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### INTRODUCTION

OUR LONG RUNNING CONFLICT OVER IMMIGRATION POLICY AND PRACTICE IS A FORM OF POLITICAL POISON THAT GNAWS AT THE ENTRAILS OF OUR GOVERNMENT. IT IS FRAUGHT WITH MANY DIFFERENT FORMS OF DECEPTION, CORRUPTION AND A CULTURE OF PUBLIC AND PERSONAL DISHONESTY THAT HAVE BEEN FOISTED UPON AND BILLED TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER.

TO ATTEMPT TO START TO UNDO ITS DAMAGE TO OUR COUNTRY, WE EXAMINE ITS PROBLEMS AND PARTS IN WAYS THAT HAVE HAD LITTLE PUBLIC EXPOSURE BEFORE. THIS INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING OUR GOVERNMENT'S ILLEGAL AND UNACKNOWLEDGED USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRO-IMMIGRATION FORCES' MOST PROMINENT "SPECIAL INTERESTS".

WE WILL ALSO IDENTIFY AND QUESTION THE ATTITUDES THAT HAVE NOURISHED THIS PROBLEM AND HAVE ENABLED IT TO CONTINUE TO EXIST IN DEFIANCE OF OUR LAWS AND ETHICS OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY. READERS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR REVELATIONS WITH THE POWER TO CHALLENGE AND SHAKE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUDICIARY AND MEDIA INSTITUTIONS.

THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE HAS BEEN POLITICALLY PUSHED AND PULLED WITH SUCH POWER AND PERSISTENCE THAT IT TOUCHES OUR INDIVIDUAL AND NATIONAL LIVES IN MANY MORE

WAYS THAN IT USED TO. AS A RESULT, A REPORT OF THIS LENGTH CAN ONLY REVEAL FRAGMENTS OF THE WHOLE. NEVERTHELESS, THESE FRAGMENTS CAN ARRANGE THEMSELVES INTO PATTERNS FROM WHICH VALID CONCLUSIONS ARE DISCERNIBLE.

THE FIRST IS THAT GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS, OR LACK THEREOF, HAVE NOT ONLY FAILED TO PRODUCE A REASONABLE MEETING OF MINDS, BUT HAVE POSED SERIOUS QUESTIONS OF THEIR LEGITIMACY, FAIRNESS AND CONSTITUTIONALITY. IT IS WELL TO KEEP THIS IN MIND AS WE SORT OUR WAY THROUGH THE MESS.

THE SECOND CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES, METHODS AND CONSEQUENCES IS THAT THEY HAVE FALLEN WOEFULLY SHORT OF ADVANCING THE NATIONAL INTEREST. INDEED, CLOSE EXAMINATION COULD SUGGEST THAT THEY WERE CONCEIVED TO AVOID EVEN THE BROADEST DEFINITION OF OUR NATIONAL PURPOSE.

AS WITH OTHER SERIOUS ISSUES OUR COUNTRY FACES, THE MATTER OF PERSONAL PREFERENCE AND ARGUMENT PALES IN SIGNIFICANCE TO BEING ABLE TO DEFINE, ARTICULATE AND PUT IN PLACE A RATIONAL POLICY. THIS CHAPTER SHOULD BE READ WITH THAT IN MIND.

**IN THIS ISSUE:** DIFFICULT AS IT MAY BE TO BELIEVE, THERE ARE ASPECTS OF OUR IMMIGRATION PROBLEM THAT HAVE EQUAL, IF NOT GREATER, CLAIMS UPON OUR ATTENTION THAN ITS NUMBERS. THESE ARE THE FORMS OF ACTION AND POLICIES CHOSEN BY GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. THEY RANGE FROM INAPPROPRIATE TO ILLEGAL, DO NOT SERVE THE NATIONAL INTEREST, HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE IF ANY PUBLIC EXPOSURE AND ARE PRESENTED HERE TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR IMMIGRATION ISSUE.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE** WILL BE DEVOTED TO POPULATION AND ITS PART IN OUR AMERICAN RENEWAL.

