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Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC)'s endorsement of Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) may shine an unwanted spotlight on the South Carolinian's record of past radical statements on immigration and his aggressive support for donor class policies embraced by Sen. Rubio.

Gowdy's extreme immigration declarations come in addition to his long-standing support for donor-class Republican lawmakers. For instance, in a closed-door GOP leadership election in November of 2014, Gowdy seconded <<http://thehill.com/homenews/house/228425-these-republicans-will-vote-against-boehner>> Rep. John Boehner (R-OH)'s nomination as House Speaker. Similarly, Gowdy was the Congressman who nominated <<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/gowdy-to-nominate-paul-ryan-for-speaker/article/2575064>> Paul Ryan for Speaker. According to *Politico*

<<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/09/boehner-secretly-encouraged-gowdy-to-run-for-leader-214256>>, Boehner
“secretly urged Gowdy to run” for House Majority Leader.

At the height of the Rubio-Ryan amnesty push in 2013 in the aftermath of President Obama’s profoundly controversial 2012 executive amnesty for DREAMers and at a time when illegal minors were continuing to pour across the border Gowdy delivered a blanket pardon to the world’s alien youth to enter the country illegally. Gowdy declared <<http://dailycaller.com/2013/07/23/house-subcommittee-considers-status-of-illegals-brought-to-the-us-as-children/>>: “When children wander into neighborhood yards, we don’t call that trespassing.” Gowdy elaborated on his position, stating <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/politics-july-dec13-immigration_07-09/>:

What I prefer to do is look at the 11 million in natural subgroups. You have what are called the DREAM children. I would think most people would advocate for an accelerated path to citizenship for children who, through no fault of their own, were brought here at an early age. I would have a shortened path to citizenship for those who serve in our armed services. And then you can have a sliding scale [to determine which illegals get citizenship] based on your years in the country and contributions you made to society.

Gowdy’s prior statements on immigration won him effusive praise from Congressional open borders advocate, Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL). “What I think Trey has is a fundamental sense of fairness,” Gutierrez said <<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/06/30/odd-congressional-alliance-on-immigration/2473133/>>, “Bigotry and hate are an affront to his core values. Once you can set that aside, vis-a-vis immigration, you can devise a world of justice and fairness. It’s clear he has a set of values.”

Gowdy has been equally effusive of Gutierrez in return. “If you listen to Luis, he sounds like a prosecutor, talking about respect for the rule of law and how to balance the compassion with the respect for the rule of law,” Gowdy said <<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/06/30/odd-congressional-alliance-on-immigration/2473133/>>. While Gutierrez has previously declared <<http://www.newsweek.com/pushing-obama-immigration-reform-70093>>, “I have only one loyalty... and that’s to the immigrant community,” Gowdy has said, “Luis is impossible