

News from ANCIR – November 2006

American Council for Immigration Reform

ANCIR Meeting -- Tuesday, November 14, 2006 7:00 PM

Speaker: Steven A. Camarota, Director of Research, Center for Immigration Studies

Subject: The Impact of the Election Results on Immigration Reform and Immigration's Effect on Low-Skilled American Workers

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November Speaker

Because Steven A. Camarota, Director of Research at the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), was unable to make our October meeting, he has offered to speak to us at our November meeting.

Mr. Camarota has testified before Congress more than any other non-government expert on immigration. His articles on the impact of immigration have appeared in many publications, including academic journals, The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune and National Review. He appears frequently on radio and television news programs, including CNN, MSNBC, NBC, ABC, CBS, and Newshour with Jim Lehrer.

CIS has published a number of his articles on topics such as immigration and the labor market, America's foreign-born population, births to immigrants, social security, and terrorist infiltration. He is currently under contract with the Census Bureau as the lead researcher on a project examining the quality of foreign-born data in the American Community Survey.

Hail and Farewell!

Joan and Ernie Hueter are returning to their home state of California after some 20 years in the Washington, D.C., area. Joan, a cofounder of ANCIR, will continue as ANCIR President and will maintain her active input into our meetings, newsletter, and special events.

Joan is known for her seemingly boundless energy, her laser-sharp focus, her willingness to take on tough assignments, and her gracious hosting of fundraisers in the cause of immigration reform, among many other assets.

We prefer to bid them au revoir, rather than goodbye. They plan to make many visits to Washington and Joan will shepherd as many of our events as possible.

We will miss them both. They are not only our good friends, but outstanding American patriots as well.

300 Million – and Counting

by William Buchanan

A few of us remember the optimism that attended America's 200 million mark in 1967. Thanks to declining birth rates, demographers of the day predicted U.S. population would peak at 247 million in the year 2030. The successes of the much-maligned environmental movement were based on this assumption. However, pressures from a rapidly-expanding immigration policy reversed the field, nullifying the prospects for a balanced ecology. But is that all bad? Yes!

We'll Change THEM? Some like to quote Alexis de Tocqueville – traits like rampant materialism, religious fervor, and fierce patriotism will infect newcomers and make them into Americans in spite of themselves. Maybe so. Others, however, believe the rule of law (now being eroded to accommodate illegals) and wars like World War II (a war such as we are unlikely to see again) were the great assimilaters.

Congested Communities? Optimists believe we can build our way out of “congested communities.” Which community? Thanks to massive legal and illegal immigration, the only people who have communities are the immigrants. American communities exist at the sufferance of newcomers. They are swept away by housing code violations, shaky schools, crime, and public urination. Americans escape by moving to communities not yet conquered.

“Nation of Immigrants?” When I was young you never heard anyone say “America is a nation of immigrants” or the fatuous “immigrants built this country.” “Nation of Immigrants” is a contradiction in terms. A nation is a geographic location outlined by fixed boundaries. Its people share a culture, language, and history which

can't help but be offensive, baffling, and contradictory to the culture, language, and history of immigrants, particularly when most immigrants are from Third World nations. The expression “nation of immigrants” blurs an important distinction. Americans only have one nation and by any reasonable definition their loyalty is to that nation alone. Immigrants add this country to their possessions but still have the nation of their birth, as well. And it's no secret, and perfectly understandable, that the latter often retains their primary loyalty for life.

Save Social Security? Actually, they can't. According to Dr. Steven Camarota, Census 2000 data shows the median age for Americans is 35 while the median age of immigrants is 39. Surprise! Immigrants grow old just like the rest of us. A study I did several years ago showed that over a 10-year period, the median age of legal immigrants at admission averaged around 35. Roughly speaking, the average newcomer pays into Social Security for only 30 years before retirement (35 to 65) while Americans pay in from 41 to 49 years (16-24 to 65).

More to Come – Much More! Based on a net of a million immigrants a year Census posits a resulting population of 420 million in 2050. But who believes it's just a million per year? And who believes the president and House and Senate majorities will not some day seek major increases in legal immigration and crack any political opposition once and for all? Even at current levels, the percentage of the population that is foreign-born grew from 4.7 percent in 1970 to somewhere in the region of 13 percent today – a staggering change!

More immigrants become citizens, empowering them at an increasing rate. Thanks to increased immigration, the urgings of ethnic “leaders,” and the dual citizenship ruling in *Afroyim v. Rusk*, the rate of naturalizations in the 1990s was more

than triple the rates in the sixty years 1920-80. And what do many foreign-born citizens want most? More people who speak their language and respond to the same cultural cues. It's perfectly natural and understandable and politicians have been known to notice such things.

It's a Big Country, Much of it Still Empty.

