

## DACA Quote Sort Activity

### Quote #1

“You’re essentially allowing parents to pass on to their children the benefits that they broke the law to obtain.” — Dan Stein, the president of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, an organization that seeks to reduce legal and illegal immigration

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/07/us/daca-losses-immigration.html>

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### Quote #2

“The common misconception is that DACA is a handout, however it’s anything but. The only thing DACA “handed” to me was hope. I was able to get a job for the first time, I was allowed to get my license, and go to college. To have hope about my future. Currently I’m studying communication and media, with no federal student aid as I did not qualify as a DACA student, just the scholarships and grants I earned in school. I don’t know what the future holds, but I’m not afraid. I’m 21 years old and spent 15 of those years in the USA. This is my home and I’m here to stay.” — Mila Ipek Acar, student from New York, N.Y.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/storywall/american-dreamers/stories/mila-ipek-acar>

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### Quote #3

“It was President Obama who created a cruel situation by making promises to a group of illegal aliens who he had no authority to promise what he gave them. President Trump had a duty to rescind that policy, because the Constitution makes very clear that Congress, not the White House, sets the laws in this land.” — Rosemary Jenks, the director of government relations for NumbersUSA, a group that advocates limiting immigration

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/12/us/politics/senate-immigration-debate.html>

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### Quote #4

“At the risk of sounding cliché, DACA opened doors for me. It goes well beyond just being able to work, and get a license, and fly domestically. You see, what all of us want is simple. We just want the opportunity to emerge from the shadows, to work and support our families, to contribute back to our communities, to love our partners/spouses without the fear of being deported at a moment’s notice. We have that now. But for how long?” — Giovanni, consultant at a venture-backed tech startup from San Francisco, Calif.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/storywall/american-dreamers/stories/giovanni>

### Quote #5

"Granting legal status to Dreamers could potentially cause a domino effect in which other families bring young children, hoping that in time their children will be granted legal status." — Jaclyn Haak, 19, a chemical engineering student at the University of Minnesota

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/25/us/dreamers-opponents-daca-deal.html>

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### Quote #6

"DACA has become a reassuring force to many students like myself who's only desire is to be given an education in order to become a successful factor of this society. I am proud to be Mexican but I'm also proud to be part of America's great educational system. DACA has given me the opportunity to dream of my own white picket fence one day." — Miriam Ochoa-Garibay, Political Science Major at UCR from Santa Ana, Calif.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/storywall/american-dreamers/stories/miriam-ochoa-garibay>

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### Quote #7

"I've made very clear, Mme. President, that I believe we need a legislative fix for DACA. We cannot continue to keep people in our country — and grant them work authorization — by executive fiat. DACA recipients deserve certainty. So, too, do other immigrants who entered our country legally and have done their best to follow the rules.

We also need better border security and interior enforcement. Thirty years ago, we granted amnesty to nearly three million illegal immigrants, and the result over the next two decades was a surge in illegal immigration. We need to prevent that from happening again." — Orin Hatch, U.S. Senator for Utah

Source: <https://www.hatch.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/releases?ID=8C9669E8-1965-44D3-9453-85E6F714F8B2>

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### Quote #8

"As the Senate begins debate this week on an immigration bill, we must remember what's at stake: protecting the hundreds of thousands of Dreamers who are about to lose their status because of President Trump's decision to rescind the DACA program. Their protection should not be contingent on dramatic changes to our immigration system. Instead, we must focus on providing certainty to Dreamers and keeping families together." — Michael Bennet, U.S. Senator for Colorado

Source: <https://www.bennet.senate.gov/?p=release&id=4158>