

Obama Delays Executive Action on Immigration Reform



Washington, September 9 (RHC)-- U.S. President Barack Obama has confirmed he will not fulfill his pledge to take executive action on immigration reform by summer's end. Obama had promised a broad overhaul in the face of Republican obstruction, including a potential new reprieve to slow his record-breaking deportations.

But now the White House cites what it called House Republicans' "extreme politicization of this issue" for forcing Obama to wait until after the midterm elections. Obama had faced calls from a number of Democrats to delay action so as not to hurt their election chances this November.

In an interview with Chuck Todd of NBC News, Obama denied Democratic mid-term success as his motivation. Instead, Obama said he needs more time to convince the U.S. public on the merits of his approach.

Immigrant rights advocates have denounced President Obama's decision. In a statement, the group Presente said: "This delay is a betrayal of the Latino community, and is certainly one of the single biggest attacks on Latino families by the Democratic Party in recent memory.

With news of recently deported children dying in Honduras and record level deportations and separations of

families continuing, all eyes are on the President's actions that totally devalue Latino life."

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