to a foreign diplomat in the United States, a V nonimmigrant or a widow(er) of a U.S. Citizen

Immediate Relative Wait Time

- o There is none.
- o There is no visa bulletin or waiting for a visa to be available. There is only the USCIS Processing time.

Preference Category Wait Time

Family Preference Category ruled by the VISA BULLETIN

- o If the family member of the U.S. citizen is not an immediate relative, then the U.S. citizen may still be able to sponsor them via what is called a “family preference category.” Eligible relatives include:
 - o Unmarried sons or daughters over the age of 21
 - o Married child(ren) of any age
 - o Brothers and sisters (if the U.S. citizen petitioner is over the age of 21)

March 2017 VISA BULLETIN

Family-Sponsored	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	01JAN11	01JAN11	01JAN11	01JUN95	01MAY06
F2A	22NOV15	22NOV15	22NOV15	22NOV15	22NOV15
F2B	08FEB11	08FEB11	08FEB11	01JUN96	01FEB07
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F4	01JUL04	01JUL04	01MAY04	01DEC97	01APR94

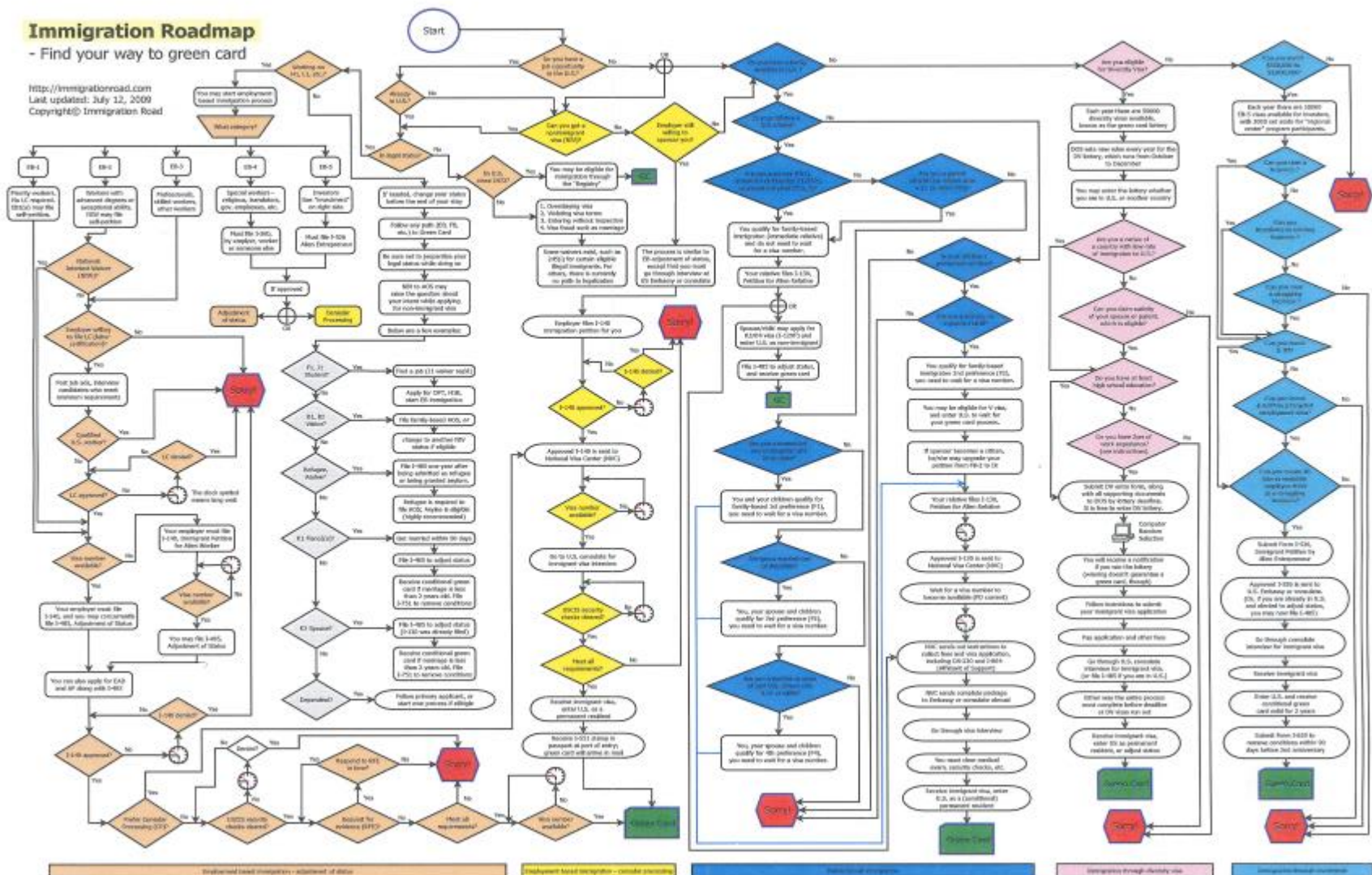
Why is there such a backlog?

