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The Immigration Debate

"We've reached a very strange moment in the immigration debate. On Wednesday, President Bush condemned a group of good American citizens worried about the breaking of U.S. immigration law. He condemned the organizers of Project Minuteman as 'vigilantes' even though they have broken no law and pledge not to do so. An hour or two **Jay Leno....** President Bush met with Mexican President Vicente Fox [last week]. They were trying to decide where they should meet and eventually the Mexican president said "Look, it is easier for me to come to you. I know where the hole in the fence is."

Airline Safety

...After billions spent on so-called security upgrades at airports, experts say U.S. skies are not much safer now than before the terrorist attacks of 9/11, and one Second Amendment rights activist feels that anti-gun bureaucrats are partly to blame. Just after September 11, 2001, many in the public began calling for commercial airline pilots to be armed, and a federal law was even passed to implement the plan. However, most airline pilots still are not allowed to carry guns to defend their planes from hijackers. The reason, says Eric Pratt of Gun Owners of America, is government red tape aimed at appeasing gun-control advocates. "It's tragic that the American people are not getting their money's worth," Pratt laments. "Despite billions of dollars spent on homeland security, undercover agents are successful at smuggling weapons and bombs onto planes roughly one-half of the time." According to the gun owners' rights advocate, President Bush deserves praise for signing into law the bill that allows commercial pilots to bear arms, but he has allowed anti-gun forces to render that law useless by making the requirements of the

later, Mr. Bush welcomed to his Texas ranch a man [Mexican President Vicente Fox] who insults the United States for its immigration policy and leads a government that routinely flouts U.S. immigration law. ... Mr. Bush's description of the Minutemen as vigilantes is a misreading of American history. The vigilantes were a lynch mob. The Minutemen are an expanded version

qualifying process too difficult for most pilots to satisfy. Pratt believes this problem needs to be addressed immediately, for he is convinced that foreign terrorists could never have expected to hijack U.S. planes armed only with knives on 9/11 if the airline pilots had been armed. [*Rusty Pugh*] from the AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: Please write or get on the phone to our representatives. This is unconscionable that we have wasted four years and still do not have anyone on board an airplane that can defend it. Call today. Ed.

"How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct." -- Benjamin Disraeli

NOTES FROM THE FEDERALIST...

"Before his time as president is over Mr. Bush may find that the biggest can of worms he has to contend with in his second term is not Iraq, is not terrorism and is not Social Security, but instead is his weak and wishy-washy handling of the illegal alien problem. At this point it is the one problem that is arousing the ire of significant numbers of Americans. And Bush's solution to it, amnesty disguised as a guest worker program, is no solution at all." --Lyn Nofziger

"The reason people are confused [about personal retirement accounts],

of the Neighborhood Watch programs popular in many American cities. It's sad to see an American president roll out a royal welcome to a foreign dignitary so openly contemptuous of U.S. law, while simultaneously condemning Americans who are trying to help duly constituted authorities enforce the law." --*The Washington Times*

I believe, is that they hear Republicans say [they] won't solve the problem. That confuses them because for more than 30 years conservatives and free-market advocates have been saying, correctly, just the opposite. Properly designed, personal retirement accounts not only will achieve solvency, they are the only sustainable way to do so and at the same time provide workers higher retirement benefits without raising taxes or increasing the retirement age." --Jack Kemp ++

"Bankruptcy recognizes that in order to fix the problems you have created, you've got to start doing things differently. One good first step for doing things differently is to acknowledge that Social Security and Medicare are welfare programs." --Star Parker

GOP Supports Filibuster

...A conservative legal activist says the effort to change a Senate rule that could end the filibusters against pro-life and Christian judicial nominees is being blocked by Republicans. Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, says it is time to place the blame for the filibusters right where it belongs. After all, he notes, a simple majority vote could change the Senate rule and end the filibusters, but GOP members are standing in the way of that happening. The head of Judicial Watch says one "would think there would be enough Republicans to change the rule, given

the fact they have a large majority there, and there aren't. So right now, filibusters will go forward against presidential nominees to the federal judiciary with the support of Republicans." From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: We all need to write more than once to tell our two Senators to support the action to install good judges. Keep writing and calling until the Senate changes the rules. Ed.

The UN is hosting yet another conference next week,

the purpose of which is to universalize abortion. The Commission on Population and Development will meet all week. We have never seen such a concentrated and sustained effort to advance abortion at the UN. Austin Ruse, President C-Fam.

