

# WALT MINNICK

*Right for Idaho*

**Statement from the campaign:** "Raul's clients may deserve fair representation, but so do the people of Idaho," Minnick for Congress campaign manager John Foster said. "These are very tough times, and people deserve to know the truth about their candidates. Raul's troubling record and his pattern of flip-flops make him a dangerous choice. "

## **AD FACT CHECK - RapidImmigration.com**

**I'm Walt Minnick and I approve this message.**

- *This ad meets FEC and FCC guidelines.* (Source: [Federal Elections Commission](#))

**Illegal immigration's good business for Raul Labrador.**

- *"[Raul's] occupation and ethnicity makes him an ideal spokesman for the party on one of the hottest issues in America - Immigration."* (Source: now-Labrador spokesman Phil Hardy, via the [Idaho Statesman](#), 9/03/10)
- *"Labrador has openly touted his expertise as an immigration attorney on the campaign trail ..."* (Source: [Associated Press](#), 6/18/10)
- *"Raul is a successful small businessman and the owner and managing partner of a law firm with offices in Boise and Nampa."* (Source: Raul Labrador's [campaign website](#), 09/08/10)

**Over half of his work is helping illegal immigrants "stay in the United States."**

- *"We have an office with three attorneys. We probably see about 10 people a day that have immigration issues. Not all of them are illegal but at least half of them have some sort of illegal status."* (Source: Labrador speaking in [Idaho Farm Bureau Blog](#), 6/5/08)
- *"While Labrador says he supports border reform and tougher enforcement of immigration laws, the fact that he devotes about half of his legal practice to immigration law could rankle some conservative GOP primary voters."* (Source: [Idaho Statesman](#), 12/10/09)
- *"My job as an immigration lawyer is to present to the judge a case and say, yes, he committed the crimes, and he's coming to ask forgiveness of the court. Will you allow him to stay in the United States?"* (Source: Labrador to the [Idaho Statesman](#), 5/16/10)
- *"As part of his legal work, Labrador represents clients before immigration judges, sometimes to help them remain in the United States after they've violated laws and are subject to deportation."* (Source: [Associated Press](#), 6/18/10)

**He even ran "RapidImmigration.com"**

- *"Labrador Group was also formed in 2005. Labrador, in his role as president, created an assumed business name of rapidimmigration.com on Feb. 2 of that year."* (Source: [Associated Press](#), 6/18/10)
- *"The site also directed visitors to Labrador's law office in Idaho, where he filed annual reports with the secretary of state in 2006 and 2007. The company was listed under Labrador's law office in Nampa when it received an "F" rating by the Better Business Bureau in Boise, which received a customer complaint more than two years ago over 'delivery issues.'"* (Source: [Associated Press](#), 6/18/10)

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## With "easy to understand" advice for illegal immigrants seeking amnesty.

- "Easy to understand" (Source: Cached/archived page from [RapidImmigration.com](http://RapidImmigration.com))
- "Undocumented applicants in the US (Illegal Aliens) are allowed to apply for the Green Card lottery." (Source: Cached/archived page from [RapidImmigration.com](http://RapidImmigration.com))
- "The law also provides that periods in the US in unauthorized status will not prevent someone from obtaining a V visa. The law also would allow individuals already in the United States to apply to "adjust status" to the new V category, even if they are in the United States illegally." (Source: Cached/archived page from [RapidImmigration.com](http://RapidImmigration.com))
- "Illegal aliens contribute about as much to the public coffers in taxes as they receive in benefits. New data suggests the undocumented pay about 46 percent as much in taxes as do natives, but use about 45 percent as much in services. A poll of the most respected economists found a consensus that both legal and illegal immigrants are beneficial economically." (Source: Cached/archived page from [RapidImmigration.com](http://RapidImmigration.com))
- The site directed people to a February 2007 memo with information on how to take advantage of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA), an amnesty program. (Source: Cached/archived page from [RapidImmigration.com](http://RapidImmigration.com))

## What does Raul think of our broken immigration system? "Now I like it because I make a good living because of it."

- Raul was speaking to a group about his views on immigration and what he does for a living. In describing the problems of people coming here legally or becoming legal once there are here, he said that people should not have to pay lawyers thousands of dollars. Then he offers the quote used in the advertisement. (Source: Treasure Valley Pachyderms meeting, 3/26/10)
- Full context of the quote: "Our system is broken and this is where I work with the system all the time. I'm trying to get people to go through the legal immigration system. They have to pay me thousands of dollars just to bring somebody to the United States. That's ridiculous. Now I like it because I make a good living because of it. [laughs]" (Source: Labrador speaking at the Treasure Valley Pachyderms, 3/26/10)

## Illegal immigration may be good for Raul Labrador, but that sure makes him wrong for Idaho.

- See the above quote.

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