By which it's implied, we can go on increasing our population indefinitely. Big? Compared to what? China has an equal portion of land. Is it alright if our population grows to Chinese-size as the world rockets ahead to 9 billion? The Chinese are lucky. Yes, lucky! They are only afflicted with natural growth which they control, not dependent on outside sources for population growth. And India? Environmentalists not mired in the Sierra Club's PC sinkhole, recognize the concept of "environmental footprint." India may be 10 times as densely populated as the U.S. but the average American, native-born or naturalized, has an environmental footprint 20 times as large as the average Indian. We use the environment far more intensively than do the Indians.

Growth; Progress or Cancer? Throughout most of American history, if one complained about the latest environmental insult – a smoke-belching factory, a reeking refinery, the monstrous cooling towers of a nuclear facility, a twelve-lane highway ripped through the gut of your neighborhood – the usual response was: "you can't stop progress." Growth was associated with prosperity. It's no longer that simple. Growth today is running up against political obstacles, a warning that America has crossed some invisible line and cannot go back.

Conclusion. The verdict of the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future, that "no substantial benefits would result from continued growth of the nation's population," was true then (1973 and even more true today.

ANCIR Presents Citizenship Awards

Since first introduced by Rep. Brian Bilbray, an identically-worded Citizenship Reform Act has been attracting adherents in the halls of Congress. Under this bill, to be a U.S. citizen by birth on U.S. soil, at least one parent must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.

Sponsored this term by Rep. Nathan Deal (R-GA), the bill (H.R. 698) gained 86 co-sponsors – the most ever. Moreover, there was activity on the Senate side – Sen. James Inhofe's Enforce Act, S. 2117 contained similar language.

ANCIR recently presented Citizenship Awards to three members of the House of Representatives for their staunch support of the this bill. Recipients Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) and Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) are unique for having co-sponsored this legislation all five times it has been offered. Rep. Nathan Deal received his award for co-sponsoring twice and sponsoring twice – in the 108th and 109th Congresses.



Rep. Nathan Deal receives ANCIR's Citizenship Award from Pres. Joan Hueter and William Buchanan.

The United States and Canada are now the only First World countries that grant citizenship to any and all born on their soil. In 2005, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, 3.1 million so-called "Anchor Babies" were living in the U.S.

Both Mr. Deal and Mr. Bilbray expect the Citizenship Reform Act to be re-introduced and pursued with vigor in the next Congress.

Elvira Arellano is no Rosa Parks !!

Elvira Arellano has elevated “gaming the system” to a high art. She entered the U.S. illegally in 1997. Caught immediately and returned to her native Mexico, she quickly renegotiated the “Mexican turnstile” and headed for Oregon. There in 1999, she bore a son she named Saulito Arellano. Thanks to a counterproductive interpretation of the 14th Amendment, Saul is a U.S. citizen. And at the age of 21, he will be able to apply for immediate entry and permanent residence for his mother. It is hard to avoid the conclusion that this is no coincidence, but the purpose of his birth here.

And what about the father? According to Arellano, Saulito’s father “does not play a role in our family.” One could speculate endlessly but surely this is fatherhood emptied of all meaning. He, the father, may just be Dr. Laura’s “sperm donor” in its purest form.

Arellano was discovered in 2002, working as a cleaning lady at Chicago’s O’Hare. She was arrested and convicted of working under a false Social Security number. Four years after her arrest and conviction, she was ordered to report for deportation. In the meantime, however, she founded La Familia Latina Unida (United Latino Family), a group dedicated to helping families like hers to remain together – here in the U.S.

In the rare instance when mothers of anchor babies are caught, they are deported and must take their U.S.-citizen babies home or arrange to leave them with legal relatives. Unrestricted citizenship for the children of illegal aliens wars with what is best for the child and the nation.

When August 15, the date for her deportation arrived, Arellano took refuge in a Chicago storefront church, the Adalberto United Methodist Church, claiming sanctuary. Her pastor, Rev. Walter Coleman, filed a lawsuit on her behalf claiming deportation would violate the constitutional rights of her son. Young Saul was

dispatched to Washington in a futile effort to plead his mother’s case with President Bush. When that suit was rejected by a U.S. district court judge, Arellano herself brought a class action suit on behalf of all illegal alien mothers with anchor babies. She argues deportation is a form of child abuse.

However, when she claimed that “As undocumented workers we suffer the same racism and discrimination as the African American community,” and likened herself to civil rights icon Rosa Parks (sending her back to Mexico is like sending Rosa Parks to the back of the bus), some in the black community objected.

ANCIR member William Buchanan observed activities of the offended black community at an October 21st press conference in Chicago sponsored by Choose Black America (CBA) headed by Prof. Frank Morris and the Crispus Attacks Brigade (CAB) led by homeless advocate Ted Hayes. Dr. Morris complained that the 300-year-long twilight struggle for justice and equal rights for black Americans is now threatened as American businesses replace educated and uneducated American workers with vulnerable illegal workers.