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## “OUT OF THE SHADOWS”

THE ABOVE PHRASE HAS COME INTO WIDE USE TO DESCRIBE THE PROCESS OF EXPOSING THE TRUE SIZE, SHAPE AND DEMANDS OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PRESENCE IN OUR COUNTRY. THE USE OF THE WORD “SHADOWS” HAS A SPECIAL INTENTION. IT SUGGESTS MYSTERY, SOFT EDGES, OBSCURATION AND BEING UNREACHABLE BY THE BRIGHT LIGHT OF DAY. IT OFFERS A MURKY HAVEN WHERE ACTIVITIES CAN BE SHIELDED OR CARRIED ON CLANDESTINELY. “SHADOWS” CONNOTES THE OPPOSITE OF CLEAR DAYLIGHT AND TRUTH, AND HAS BEEN USED BY PRO-IMMIGRATION FORCES BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A SOFTER, WARMER IMAGE THAN “ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT” FOR THE MILLIONS OF ILLEGALS THAT HAVE ENTERED THE USA SINCE WE RADICALLY CHANGED OUR IMMIGRATION LAW IN 1965. AND JUST AS “OUT OF THE SHADOWS” IS USED TO SOFTEN REFERENCE TO THE PROCESS, SO THE WORD “UNDOCUMENTED” HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO COUNTER THE MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF “ILLEGAL”.

THIS FLIGHT FROM LINGUISTIC REALITY TO FUZZINESS IS A MUCH USED WEAPON DRAWN FROM THE ARSENAL OF “POLITICAL CORRECTNESS” (PC). IT IS INTENDED TO SET ASIDE WHAT MIGHT SEEM DAMAGING TO PC’S CAUSE, TO DEFLECT THOSE SHARP EDGES WITH WHICH WORDS CAN CLEARLY CONVEY THEIR MEANING AND TO TURN THE ARGUMENT AROUND TO A MORE COMFORTABLE DIRECTION.

HERE, HOWEVER, “OUT OF THE SHADOWS” WILL REFER TO THE PROCESS OF ENLIGHTENING THE PUBLIC AS TO OUR GOVERNMENT’S DETERMINED DISREGARD OF OUR REPUBLIC’S STATED LAWS AND PURPOSES IN ITS USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF PRO-IMMIGRATION ORGANIZATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS FUNDING FUNCTION, GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SUBVERT OUR FEDERAL LAWS REGARDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT DETENTION AND SANCTUARY. THE FINAL STEP IN THIS PATTERN OF FAULTY THOUGHT AND POLICY WAS THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S DEPT. OF JUSTICE’S (DOJ) FILING A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF ARIZONA FOR HAVING PASSED A LAW WHICH WAS A MIRROR IMAGE OF EXISTING, BUT UNENFORCED, FEDERAL LAW.

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THE BACKGROUND TO OUR PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IS IMPORTANT. IN 1965 OUR IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION WAS COMPLETELY

CHANGED BY THE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT SPONSORED BY SEN. TED KENNEDY AND A FEW OTHERS. IT GREATLY BROADENED THE NUMBERS AND IDENTITIES OF THOSE ALLOWED TO ENTER, WORK AND GAIN CITIZENSHIP AND, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLAIMED BY ITS PROPONENTS THAT THE NUMBERS, SOURCES AND ECONOMICS SPECIFIED BY THIS ACT WOULD NOT CAUSE VAST CHANGE, THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TURNED OUT TO BE FALSE. THE ACTUAL RESULTS WERE IN EVERY WAY THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT HAD BEEN STATED.

BY THE TIME RONALD REAGAN ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY IN 1980, THESE LARGELY UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION FLOWS, WITH THEIR EMPHASIS ON THIRD WORLD POPULATIONS AND FAMILY UNIFICATION, HAD PRODUCED A CONTINUALLY ENLARGING MASS OF NEW ARRIVALS MOST OF WHOM LACKED ANY REAL EDUCATION AND FOUND EMPLOYMENT BEYOND THEIR REACH.

REAGAN OPPOSED THIS OUT-OF-CONTROL SITUATION, STATING “ANY NATION THAT HAS LOST CONTROL OF ITS BORDERS IS NO LONGER A NATION”. BY THIS TIME THE ENTRY PATTERNS CLEARLY SHOWED THAT THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR IMMIGRATION FLOW WERE MEXICO AND THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO OUR SOUTH.

IN 1986 REAGAN STRUCK, OR THOUGHT HE STRUCK, A DEAL WHEREBY HE APPROVED AMNESTY FOR THE APPROXIMATELY THREE MILLION ILLEGALS THEN ESTIMATED TO BE IN THE COUNTRY IN RETURN FOR WHICH BORDER SECURITY WOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND EMPLOYERS WOULD BE PENALIZED FOR HIRING WORKERS LACKING DOCUMENTATION OF LEGAL STATUS.

THE AMNESTY IMMEDIATELY LEGALIZED THESE ILLEGALS AND IT ALSO SERVED NOTICE ON WAITING POPULATIONS THAT, ONCE ILLEGAL ENTRANCE HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, PROPER AUTHORIZATION WOULD FOLLOW. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE IMMIGRANT INFLOW INCREASED AND QUICKENED.