UN Steps Up Vigorous Call for Universal Access to Abortion

At next week's UN conference on HIV/AIDS and its links to population, development and poverty, a UN body looks poised to call for universal access to abortion as a necessary prerequisite for success in the fight against HIV/AIDS and the full implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) will be the latest in a series of efforts by UN agencies and special interest groups to spread the pro-abortion agenda by inserting it into programs that have not included abortion rights, including the global fight against AIDS and the strategy to achieve the MDGs. From: www.c-fam.org

Comment: I read this week that President Bush could get only one nation to stand with the US in opposing abortion at the UN so the US has abandoned efforts to stop the spread of abortion. It is time we cut off the funding for the UN and get out. Write to your congressman/woman and urge them to cut funding for the UN. Ed.

THE ARMED CITIZEN

Jeff Pantzer of Stuart, Florida, was awakened in the night by the sound of blinds rattling. Someone had broken in just five months previously, and Pantzer

now kept a shotgun just in case. He took up his gun and fired as he saw a man's legs enter his window, scaring the would-be burglar right out of his shoes. "My safety was my first consideration," Pantzer said. "It was real quick, he was halfway in the window... I fired, and he exited the window at the same time... ." The suspect was not apprehended, but police say he may be linked to four similar burglaries in the area. (*The News*, Stuart, Florida, 11/27/03)

Comment: We must always protect the Second Amendment, without the Second we would quickly lose the other nine. Ed.

Aiding and Abetting the Enemy: the Media in Iraq

By LTC Tim Ryan, CO, 2/12 Cav, 1st Cav Div

What if domestic news outlets continually fed American readers headlines like: "Bloody Week on U.S. Highways: Some 700 Killed," or "More Than 900 Americans Die Weekly from Obesity-Related Diseases"? Both of these headlines might be true statistically, but do they really represent accurate pictures of the situations? What if you combined all of the negatives to be found in the state of Texas and used them as an indicator of the quality of life for all Texans? Imagine the headlines: "Anti-law Enforcement Elements Spread Robbery, Rape and Murder through Texas Cities." For all intents and purposes, this statement is true for any day of any year in any state. True -- yes, accurate -- yes, but in context with the greater good taking place -- no! After a year or two of headlines like these, more than a few folks back in Texas and the rest of the U.S. probably would be ready to jump off of a building and end it all. So, imagine being an American in Iraq right now.

What about the media's portrayal of the enemy? Why do these ruthless murderers, kidnappers and thieves get a pass when it comes to their actions? What did the media not show or tell us about Margaret Hassoon, the director of C.A.R.E. in Iraq and an Iraqi citizen, who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and left disemboweled in streets of Fallujah? Did anyone in the press show these images over and over to emphasize the moral failings of the enemy as they did with the soldiers at Abu Ghuraib?

Did anyone show the world how this enemy had huge stockpiles of weapons in schools and mosques, or how he used these protected places as sanctuaries for planning and fighting in Fallujah and the rest of Iraq? Are people of the world getting the complete story? The answer again is no! What the world got instead were repeated images of a battle-weary Marine who made a quick decision to use lethal force and who now is being tried in the world press.

The fact is the Coalition is making steady progress in Iraq, but not without ups and downs. War is a terrible thing and terrible things happen during wars, even when you are winning. In war, as in any contest of wills with capable opponents, things do not always go as planned; the guys with the white hats don't always come out on top in each engagement. That doesn't mean you are losing. So why is it that no matter what events unfold, good or bad, the media highlight mostly the negative aspects of the event? The journalistic adage, "If it bleeds, it leads," still applies in Iraq, but why only when it's American blood?

Comment: This is from a much longer letter by the Colonel. I print it too show the media bias that continues. The major media feel they are so powerful that they can ignore public opinion and the truth. Ed.

SCHEDULE

Put April 18, 2005 on your schedule and come out to the Philippine Cultural Center on Baxter Road, VB at 7:00 PM to learn more about CAFTA & FTAA. Also, and more important, learn what we can do to stop the FTAA and save our country. We have Mr. William Jasper, a national speaker, a prolific writer and expert on the UN as our guest speaker. We need hundreds of concerned citizens writing their US Senators and congressmen/women telling them to STOP the FTAA. And while we are at it, get out of the United Nations. Editor.

WHAT: Speaker on CAFTA & FTAA

WHEN: 7:00 PM

April 18, 2005

WHERE: Philippine Cultural Center
4857 Baxter Rd, Virginia Beach, VA

CHARGE: \$5.00 (Optional)

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