

Future of the Future: Immigration in the Imperial Republic

Abraham Lincoln said, “A House divided cannot stand.” All Americans, knowing the Christian Bible, both North and South, understood completely. Sooner or later, slavery would stop or civil war would begin. Ours is a new era – the emerging American Imperial Republic. And, we too, face issues as stark as slavery. One, immigration, will define our Nation and shape our future just as certainly. A nation of immigrants must choose who will follow them. Is citizenship for immigrants a right for all or a privilege for some?

Set immigration standards or stay open to invasion. Controlling immigration defines what it means to be American by deciding who gets to be an American. Uncontrolled immigration is death to the American Republic. Wake up. A nation without borders cannot survive, just as

A House without walls cannot stand.

Why can't any and all of the huddled masses yearning to breathe free, come to our shores now? Because a house must have walls to become a home. Family and friends sharing the warmth within enclosing walls don't allow too many people, dangerous folks, or those who hate them in. Strangers, the least among us, are invited in small numbers so they can have the attention and affection they deserve. The outsiders are welcomed inside to become one with us, not for us to become like them.

If our American house needs a Department of Homeland Security roof, where are the walls? There is nothing to stop the tens of millions who will follow today's millions of illegal aliens. Numbers of immigrants will look like past great migrations of peoples. Our power and wealth beckon humanity. Today, America's wealth and military, economic and cultural power is many more times greater than possible competitors, or enemy alliances, beyond the dreams of any Roman emperor. America doesn't want imperial power, but it has it. America doesn't want wealth to be a magnet for masses of people, but it is. Rome made choices and so will we.

Rome lapsed from Republic to dictatorship and a long decline. When the barbarians were at the gates, it was too late.

The desperately poor immigrants from South of our pretend border are not barbarians. The Islamists are. All immigrants are not equal.

The illegal aliens who broke only one law to come here, work hard, and contribute should be awarded work permits. Citizenship should not be the prize for illegal immigration. Set aside aliens' social security wages for their old age back in their old country.

Tie the quota for annual immigration to how many immigrants can be assimilated in a generation. America is an idea. It takes at least a generation to inculcate our ideas of individual freedom. Too many first generation hyphenated Americans will swing elections to the liberal socialists. Leftist identity politics promise entitlement for permanently disadvantaged groups of people. Our ideas of individual rights and responsibilities don't exist to the same degree anywhere in the world. It takes time for immigrants to thirst for liberty as much as wealth.

Granting permits, not permission, and limiting legal immigration - even in large numbers - labels you as 'Anti-Immigrant' to the self-righteous Left. But, it's time for our homeland security to say open borders, no standards, and no limits are *Anti-Security*. When the Islamists kill here again, such folly will be *Anti-American*. Regrettably, there

will be no walls until politicians fear enraged voters more than they tremble before the media. The politicians will pander to the immigrant minority who swing elections until overwhelming numbers of Americans vote homeland security. Will it be too late?

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