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Borders, Language, Culture

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A good friend of mine always reminds me that it is all about "borders, language, and culture." And he's right. Illegal immigration is not a new problem to our country. The problem rests now in the minds and souls of traditional conservative Americans (and *not* with the "new" Republicans, or "neo-conservatives"). If it were not for the desire of traditional conservatives to keep the United States a free Republic and a sovereign nation, while tasking our federal and state governments to keep their sworn constitutional duties to protect and serve, we wouldn't even know we had an immigration problem.

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The illegal immigration issue is so convoluted that the average citizen doesn't have a chance to make the right decision about this simple issue. With the socioeconomic, cultural, legal, and other implications, only one solid fact always emerges. Once you understand this fact, you will have reached enlightenment; at least about illegal immigration.

Every person who crosses our borders or arrives in the United States without legal permission is breaking the law of the land. Each of them is, by the definition of our law, a petty criminal. This fact is easy to understand: all who cross into or arrive in the United States without legal permission are law-breakers. Simple.

Thus, when you hear or read the misinformed, who describe illegal immigrants as "undocumented immigrants", "undocumented workers," or "non-citizens," you will know they are misleading and lying to you. In fact, those who use such terms are simply doing their best to soften your heart, lighten your wallet, and prepare you to accept their idea of "manifest destiny"; for they are the world's caregivers and holders of the emperor's torch.

Both major political parties are basically inept when debating "illegal immigration." Only a few traditional-conservative government representatives, such as Tancredo, Welker, Schultheis, and Crane, are making a stand against it. Without them, and others, like the Minutemen, Team America, and Pat Buchanan, you would think that "undocumented

workers" deserve the same rights as a citizen of the United States enjoys. But they do not. Illegal immigrants deserve to be deported, and then asked to follow the process for *legal* immigration if they want to become a citizen.

Even President Bush, a neoconservative, treads on the laws he swore to uphold and protect. Bush blatantly calls law-abiding American citizens "vigilantes" when they work with the U. S. Border Patrol to guard our border with Mexico. Does Bush fear that the Republican Party will lose votes by supporting to effort to protect our borders? Apparently, he doesn't realize that the voting Hispanic population is basically split at 50/50 when it comes to its voting patterns. Because Bush refuses to uphold the Constitution, Pat Buchanan is right: Bush should be impeached.

The ACLU claims to be one of the nation's leading advocates for the rights of non-citizens. The *Immigrants' Rights Project* of the ACLU was established in 1987 to expand and enforce the civil rights and civil liberties of non-citizens. The ACLU uses its resources to guarantee non-citizens rights protected under the Bill of Rights. What? Why would a non-citizen have any rights at all in the United States? Further, why are non-citizens shielded by the fanatically left-wing arm of the ACLU? The ACLU doesn't care about non-citizens. They care only about a) gaining power, and b) destroying the Republic of the United States. How many non-citizens will forever be indentured to the ACLU and its partners, such as the *National Council of La Raza*, the *Immigration Lawyers Association*, and the *National Immigration Law Center*, before non-citizens wake up and realize that the right path to follow is to immigrate legally?

During this past year, I attended a casual "Coffee with a Conscience" public meeting sponsored by the *Citizens Project*. The topic was "Immigration in Colorado: Past, Present and Future." The guest speaker was Eric Popkin, Colorado College Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department. Professor Popkin, as I found out later, is a locally renowned expert in sociological issues on immigration, especially immigration from Latin American countries. That evening's discussion quickly changed from the "Past" and "Present" and went right to the "Future" of immigration in Colorado. Popkin was seeking the support of the *Citizens Project* to help his own *Colorado College Partnership for Civic Engagement* in planning and implementing the *Pikes Peak Immigrant and Refugee Support Project*. This project would eventually lead to an "Immigrant Center" for the Pikes Peak region. This center would be a great asset for the community and legal immigrants. But Popkin's true focus lay elsewhere. He insisted that undocumented illegal immigrants need a place to feel welcome, and that they could use the center as a sanctuary. Popkin openly admitted that this project would be difficult to implement. The illegals might fear being turned in and sent back into hiding or, worse yet, deported. Even an expert on immigration, apparently, knows the law. So Popkin's final rallying point for the evening was that the laws must change to conform to the new trend in immigration, social, and cultural change in America. He wants us to open our borders, hearts, and wallets to the millions of Latin Americans

who seek refuge here. Popkin, of course, is not playing with a full deck. He doesn't understand the fiscal and sociological impacts that his immigration policy would cause to the infrastructure of our nation.

To remain a sovereign republic, we need to protect our borders. This includes stopping illegal immigration. But it also includes recognizing the necessity for a common language. A common language for America is necessary because to *remain* a *united* nation, we must indeed have one language to unite us. That is why I support *H. J. Res. 43*, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish English as the official language of the United States. If ratified, the amendment would guarantee that the United States help assimilate, as it used to, new legal immigrants into American culture. Yes, American culture. Those who want to come to America and become citizens can still embrace their native cultures and languages, of course. They must, however, accept the American way of life as set forth by this nation's founding fathers visions and principles.

In closing, we must enforce the immigration laws already in place. As a nation, we must work with each other to change how immigration and border protection is handled. To best meet the needs and security of our citizens, we must persuade our government leaders to protect and secure our Republic, through all means necessary, to ensure that the United States always remains the greatest nation in the free world. I ask you all to support the few brave souls who are leading the charge to end illegal immigration and save our American culture. In the end, it's simple: *borders, language, culture*.