

## An Assessment of United States Immigration Policy in the Post-911 Era

### Introduction:

Until September 11th, 2001, most Americans were not sure how they felt about immigration.

Many were confused as to whether the massive immigration, which our government had been allowing over the past 15-20 years, was good or bad for the nation.

Most politicians praised immigration for infusing America with new energy, with helping to keep prices for goods and services low, with helping America to become more global and more multicultural.

Their sentiments were echoed by the news media, the education establishment, including college and university professors and even labor unions like the NEA (National Education Association) and the AFL-CIO.

With such a broad, cross-section of support, it appeared that massive immigration had solid support.

However, such was not the case.

Although America's elite seemed to support open borders and uncontrolled immigration, it was a far different matter among the people, the average Americans, who were feeling the effects of our nation's immigration policies.

While college professors, politicians and labor leaders could afford to send their children away to private schools, most Americans had to send their kids to public schools. And in public schools, millions and billions of dollars were being spent on bilingual and multicultural programs

that were mandated by the federal government.

Until recently, how a town ran its schools was pretty much the town's business.

But a federal mandate meant that towns had to do what the federal government ordered — or else they could lose all federal funding.

So cities and towns throughout America began spending huge portions of their education budget on bilingual and multicultural programs.

They spent more money hiring bilingual teachers.

And every dime they spent meant one less dime would go to all the

doors because it went broke providing services to illegal aliens who had no money or health insurance.

At the same time, there were lots of Americans who felt very strongly about the notion that America must always be a beacon of hope to the world's tired, hungry, poor, wretched refuse and should never close the golden door to anybody.

J. Edgar Hoover once said "In our much-vaunted tolerance for all people, our enemies have found our Achilles Heel."

His words have taken on new clarity in the aftermath of September 11th.

**With a growth rate about that of Bangladesh, California is looking at a population of 50 million by 2025 and 100 million by 2065.**

other things necessary for a well-run school, like smaller class sizes, new books, computers, things really important to a child's education.

But the effect on education was just one of the things that bothered the average American. There were hundreds of other problems that kept surfacing — like beginning to feel like a stranger in your own community because, suddenly, lots of people were speaking a foreign language.

Or like losing your job to an illegal alien who would work for half pay.

Or being upset that the Emergency Medical Center had to close its

The purpose of this special edition of Border Alert is to help all Americans reach a better understanding of our nation's border and immigration policies so they can work to shape a new immigration policy that will be fair to all while, at the same time, preserving our language, our culture, our heritage, our American way of life for future generations.

### Statistics

For more than a decade, under the Administrations of George Bush and Bill Clinton, the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service) was

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extremely vague in reporting accurately the number of immigrants, legal and illegal, that were entering our country.

Year after year, Doris Meissner, INS Director for the Clinton Administration, reported that the number of illegal aliens remained somewhere between 2-3 million.

That this number never changed in eight years, despite the fact that 4-5,000 illegal aliens were crossing the border daily, was unbelievable.

The INS response to those who challenged their data was their claim that illegal aliens would enter and work seasonally and then return to their native countries.

Thus the number of illegal aliens residing in America never grew. This, of course, was a fairy tale.

But whether it was advanced out of ignorance or out of a desire to cover-up their inability to control the borders will, likely, never be known.

Right now, nobody really knows how many illegals reside in the U.S.

Our best guess is about 15-18 million.

This number is not a guess but an extrapolation of statistics from a wide variety of excellent sources, including the U.S. Census and studies conducted by universities.

To give you some perspective of what 15-18 million means, the current illegal alien population in the United States is actually larger than the populations of quite a few Latin American countries! It is also larger than the populations of 3/4's of our states! We, quite literally, have entire nations living within our nation who owe no allegiance to our flag!

A more frightening statistic is the population trendline. For most of our nation's history, immigration was below 200,000, actually averaging 178,000 between 1925 and 1965. However, between 1965 and 1989 that number jumped to an average of 507,000.

And, from 1990 on, the average has been over one million.

By the way, these numbers refer to legal immigrants.

You can safely add another 800,000 to one million additional illegal aliens to the totals for every year after 1990.

Those people who clamor for a return to our tradition of welcoming new immigrants need to understand that our tradition, since 1776 until 1976, was to admit around 200,000 new immigrants per year or the equivalent of the approximate number of illegal aliens who arrive here every few months!

**Misinformation**

The amount of false or misleading information surrounding this issue is truly astounding.

The following are some of the most often quoted pieces of misinformation:

**“Illegal aliens pay their own way.”**

Actually, they do not.

