

By the Wave of His Hand

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It has been twenty years since promises were made by the federal government, to get the borders of the United States under control. Those promises were made as a part of a bargaining process. If the opposition politicians and citizens of the United States would only allow the illegal immigrant population at that time to be naturalized, the federal government would devise new laws and make sure they were enforced. The borders WOULD be brought under control.

Stiff new penalties were enacted described as withering to those who employed illegal immigrants. Some cosmetic border changes were made. The program was initiated.

In 1986 the naturalization program that was supposed to facilitate one million illegal immigrants becoming citizens, instead facilitated three hundred and fifty percent of that amount. Three and one half million illegal immigrants came forward to request citizenship. Those who favored this got their way. The slate was wiped clean. We were promised the illegal immigrant problem was solved.

Those who opposed the illegal immigrants being naturalized at that time had a number of valid objections. We stated that one million was a very low projection. We stated that naturalizing these immigrants would be rewarding those who did not respect the laws of the United States enough to obey them. We stated that this showed no respect for the nation these people were going to be swearing an oath of allegiance to. We stated that what had taken decades to achieve, the accumulation of about three million illegal immigrants, would take only a few years if this amnesty was enacted. Further, we stated that this amnesty would not stop the flow. We stated that the borders would not be enforced. We stated that businesses would not be prosecuted for employing illegal immigrants.

Those of us who have been proven right on every single count regarding the last amnesty for illegal immigrants, are not likely to agree to another. As citizens we are asked to obey the laws of our nation. As such, we have no patience for those who don't. We have no patience for those who advocate for them either.

Over the last fifteen years, we have seen yearly illegal immigration rates cross some rather interesting thresholds. What had been a few hundred thousand crossing our borders illegally each year, progressed through five hundred thousand, one million, two million and now over three million crossings per year.

As near as anyone could tell, there were between eight and ten million illegal immigrants residing inside the United States at the 2000 Census. With illegal immigration now occurring in the numbers it is, it is very likely that we have between fifteen and twenty-two million illegal immigrants inside our nation at this moment. Within ten years that number will grow to between forty-five and sixty million people. These numbers are based on the assumption three million will continue to cross our borders each year, but it ignores the reality that between ten and fifteen million children will be born to these illegal aliens by 2015. If we take that into consideration, the total projected illegal immigration population by the year 2015, will likely reach somewhere between 55 and 75 million people.

This is the reality that some of us consider, when we object to any government guest worker programs for Mexican nationals at the present time. This is a massive problem. If we approach it by any means whatsoever, that is somewhat reminiscent of the 1986 amnesty program, the 55 to 75 million projection will error low by 2015.

There is a segment of our citizens who realize that something is very wrong with our border situation today. A subset of that segment, feels that some sort of guest worker program will fix things. Will it? A guest worker program will immediately grant legal residential status to between 15 and 22 million people. Those people will have permits to

reside in the United States for three years. During those three years, they will continue to establish their lives and futures here on U.S. soil. In three years they will be able to re-up their permits. At this time, that is only supposed to be allowable one time, for an additional three years. What happens then?

At the end of the second three years, we are presently being led to believe that they will have to leave our nation. Can anyone take that promise serious? Illegal immigrants that we cannot or will not send home today, will be sent home in six years? That is really a stretch for the imagination.

Does the guest worker program show promise for stopping illegal immigration into our nation? Past history tells us that when we legitimize the residency of illegal immigrants in the United States, the flow of illegal immigrants escalates wildly. For this reason, it is a forgone conclusion, that if we start a guest worker program of any kind, illegal immigration will escalate further, right through the roof.

Nothing short of a complete moratorium on illegal immigration will prevent the 55 to 75 million illegal immigrant scenario projected above by 2015. The guest worker program will do nothing but legitimize the guest worker portion of that figure.

Ladies and gentlemen, the time has come for us to get real with regard to the massive problems that are just ahead, if we do not come to terms with what illegal immigration is doing to this nation, and stop it in it's tracks.

I hope that you will join me in opposing any further plans to transfer the population of Mexico into the United States. It is not fair to the citizens of the United States. It is not fair to the citizens of other nations who deserve a fair equal access to the United States, on a level playing field with our neighbor to the south.

If we truly think the Mexican national deserves a break, then we should advocate our corporations band together and devise an investment program inside of Mexico, that would see grocery, supply, restaurant, resort, hotel and other concerns thrive in every nook and cranny of that nation. The employment opportunities, the increased standards of living would be a boon to the nation, and more importantly, to the Mexican national.

If we truly think business fosters business, the capitalist system works to float all boats, then why don't our businesses open new franchises south of the border, instead of displacing American citizens north of it?

I am sorry to have to tell some people this, but nothing is going to be solved by the waving of a hand. Simply turning the massive wave of people entering this nation, into legitimate guest workers, is not going to lighten the load on our communities, schools and healthcare system.

And folks, if you think our government is going to order millions of illegal immigrants back to Mexico, taking their children out of our schools in the process, dragging them back to Mexico, so the parents can sign up for a guest worker program in the U.S., I'll be glad to help you purchase some great coastal property in Florida that's only under water eleven months of the years. Honest!

By saying that you buy into this impossible scenario, you further the objectives of those who want a guest worker program at any price. Please realize this is never going to be a viable proposal in the manner you'd like it to be.