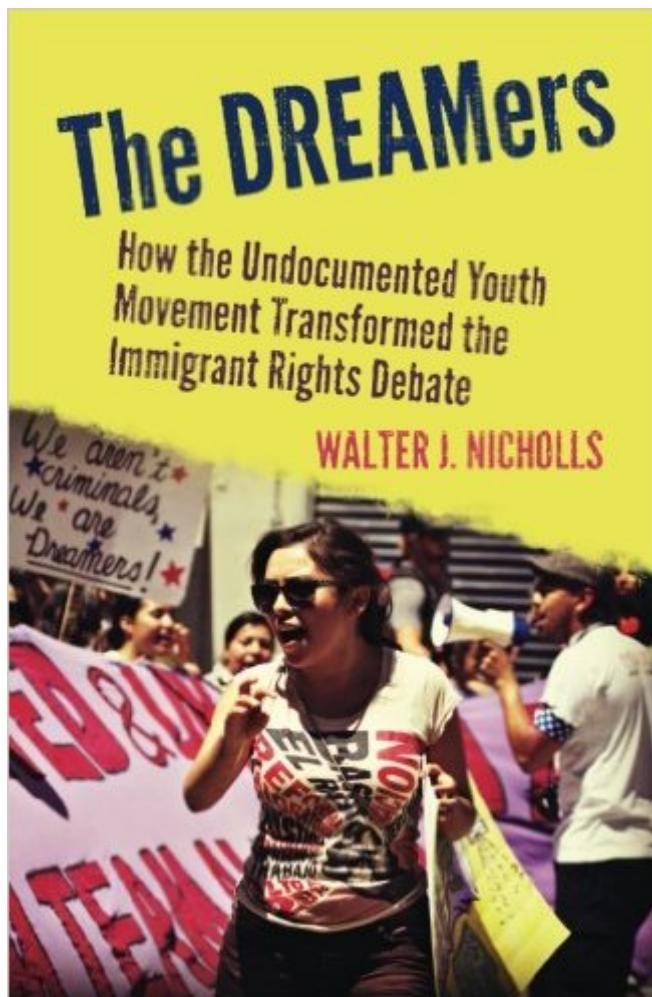


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# The DREAMers: How The Undocumented Youth Movement Transformed The Immigrant Rights Debate



## Synopsis

On May 17, 2010, four undocumented students occupied the Arizona office of Senator John McCain. Across the country a flurry of occupations, hunger strikes, demonstrations, and marches followed, calling for support of the DREAM Act that would allow these young people the legal right to stay in the United States. The highly public, confrontational nature of these actions marked a sharp departure from more subdued, anonymous forms of activism of years past. The DREAMers provides the first investigation of the youth movement that has transformed the national immigration debate, from its start in the early 2000s through the present day. Walter Nicholls draws on interviews, news stories, and firsthand encounters with activists to highlight the strategies and claims that have created this now-powerful voice in American politics. Facing high levels of anti-immigrant sentiment across the country, undocumented youths sought to increase support for their cause and change the terms of debate by arguing for their unique position—as culturally integrated, long term residents and most importantly as "American" youth sharing in core American values. Since 2010 undocumented activists have increasingly claimed their own space in the public sphere, asserting a right to recognition—a right to have rights. Ultimately, through the story of the undocumented youth movement, The DREAMers shows how a stigmatized group—whether immigrants or others—can gain a powerful voice in American political debate.

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Overall, a great book to learn about the immigration politics in the United States after 1990,

particularly about the young undocumented immigrants who were brought to the US as children and faced legal barriers to function in the only society they called home. Although it was a great book, I have a few issues with it. One, it was a tad redundant. The author kept repeating himself throughout the book, repeating the same sentences to the point where it was kind of annoying. Two, the author does not mention anything about immigration in the United States prior to the 1990s. There were immigration bills in the 1980s that legalized many undocumented immigrants, but no mention of it. So this book is more of a snapshot of immigration after the 1990s, which makes sense but what about DREAMers before the 1990s? Three, it had too much superfluous information that made the book a bit boring and uninteresting to non-academic readers (which is bad because it limits the book to a particular audience). Since the author is only an ally of the DREAMers, his writing takes a more matter of fact approach to the topics discussed, which is both good and bad, but overall it prevents him from approaching the topics in a more meaningful way. Nevertheless, it was a great book and one of the few books to discuss the marvelous work of the DREAMers.

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