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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

This is extracted from an article by R. Carl Kirkwood in the *New American Magazine* May 1, 2006

From late March to early April, hundreds of thousands of illegal Hispanic immigrants reminded Americans they may yet suffer a wave of violence like that which left Paris burning....

Worked into a rage by the "Latino" media, the internet, and radical activists over proposed legislation on Capitol Hill to stop illegal immigration. Hispanics repeatedly stormed the streets to demand their "rights." In no uncertain terms, they told the American people they are here to stay and no one can do anything about it, least of all the feckless politicians....

The protests began on March 25, when 500,000 crammed the streets in Los Angeles. Cavalcades took to the streets in San Francisco, Arizona, Georgia, and Ohio, and after the Mexican muscle seemingly relaxed, it flexed again. On April 1, 20,000 immigrants surfaced on the streets in New York, crossing the Brooklyn Bridge and "demanding an end to second-class citizenship and amnesty for illegal immigrants," as the *Washington Post* put it.

Nearly all of us are immigrants." Another student explained exactly what most Mexicans really want: "Our parents, our families came here from Mexico. We want other families to be able to come here too."

One reason behind the large turnout at the protests is the size of the illegal population. The sheer number of illegal aliens here is metastasizing daily across the land. Most observers put the number of illegals in American at 11-12 million.

Yet sheer numbers aren't the worst news on illegal immigration. Half of illegal aliens, the Center for Immigration Studies reports, did not graduate high school and a third never made the ninth grade. Immigrants, legal and illegal, "comprise about 12 percent of America's workforce, [but] they account for 31 percent of high school dropouts in the workforce. Between 1979 and 1997, immigrant households increased their

representation in the U.S. population by 68 percent, but over that same period their share of the total poor population increased 123 percent."

That said, those startling numbers provide the second reason the protests succeeded. The massive influx of illegals led to Hispanic-language television and radio stations. Hispanic-language programming on highly popular radio stations implored listeners to stage their protests.

What the Organizational Ability Means

Yes, illegal aliens are criminals, but that truth aside, that hundreds of thousands of immigrants, many of them illegal, could swamp American streets with impunity to make haughty, ridiculous demands is a sign they feel economically and politically empowered. Yet their power is derived solely from the inability of real Americans to make changes via their representatives in Congress. The politicians run scared. They fear the immigrants. Real Americans don't fear them, but the immigration crisis has not, until now, reached a point that might inspire them to demand genuine immigration reform. This truth explains Congress' debating two immigration measures, one being the sensible bill passed in the House of Representatives (H.R. 4437) that would help control illegal immigration, the other being a bill in the Senate that would exacerbate the problem by legalizing the existing 11-12 million border-jumpers. Americans need to consider that illegal Mexicans seem politically powerful only because they have correctly calculated the moral impotence and political cowardice of American politicians. They demonstrate power, and the politicians wheedle and pander.

Comment: Please write/call your elected reps today and demand they close the border now, and then round up the illegals and send them home. Ed.

PUBLIC SEZ: ENFORCEMENT FIRST

A new Zogby poll of likely voters, using neutral language (i.e., avoiding the words "amnesty" or "illegal alien"), finds that Americans prefer the House of Representatives' enforcement-only bill by 2-1 over Senate proposals to legalize illegal immigrants and greatly increase legal immigration. The poll was conducted for the Center for Immigration Studies. Complete results are on line at <http://www.cis.org/articles/2006/2006poll.html>.

Casinos Increase Crime

Gambling interests claim that casinos don't increase crime in the communities where they are built. From my days of fighting decriminalized gambling in Louisiana, I can tell you that's simple not true. I am not alone. A study reported in today's *Washington Post* concluded that in the long run, casinos do increase crime--dramatically. "By the fifth year of operation," the *Post* reports, "robberies were up 136 percent; aggravated assaults,



91 percent; auto theft, 78 percent; burglary, 50 percent; larceny, 38 percent; and rape, 21 percent." The study, by economists Earl Grinols of Baylor University and David B. Mustard

of the University of Georgia, was published in *The Review of Economics and Statistics* this year. The bottom line, according to the authors? When it comes to casinos, "the costs exceed the benefits." That's why we don't need the federal government using Katrina relief funds to build a \$700 million railroad to Gulf Coast casinos. Nor do we need millions of dollars flowing out of the country through internet gambling. Congress is currently considering two bills on the subject. H.R. 4777 would strengthen the existing ban on internet gambling, while H.R. 4411 would prevent the use of credit cards for

that purpose. Whether it's in a casino or online, gambling is a bad bet for America. FRC.

Comment: This is why the CNTF fought River Boat Gambling so hard. Ed.

