

Hundreds mistakenly granted citizenship due to records gaffe

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More than 800 immigrants who had been ordered deported were mistakenly granted U.S. citizenship because of gaps in fingerprint recordkeeping, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General reports.

The immigrants were from "special interest" countries and had previously been ordered deported or removed from the U.S., the report said. But the immigrants beat the system by simply using another name or birth date to apply for citizenship.

The issue: Neither Homeland Security nor the FBI keeps all old fingerprint records of individuals previously deported.

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