

ALIEN INVASION 2006

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To understand the dilemma of the illegal alien problem in the United States today, ask yourself this question -

"Why is the flow of human traffic in the Americas migrating NORTH and not south?"

While contemplating that, here are a few more questions -

How many bred and born Canadians sneak across the border into the U.S. yearly?

How many U.S. bred and born citizens swim the Rio Grande into Mexico annually?

And the number of Mexicans sneaking into Central and South America?

The answer to these three questions, of course, is close to ZERO!

Understanding why people risk limb and life to go north is to understand the plight of the oppressed. To stop and think why bus loads of U.S. seniors risk imprisonment when re-entering the States after buying low cost prescription medicine in Canada is to know the power of poverty and the drive of desperation.

Money? Is money is the the fuel that drives the engine of northern migration?

As the South Americans move north into Central America, for better opportunities, undercutting the labor forces of the region, they force the locals into Mexico to repeat the process, which pressures the Mexicans into the U.S. Picture a map of the Americas, divided into three regions with the populations of each assigned a color- Green for Mexico, Central and South America. Blue for the U.S.A. and Red for Canada. Now look at all the millions of tiny green dots clumped at the northern Mexican border, flowing over into California and Texas, thinning out as they are swallowed up by the Blue dots of western Oregon and Washington state. But from the eastern side of the Cascade mountains and pushing up against the western slopes of the Rockies, the Green dots make a formidable force against the much sparser Blue dots. The U.S. Canadian border areas of population will show hardly any Green dots while the Red and Blue dots intermingle a bit, then become only Red throughout the remainder of Canada. As a matter of fact, Canada has very few foreigners living within it's borders. Why? Because to live in Canada is to become a Canadian citizen, not a hyphenated citizen. You may be a Canadian born somewhere else, but if you live there, you are Canadian.

Back to our question of why humanity is moving north. Opportunity?

The U.S. is a nation of opportunists. And now our country of roughly 1/3 of a Billion citizens is intermingled with 13 Million illegals. That's about 4% of our population. But it's arguably the most important four percent we have. Why? These illegals represent as much as 90% of certain crop harvesters, 27% of the hotel - motel service industry (an industry, by the way, comprised of nearly 100% non United States citizens), 24% of our farm workers, 29% of the construction trades (in some areas, like New Orleans it's 100%) and over 20% of the fast food industry workers.

So without this mass of humanity, that works FOR us, below a living wage, we would have lettuce selling for \$5.00 a head, motel rooms that would cost nearly triple the current rate and fast food might still be fast, but certainly not cost effective. These are jobs, that in the past, citizens of our country have said we would do if there were no illegals here. But when farmers posted handbills and advertised for laborers to harvest the crops, NO ONE SHOWED UP! As much as we hate the idea of outsourcing jobs overseas, we hate even more the idea of NOT outsourcing menial tasks to be done for next to nothing.

We should stop and think of what it is "we" want. Do we want all the illegal foreigners out? Why? Because they weren't born here? That's a bit lame. Are there any people of renown that were not born in the U.S.A? The governor of California, for a start. So not being born here is non starter. Being here against the law? HEY, that law is feckless, the punishment is deportation - PERIOD. Not prison, not a fine or even banishment (you can NEVER come back!) - just go and don't let us see you again until next time. "There, that'll show 'em!". Kinda like parking your car illegally, getting a ticket, but the punishment is moving your car - for a while. DUMB!

Another argument is one of immigration fairness and it goes something like this -

There are thousands of people in Europe and Asia that can't come to the U.S.A. - they are so far away from our borders and besides, there is no room for them, because the illegal Mexicans, Central and South Americans keep sneaking into our country. OK, but there have been a number of Asians, Middle Easterners and even Europeans that have illegally entered the U.S. and a few have even been caught. But the ones who have succeeded in the U.S. have just blended in, and working hard to achieve their dreams of success. Many open businesses, go to school, or in some other way try to better THEMSELVES, even using their success to obtain the gift of forgiveness and even citizenship. The people from south of the boarder, on the other hand, come here and work hard sending their money back home, to better their FAMILIES. These are stereotypical generalizations for sure, but is the truth of our dilemma in the flow of cash? One group reinvests here, the other group sends it's earnings out of our country.

How about this? We CAN'T afford to shut our country down by shipping all the illegals back to their country. And no one wants to make them legal, because that would be rewarding unlawful behavior. What if we implement a few basic precepts -

1. Stop punishing the farmers
2. Stop punishing the illegal workers
3. Stop pandering to foreigners
4. Stop classifying them as illegals
5. Start making them pay their own way

Let's take these one at a time.

1. Stop punishing the farmers by forcing them to hire illegals so crops can be harvested at a profit. Start by creating a national harvesting minimum wage. An amount that farmers could afford if they could stop wasting time and money sneaking around, hiding workers and paying the unlevied fines of lost crops due to random Immigration raids and a paranoid work force.

2. Stop punishing the illegal workers by making them feel that they are less valuable than the rest of us. Stop chasing them and deporting them. It costs them and us alike, an estimated 5 Billion dollars a year in bureaucratic fees and lost production and wages.

3. Stop pandering to foreigners by making them feel "at home." Bilingual bureaucracy is expensive, confusing and environmentally unsound. Printing multiple language forms wastes paper. We simply CAN'T cover all the languages that are spoken in the U.S. today. Multiple signage is confusing, especially on roads, where it can be dangerous. And just incase no one has read them lately, among the long list of requirements to become a citizen of the U.S.A. is the ability to read, write and speak English.

4. Stop classifying them as illegals, they are temporary workers. We need border reform. We also need documentation reform. If a person not born here and not a citizen here has an offer of a job here, that a U.S. citizen doesn't want, then issue them a temporary work card. Yes, these cards could be counterfeited, but counterfeiting only runs rampant when injustice runs rampant. With easy access to simple applications at the boarder and unemployment offices, workers would be more likely to come to the U.S. to work and leave for spells knowing they could easily return. REMOVE the underground stigma and people begin to act as people.

5. Start making them pay their own way with a flat work permit tax of 5% paid at any bank when they cash their checks. Again, by using the systems we already have in place, simply requiring ALL employers to pay workers by check, not cash, would create the paper trail needed for this program. YES, it would mean another level of bureaucracy, but not a new one, pay the banks 2% of the 5% for handling the transactions, and send the 3% directly to the IRS. Each worker would also receive a punch on their work card every time they cashed a check that would entitle them to emergency health care (with enough punches). If they become too ill, then they would be sent to their country until well enough to return here to work. No punishments, just lost work. And charge an up front fee for the temporary work cards, something far less than the thousands they now pay the coyotes to drive them across the boarder illegally.

This program could be started immediately with little fuss. It could be phased in over a few year period.

But first ask yourself this question -

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