

The Immorality of Immigration Controls

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The *New York Times* (2/12/08) reports that anti-illegal immigrant sentiment has had such a negative effect in Arizona that even legal Hispanic immigrants are leaving. This is to be expected since members of the groups most impacted exercising their best and only option: to leave.

One side demands the borders be shut completely, while another wants to limit immigration in some manner.

However, politicians of the two large parties are united on only one thing: money. By cracking down on illegal immigration, the less productive (politicians) get tax money for pet programs (like more Border Patrol) exacted from those who produce. They also receive contributions from PACs friendly to their stances, to keep the jobs and money flowing.

As in the illegal drug trade, smugglers will conjure up new ways to bring immigrants into the U.S., in response to increased border enforcement and further restrictions on immigration.

No matter how government regulates immigration, such is an immoral abridgement of rights of peaceful immigrants seeking work, and rights of employers wishing to hire them.

Like the gay marriage issue, the battle cry of "protect our borders" and "crack down on illegals" and "penalize employers who hire illegals" is yet another wedge politicians use to justify measures to manipulate people while enriching the politicians.

Imagine how much harder it would be for employers if U.S. immigration policy required hiring *natives only*, or that people born in the U.S. must be given first consideration for hiring before anyone else who applies for a job.

Due to current anti-immigration hysteria in the U.S. and Arizona, employers may be scared into hiring only U.S. citizens, which would result in yet more unemployment.

The main motivator for our nation's immigration laws is premised on the claim that, rather than earning it, an American has a *right* to a job. As a result of this irrational idea, an employer's right to hire the best employees (no matter their status) is sacrificed in favor of potential laziness and a sense of entitlement. Another form of affirmative action, if you will.

Essentially, opponents of immigration are really against the idea of people achieving *The American Dream* since immigration has, and always will be, a hallmark of American prosperity. It also doesn't help when interest groups stop bills to allow more immigrants, and support changes enacted favorable to specific groups.

Aside from the many companies, products and services created by immigrants, opponents claim that *times have changed*, and point to many countries (like China) that suffer overpopulation, claiming the same will happen here, nevermind that these problems are really the result of government planning and controls implemented in their example country's economy, and not immigration itself.

Short of terrorists, criminals, and those carrying contagious diseases, any immigrant who wants to come to this country should be free to do so and any employer should be able to hire them.

It is not only un-American but immoral to deny a fellow human the opportunity to live better and survive, and even to prosper too.



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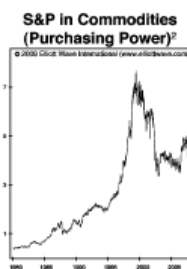
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Bush. Their hate has grown more passionate than in 2000 when the Supreme Court closed off the Florida recount. Most Democrats were not enthusiastic about John F. Kerry. Many Republicans, too, were not very happy with George W. Bush. He is the biggest spender and the most regulatory, protectionist, interventionist president in history since F.D.R. and Wilson. If "compassionate conservatism" means a bigger, pro-war, police state, why should they support its candidates?

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