PRESCRIPTION WITHOUT DIAGNOSIS IS MALPRACTICE.
DIAGNOSIS WITHOUT EXAMINATION IS QUACKERY.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Identity_document

While there is indeed a critical need to "reform" the entire U.S. immigration process, from border control and initial entry, to residency/employment, and eventual citizenship, it does not appear any specific action items have been identified, nor does there appear that any "hard" data has been amassed on which to base action items and gauge progress, rather only a few assumptions and generalities, largely based on urban legends and "old wives tales," from prior generations when the U.S. was a very different country.

The first order of business must be to determine exactly who is currently residing in the United States and their justification for being here. This will required the imposition of a system of national identity documents [NIDs] or cards, with a central database. WHILE THIS IS AN EXCEEDINGLY UNAPPEALING OPTION, and one that has the significant POTENTIAL for abuse, there appears to be no other way to collect hard objective/numerical data on which to base rational action. The huge increase in international travel and "globalization" allows no other alternative, other than completely open borders and abandoning any attempt at citizenship verification, with all that this implies, as the current "system" is not only totally ineffective and very costly, it is resulting in increasing numbers of ACTUAL arbitrary official actions, employer exploitations and other gross abuses.

In the past when a NID program has been suggested, hi-ball cost estimates were used to price the program beyond feasibility. Indeed, a NID program was killed in the U.K. in this way by the entrenched civil service, averse to immigration reform, who insisted on every possible enhancement to the basic program.
http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/may/27/theresa-may-scrapping-id-cards
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Identity_Cards_Act_2006

Consider that the credit card companies are able to issue (and track world wide) multiple cards with magnetic stripes to almost every individual, and it can be seen the cost is feasible, particularly if one of the credit card companies can be contracted to issue the cards, manage the database and the verification network, perhaps using the existing credit card networks, which now includes a card reader app for cell

phones/tablets, which would allow easy/cheap street level police verification of identity, and could transmit a photo of the card holder from the central database (in later versions).
http://www.verizonwireless.com/credit-card-reader.shtml
http://www.pcworld.com/article/211924/take_credit_card_payments_anywhere_square_mobile_devices.html

What is suggested to start is a plain vanilla program that simply requires all individuals residing in the U.S. to have a NID. These should be color coded, with one color for citizens, one color for resident aliens [replacing the green card], one color for students, an other color for individuals with "inadequate" documentation, etc. Transients, tourists and other short term visitors could be provided with a temporary NID to be used in combination with their domestic NID or passports, at the time they are admitted to the country, to be surrendered when they leave, analogous to the electronic key card now used in many hotels.

It is suggested that no charge should be made for the NIDs, either initial or replacement, however the database should include a feature whereby if the same NID number is verified at widely separated locations in a short period of time, an alarm would be raised about duplicate (lost, sold or stolen) or counterfeit NIDs. It is also suggested that data from the state death records be input to "cancel" NIDs issued to deceased individuals, again with alarm notification if these NIDs are used.

The NID program should be phased in over two to three years to insure proper operation/redundancy/robustness of the verification networks and database (which should be modularly designed to allow easy expansion as the NID program is expanded, for example storage and retrieval of ID photos). The carrot for obtaining a NID is that it will be the only acceptable identification document for activities such as airline travel or voting at the end of the three year introduction program. If the NID program works as expected, more activities such as opening a bank account, employment, social services, getting a drivers license, etc. could require NID verification.

If properly configured/operated, the NID database can and should replace a number of existing "stand alone" governmental databases, and the staffs/equipment required for operation, such as E-verify, social security, selective service, etc. resulting in considerable cost savings, better service, and more accurate data. A complete implementation of the NID program for all individuals should also greatly reduce the census expenses.