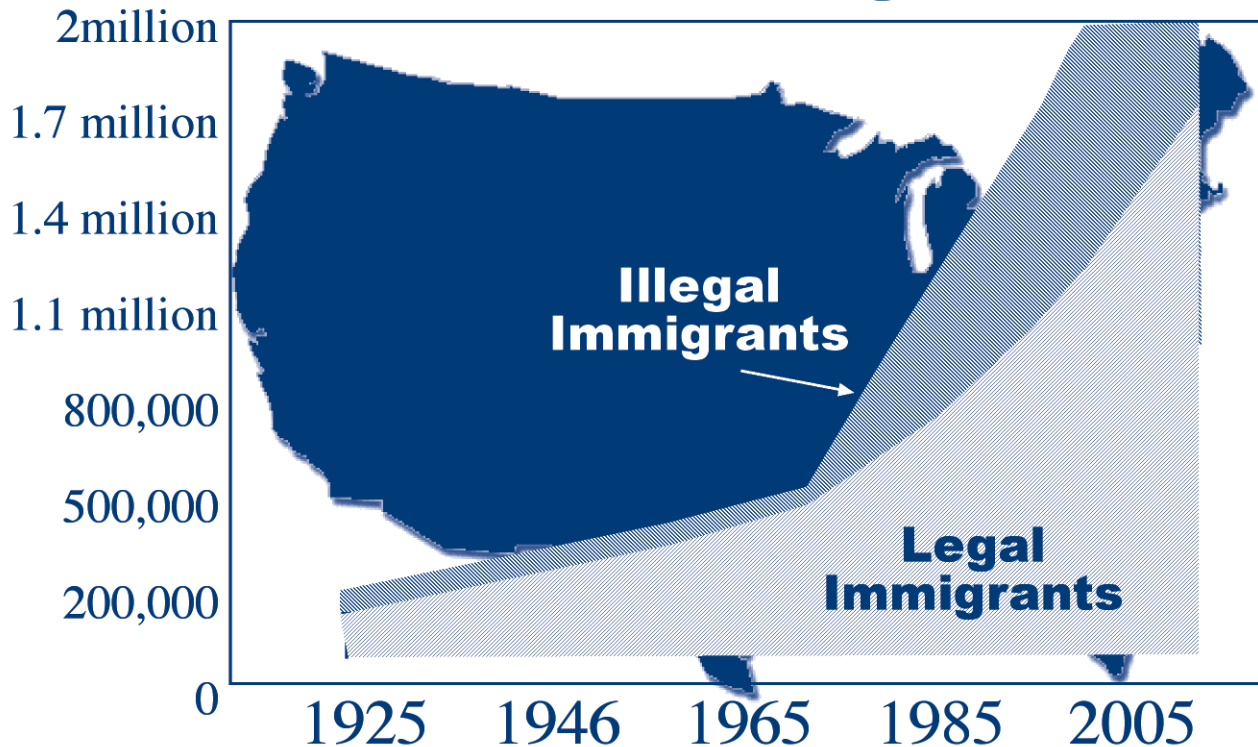
Some illegal aliens are working; many are unemployed or only employed part-time.

Those who have good jobs got them because their employer laid off an American worker, who may now be on unemployment or welfare.

Many illegal aliens brought their health problems with them. Many illegal aliens rely on the services provided by hospital emergency

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# A Flood of Immigrants



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rooms, which drive up the cost of our health care.

If you add in all the hidden costs, illegal aliens cost far more than they produce.

**“Illegal aliens take the jobs Americans don’t want.”**

Oh, really?

Tell that to the thousands of American computer programmers who were replaced by Indians, Pakistanis and Chinese who are willing to work at pathetically low wages at places like Microsoft, Cypress Semiconductor and other computer giants.

Even in the midst of our recession and high unemployment numbers, the software companies continued to use the H-1B immigration loophole to continue hiring foreigners to work at jobs Americans would love to have.

**“Illegal aliens create more wealth than they consume.”**

More misinformation.

The costs of bilingual education, bilingual ballots, and bilingual driving tests are all a result of illegal immigration since, supposedly, legal immigrants are required to function in English.

And the price tag for such services are measured in the billions — not millions — of dollars.

Since we opened our borders to illegal aliens, America has been plagued with problems that we had eliminated decades ago, such as slave labor and diseases for which we have no immunity anymore, including tuberculosis; hepatitis B; even a brain-burrowing parasite, responsible for up to half of seizures in Hispanic immigrants admitted to Houston hospitals.

Many illegal aliens find it difficult or impossible to find work in America.

Many of these people, desperate to feed their families, become criminals.

Many illegals are forced to carry drugs across the border as their fee to enter the country.

Women are sold into prostitution to pay their way.

In short, anybody who tells you that illegal aliens are not a problem has managed to ignore reams of documented evidence to the contrary.

## **Shameless Behavior**

You might have thought that the nightmare of the September 11th tragedy would have caused a dramatic shift in how Americans would view uncontrolled immigration and open borders.

In fact, the lobby groups, the special interests, all those who profit from open borders didn’t even give 9/11 a moment of silence.

They merely took a new spin, loudly proclaiming that you cannot blame the illegal aliens for the destruction of the World Trade Center.

Why are so many people so heavily invested in open borders and lax immigration policies that they would even allow their nation to be put at risk?

Follow the money.