New Polls

From a new CBS News/New York Times poll!

President Bush's ratings have hit another all-time low at only 31 percent and the Republican-controlled Congress gets even lower marks, an approval rating of only 23 percent.... To be fair, the last paragraph of this 1,480 word Bush-bashing diatribe includes this tidbit: "Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, who was Mr. Bush's opponent in 2004, had a lower approval rating than Mr. Bush: 26 percent, down from 40 percent in a poll conducted right after the election. And just 28 percent said they had a favorable view of Al Gore, one of Mr. Bush's more vocal critics." In other words, with all the favorable mainstream media coverage Kerry and Gore get, Bush still comes out on top.

Comment: While I think he is doing a rotten job of controlling spending, he is still far better than either Kerry or Gore. Ed.

Throw Momma from the Train--And Dad, Too?



Just in time for Mother's Day, the California Senate has voted to approve S.B. 1437, a measure that could eliminate mom and dad from

school textbooks. Under this measure the Education Code is modified to make it illegal for textbooks or other instructional materials to "reflect adversely" upon lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender individuals. It also states that educational materials shall include "the contributions of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender to the total development of California and the United States." Classroom discussion of the role of mothers and fathers in family life, for example, will require that *equal time is given to parenting by same-sex couples*. If enacted into law, this would also require an extreme rewrite of the history books.

Political correctness will not help American students meet the challenge of competition in a global economy. Some years back California students were surveyed, along with those from other states. Only 23 percent could identify James Madison as Father of the Constitution. But 98 percent then recognized Snoop Doggy Dog. This so-called curriculum will only further dumb down education for California's kids. Please don't write this off as some crazy idea that will only impact families in California. As one of the largest purchasers of school textbooks, California influences what textbooks publishers offer to other states. We call upon the State Assembly to reject this absurd bill. And we urge Governor Schwarzenegger to commit now that he will veto the outrageous piece of propaganda if it is approved. From FRC.

Comment: This is a bad sign from CA. If you know anyone in CA please write them and ask them to support FRC on this. Ed.

TO YOUR HEALTH

"As early as today the Senate will vote to prevent a Democratic filibuster of legislation that would make it easier and cheaper for small businesses and their employees to buy health insurance. . The bill at hand, sponsored by Wyoming's Mike Enzi, concerns so-called Small Business Health Plans, often referred to as Association Health Plans. The idea is that if small businesses are allowed to band together on a nationwide scale, they'll have greater leverage when negotiating prices with insurers. The bill would let them bypass many of the state insurance rules that make coverage so expensive.

"...A better approach is being offered by Arizona's John Shadegg in the House and South Carolina's Jim DeMint in the Senate. Their legislation would allow not just small businesses but individuals to buy health insurance across state lines, with those policies regulated by the states from which they are sold. That's the way banking now works. What we really should be aiming for is a national market of portable, individually owned policies that can be bought from many insurers, including over the Internet." - *Wall Street Journal*, 5/9/06

GET U.S. OUT OF THE U.N.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE BALLOTS: NO MAS

"Legislation to reauthorize the historic Voting Rights Act contains a bad idea for America and for all our voting rights. It would continue to force certain counties to provide ballots and election materials in foreign languages. . If only United States citizens can vote, and one of the requirements for being a citizen is that you learn English, why in the world would we need bilingual ballots? The answer, unfortunately, is election fraud. Non-citizens are using these ballots. How exactly does this strengthen our democracy?" - *Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich*, 5/8/06

Comment: We need dual language ballots like a hole in the head. Make English to language and law of the land. Write today. Ed.

True Foreign Aid

By Rep. Ron Paul

There are good reasons why the US Constitution does not allow our government to send taxpayer money overseas as foreign aid. One of the best is that coerced "charity" is not charity at all, but rather it is theft. If someone picks your pocket and donates the money to a good cause it does not negate the original act of theft.

The Armed Citizen

Police say that Kevin Doncaster was chatting with a grocery store manager when a man ran by and doused them with pepper spray. Figuring the attacker was stealing something, Doncaster chased him into the parking lot and was sprayed again. What Doncaster didn't know was that the man, armed with a Taser, had just forced a woman into a bathroom stall while her 2-year-old granddaughter watched. Several people came to her rescue and were pepper-sprayed by the assailant as he fled. Doncaster drew a handgun and told the man that if he sprayed him again, he would be injured. "He really wasn't expecting anyone to have a weapon except for himself," said Doncaster, who detained the man until police arrived. The suspect is charged with aggravated assault with intent to rape and murder. (*Statesboro Herald*, Statesboro, GA, 10/17/05)