Ted Hayes, Dr. Frank Morris, Terrence Lang at Chicago press conference, October 21, 2006

Rosa Parks, said Dr. Morris, was an American citizen who exercised her rights as a citizen and

put her life in mortal danger in her fight for equal rights. Arellano, on the other hand, is a citizen of Mexico, an illegal alien, a deportee, one convicted of using fraudulent documents to obtain employment. How ironic it is, he noted, that the children of illegal aliens could be the beneficiaries of the 14th Amendment, designed by Congress and the states to ensure citizenship for emancipated black Americans. He called it “an abuse of the legacy of slavery.”

Comprehensive Self-Destruction

No American who voted in 2000, realized that George W. Bush had a revolutionary plan to “solve” America’s immigration problems. Once revealed, most members of the president’s party opposed this plan. Members of his party voted for H.R. 4437, the House’ enforcement-only bill by 203-17 and against S. 2611, the Senate’s open-the-floodgates bill by 32-23. Bush’s plan, his “comprehensive immigration reform,” encompasses nothing less than the dissolution of our borders with Mexico and Canada. His means include, but are not necessarily limited to:

! An amnesty – rewarding millions who break our laws with the thing they want more than anything else in the world – legal status and all that flows therefrom.

! A Guest Worker-to-Citizenship program (indentured servitude), by which foreign workers seeking “jobs Americans won’t do,” can “earn” a green card and, eventually, U.S. citizenship.

! A major increase in legal immigration for skilled workers and their families.

Our president has virtually invited illegal immigrants to come here, calling them “good hearted people,” asserting “family values don’t stop at the border,” and leaving criminal employers off the hook. At the same time, he denounces American border observers who oppose illegal border entries as “vigilantes.”

Bush made it clear he would sign the Kennedy-Salazar bill, S. 2611, which included all the bulleted items above and which was titled, suggestively: “The Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006.”

Bush held talks with Messrs. Martin and Fox on a North American Union and on a NAFTA Superhighway that would chop America in half. And even as he grudgingly signed into law the border fence law, he argued: “We must face the reality that millions of illegal immigrants are already here.” – code language for amnesty. No, Mr. President, facing reality means never legalizing anyone who is here illegally.

Should Congress ever go along with Bush’s revolutionary plans:

! More and more Americans workers would earn lower and lower wages. Bush’ goal is to ensure “an adequate labor supply for U.S. employers.” However, America would be far better served if we ensured “an adequate supply of good-paying jobs for U.S. workers.” And that results from a tight labor market, not one besotted with foreign workers. The law of supply and demand has not been repealed, nor can it be. There is a market for labor as surely as for cumquats and Hummers.

! An open sewer of drugs, crime, corruption, and violence would overflow into America.

! The political will to control immigration would evaporate forever as politicians react to mounting ethnic pressures and business profits.

Pundits will argue over whether the President lost the Congress because of the war, but he’s already noted the new Congress is much more to his liking on immigration. Democrats voted 164-36 against H.R. 4437 and an astonishing 38 to 4 in favor of S. 2611. Nevertheless, Comprehensive Immigration Reform is still Comprehensive Self-Destruction. WB

News from Eagle Forum -- Latinos Projected to Remit \$45 Billion

According to a report by the Inter-American Development Bank, it is predicted that immigrants from Mexico and other Latin American nations are expected to send \$45 billion from their U.S. earnings to families back home this year.

Latin American immigrants in Texas, primarily from Mexico, will send back a projected \$5.2 billion in 2006, up 64 percent since 2004. Remittances from California are expected to total \$13 billion.

An estimated 17.2 million Latin Americans have settled in the U.S. to seek jobs that often pay at least six times what they were earning in their home countries. The report also stated: "The equation over the years has not changed: people move 'North' by the millions and money moves 'South' by the billions."

.....Star-Telegram, 10-19-06

Books of Note

Dan Sheehy reports that a new edition of his book *Fighting Immigration Anarchy* is available. He has expanded it to include more information on the Minuteman project and a chapter on the Bush administration plan for the free flow of people between the United States and Mexico and Canada. For more information, visit his [web page](http://www.fightingimmigrationanarchy.com) www.fightingimmigrationanarchy.com. The book can be ordered at Amazon.com.

October Speaker

In Steve Camarota's absence, we were fortunate to have Carl F. Horowitz in our audience. Dr. Horowitz is director of the Organized Labor Accountability Project of the National Legal and Policy Center, a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting ethics in public life.

He discussed the positions of various union leaders on immigration, both legal and illegal: some favor amnesty, others, a guest worker program. He distributed copies of a review he had written of a new book by Congressman Tom Tancredo, *In Mortal Danger: The Battle for America's Border and Security*. For a copy: 703/237-1970; chorowitz@nlpc.org

Copies of Dr. Horowitz's articles are available from www.frontpagemag.com, click on Columnists and then Carl F. Horowitz for Celebrate American Labor, Not Unions and others of the past year; and from www.nlpc.org, click on Special Reports for Why Unions Promote Mass Immigration.

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