- o Congress has not updated the immigration visa allotments since 1965.
- o Any unused visas will roll over for next fiscal year.
- o Visa Bulletin is updated monthly with sometimes minimal to no change.

Immigration Roadmap

- Find your way to green card

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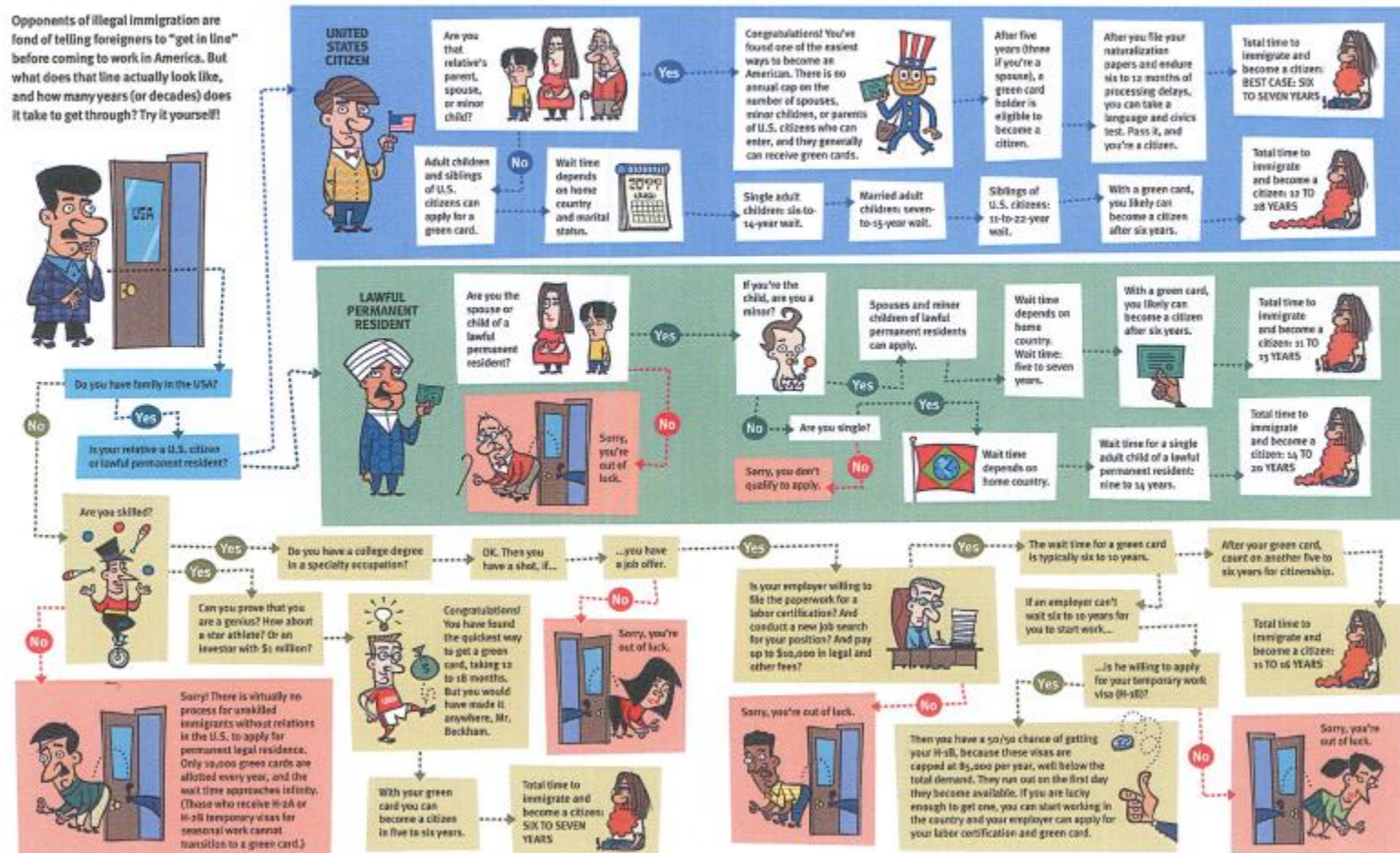


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What Part of Legal Immigration Don't You Understand? *Mike Flynn and Shikha Dalmia*

Illustrated by Terry Colon

Opponents of illegal immigration are fond of telling foreigners to "get in line" before coming to work in America. But what does that line actually look like, and how many years (or decades) does it take to get through? Try it yourself!



(Flynn is director of government affairs and Dalmia is a senior policy analyst at Reason Foundation. This chart was developed by Reason Foundation in collaboration with the National Foundation for American Policy.)



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Thank you!