

Thousands of dreamers

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In the last few year, it's been incredible to see undocumented immigrants courageously gathering, organizing, demonstrating for reform, outing themselves as undocumented. Yesterday marked [the beginning of the Obama administration's new policy](#) of allowing immigrants brought to the country as children to apply for the temporary right to stay here—without a path to citizenship, but without fear of deportation, either.

Around the country, people came out in huge numbers to apply. Here in Chicago, [this took place](#) at [Navy Pier](#). My friend Andrew works at Chicago Public Radio, which is located on the pier. He shot this incredible video yesterday while walking the length of the line of people—a 30-minute undertaking he compresses to two: