Emails (excerpted), responses to PolitiFact Texas, James Bernsen, communications director, Ted Cruz campaign, June 1, 2012

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Dewhurst lies on Amnesty

- Ted's position on illegal immigration is clear. Ted has always unequivocally opposed amnesty.
- As the *Houston Chronicle* reported, Ted is **"a hard-liner on border security and illegal immigration. He opposes amnesty**, the DREAM act and the Texas law that allows in-state college tuition to children of illegal immigrants."

· Ted has always unequivocally opposed amnesty. (WFAA-Texas Senate Debate April 13, 2012)

Dewhurst implied Ted supports amnesty because he supposedly served on two boards, the Hispanic Leadership Fund and the Hispanic Property Institute. The attack is based on a series of falsehoods:

Falsehood No. 1

Hispanic Leadership Fund

This one is a blatant falsehood. According to the Texas Tribune, the president of the group, Mario Lopez said *Ted has never held any leadership position with the group* and *the group does not support amnesty.*

From the Tribune article: "If David Dewhurst wants to deceitfully lump us in with leftist organizations that actually do promote amnesty, then all he is accomplishing is demonstrating to Texas voters how intellectually shallow he is," Perez said.

Here is the organization's position on immigration, posted in September, 2006 and currently active on its website. There is no mention or intimation of amnesty here or anywhere else on the group's website:

"We believe that our nation's legal immigration system is broken. The legal process for entry is a maze that is incredibly difficult to navigate. This bureaucratic stranglehold on the legal immigration process contributes directly to illegal immigration and hurts America's economic growth. We believe in patriotic assimilation that stresses promotion of America's founding principles and allows immigrants to contribute to the fabric of America."

The best Dewhurst can do is point to Ted's Linked In page, but that only lists the groups in which Ted is in any way affiliated, among groups like "Texas lawyers."

Falsehood No. 2

Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity

Ted is on the Board of *Advisors*, which is not a Board of Directors. And as an advisory board member, Ted does not help "run" the organization. Furthermore, the board does not support or promote amnesty. On May 25, the group issued this statement on its website:

"The Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity Institute (HAP Institute) is a proven conservative Hispanic organization that has been in the trenches pushing for conservative solutions to economic issues since 2004. An attack on the HAP Institute for political gain by any candidate -- or outside group supporting a candidate -- is deplorable.

The HAP Institute does not support amnesty nor have we in the past. We seek a productive dialogue from our leaders that will promote free market principles."

In your email, you mentioned the group supporting a Texas guest worker program. I assume you mean this:
http://hispanicallianceforprosperity.wordpress.com/2011/04/06/issue-alert-hb-2886-by-rep-paul-workman/

This bill, as defined – and more importantly, as understood by HAP, is *not* amnesty, simply a guest-worker program. Here is what that blog says about it: **"A foreign national who is not lawfully employed is to be reported and deported and ineligible for life to return to work in Texas."**

Furthermore, this blog specifically DOES NOT endorse the bill.

Falsehood No. 3

Dewhurst trots out Jacob Monty, who claims he served on the board of directors of the Hispanic Alliance for Prosperity with Ted. Monty is an immigration lawyer from Houston who is a major contributor both to David Dewhurst (he maxed out in the most recent cycle and has donated to him before for statewide office), and interestingly enough, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

This is a case in which the only person who Dewhurst can rely on to make his claim is someone who is clearly a major Dewhurst supporter.

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Ted's been on the record opposing amnesty since the beginning, and he's made the same statement about being "categorically opposed to amnesty" in virtually every speech he's made since this campaign started. There is not a single documented source of evidence to show him taking any other position and the only reason anyone would assume otherwise without such a source, is based off his ethnicity.
As for earliest time he's stated this, that's hard to pinpoint, because it was long before the press started covering this race. At least by October, it was so well-known that Bob Garrett was writing "Ted Cruz, who opposes amnesty for illegal immigrants."

http://trailblazersblog.dallasnews.com/2011/10/ted-cruz-background-as-son-of.html/