Politicians have been romanced by the pro-immigration lobbies for a couple of decades.

The lobbies promise the politicians a never-ending stream of fresh new voters who would vote for whomever helped them get into the country and who provided them with the most benefits.

At the same time, all kinds of big business interests were looking for cheap labor.

From huge food processing companies to computer software giants, lobbyists converged on Washington to swap campaign contributions for the promise of ignoring the growing immigration crisis.

You might imagine that the American labor movement would be outraged and would use their considerable muscle and influence to balance the debate in Washington.

Not so.

Amazingly, the union bosses over at the AFL-CIO figured out that here was a huge new source of revenue.

So instead of opposing this influx

of illegal workers who were stealing jobs and putting downward pressure on wages, the unions came out in full support of massive immigration and amnesty for illegal aliens with the hope that they could bring them into their union.

Not to be outdone by this shameless act of infidelity, America’s largest teachers union, the NEA (National Education Association) was unconcerned that some of their union members were being fired because they could not speak Spanish because they realized that, as cities and towns were forced to hire bilingual teachers, their union membership would swell.

And last, but certainly not least, the multinational corporations who have set up their duty-free, low-wage, no environmental controls, sweatshops in Mexico want to keep those NAFTA trucks pouring across the border as fast as possible.

They don’t particularly care if the trucks also carry drugs, disease, illegal aliens or even terrorists and anthrax.

They just want to bring their goods to market the fastest and cheapest way.

Of course, the most shameless behavior must lie with those elected officials whose only interest must be to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to

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the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.”

### **Our government's response**

So what has our government been doing to deport the illegal aliens and terrorists living among us; to reform our outdated and outmoded immigration policies; and, to regain control of our borders?

Frankly, less than nothing. Nothing would be bad enough, but since Sept. 11th, things have actually gotten much worse:

- Despite the obvious mismanagement at the INS; evidence of corruption, bribery and cover-ups, nobody at that agency has been fired.
- The INS continues to do damage. Most recently, they told tens of thousands of out-of-work H-1B visa holders that they could remain in the country and seek other work — a violation of federal law which requires out-of-work H-1B visa holders to leave the U.S. within 30 days.
- In pressuring the Congress to lift the ban on NAFTA trucking, President Bush had to ignore the recommendations presented by groups as diverse as the American Automobile Association, U.S. Border Control and the Teamsters Union of the risks, both in terms of the number of highway deaths these uninspected, unlicensed trucks would cause and the mounting evidence that these trucks were smuggling everything from drugs and guns to illegal aliens and terrorists.
- The House of Representatives passed an extension of Sec.245(i) which allows millions of people with expired visas and illegal aliens to remain in the United States simply by paying a \$1000 fee. Since the bill passed by the House does not require background checks, the Congress may have just given permission for the next group

of terrorists to remain here.

- Congress continues to put politics ahead of patriotism. We are vulnerable to attack from terrorists because our Senators and Representatives are more interested in pandering to the immigrants than they are in securing our borders and reforming our immigration laws. Until they change their attitudes or are replaced, our country will continue its downward spiral.

### **What the future holds**

An honest appraisal of America's future reveals a frightening picture. The current rate of immigration, roughly estimated at two million a year (including illegal aliens), combined with an extremely high fertility rate among the new immigrants, will soon have our major cities resembling Calcutta.

At first, it will be gradual. Impossible traffic jams; widespread electrical outages; more digits added to our telephone numbers; an occasional riot. But it will quickly get a lot worse.

Poverty and unemployment could become widespread. Disease and hunger may overwhelm our hospitals and social services. Our multicultural experiment will yield a balkanization of America with ethnic enclaves warring with one another. Our nation will be bankrupt and vulnerable for attack, either from random acts of terrorism or from a foreign power. Frustrated citizens could resort to revolution. Race wars, not unlike what we have witnessed in Serbia could follow. Mexico could annex huge sections of our southwest.

Is it already too late? Is this the inevitable fate of our nation? No. Not at all. We, as a nation, can choose to get back onto the path that has served us so well for more than 200 years.

### **What can we do?**

- We can elect people who put principle and patriotism ahead of petty politics:
- We can clarify the mission of the immigration service after cleaning out that agency.

- We can regain control of our borders. Our armed forces are trusted to maintain borders throughout the world. Why can't we trust them to do the same job here at home?
- We can enact legislation that is good for all Americans — not the selfish special interests or greedy multinational corporations
- We can begin to think of ourselves as Americans — not Latinos, Asians, or Europeans.
- We can celebrate our own American culture, language and heritage.
- We tell our politicians “No more Amnesties” for illegal aliens.
- We can repeal the Motor-Voter law that allows non-citizens to vote.
- We can end all the welfare benefits that draw illegal aliens to our shores.

The list above is just a fraction of the things that must be done in order to save our wonderful country for our children and grandchildren. And the best way for you to play your part in preserving our nation, our culture and our heritage is to support U.S. Border Control and its work.



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