THE AGREEMENT FORGED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN ATTRACTED POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM A VARIETY OF POLITICALLY POWERFUL CONSTITUENCIES WITH THE RESULT THAT ITS ENFORCEMENT AND FUNDING PROVISIONS WERE IGNORED BY THE CONGRESS.

REAGAN WAS OUR LAST PRESIDENT TO RAISE SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF IMMIGRATION’S NEW REALITY. WITH THE ELECTION OF GEORGE H.W. BUSH IN 1988, FOLLOWED BY PRESIDENTS CLINTON, G.W. BUSH AND OBAMA, THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE

CAME TO BE SEEN AND TREATED AS “TOO HOT TO HANDLE”. EXCEPT FOR THE OBLIGATORY BRIEF REFERENCES IN CAMPAIGN DEBATES NO ATTENTION WAS PAID TO IT.

THIS NEGLECT WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT IT WAS ACCOMPANIED IN THE CLINTON, BUSH II AND OBAMA ADMINISTRATIONS BY ACTIVE EFFORTS TO ALSO SUBVERT THE LAWS THAT WERE BEING IGNORED. AND THIS UNCONSCIONABLE POSITION OF GOVERNMENT STILL EXISTS TODAY, A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AFTER PRES. REAGAN’S COMMENT ABOUT OUR LAX BORDER SECURITY.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF POLITICAL NOTES WHICH BEAR ON THE SITUATION. THE FIRST IS THAT REGULARLY THROUGH VARIOUS POLLS IT IS SHOWN THAT OVER 60% OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FAVOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY. THE OTHER IS THAT, WHEREAS IN A DEMOCRACY IMPORTANT ISSUES ARE SAID TO BE DECIDED BY PUBLIC BALLOT, BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS REFUSE TO ENGAGE IN ANY SUCH REFERENDUM AND PREFER TO BE GUIDED BY LOBBYIST PRESSURES. THIS SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS THAT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IS POISON TO OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE LAST THING THE PRO-IMMIGRATION GROUPS WANT IS A DETERMINATION BY THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION. AND SO WE PROCEED WITH OUR DEMOCRACY IN A DIMINISHED STATE CREATED BY THE MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES IN OUR EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES WHOSE ACTIONS, WHICH DERIVE FROM THE USUAL POLITICAL NEED FOR MONEY AND POWER, MOCK OUR CLAIM TO BE A “NATION OF LAWS”.

IF A FREE NATION IGNORES ITS LAWS, THE CONTRACT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE IS BROKEN AND EVENTUALLY THE RESULT WILL BE CHAOS. OFTEN, IN ORDER TO AVOID COLLAPSE, THE PEOPLE PANIC AND BACK A DICTATOR WHO BY VOICE AND ACTION ASSURES THEM HE WILL PREVENT THE LOOMING CHAOS. THE PRICE OF THIS PREVENTION IS HIGH. IT IS THEIR FREEDOM.

SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, HOWEVER, IS NOT OUR GOVERNMENT’S ONLY FORM OF BETRAYAL. SADLY, THERE IS MORE, MUCH MORE. READ ON.

## DRAMATIS PERSONAE

MANY OF THE CHARACTERS IN OUR GOVERNMENT’S ONGOING IMMIGRATION DRAMA, ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS AND POWERFUL, ARE PROBABLY UNKNOWN TO MOST AMERICANS, AND YET THEY CONSTITUTE THE DOMINANT FORCE IN THE IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT. WHO ARE THEY? AND WHERE DOES THEIR POWER COME FROM?

FIRST, THERE ARE TWO BASIC ELEMENTS SHARED BY THESE GROUPS THAT WE MUST UNDERSTAND. THEY ARE EXTREMELY WEALTHY AND MOST OF THEIR WEALTH DERIVES FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CORPORATE SECTOR AND OUR GOVERNMENT.

CORPORATE INVOLVEMENT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY ITS FUNDING, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A CONTINUING SOURCE OF LOW COST LABOR AND TO INSURE AGAINST WORKPLACE

DISRUPTIONS, PUBLIC PROTESTS, BOYCOTTS, ETC. WHICH CAN REDUCE PROFITS AND MUST BE PREVENTED.

THE SECOND FACTOR IN THE ROLE PLAYED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT IS THAT FOR THEM THERE IS NO ARGUMENT, NO DEBATE, AND NO OBJECTIVITY. IN ALMOST FIFTY YEARS OF DEALING WITH THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE VERY LITTLE IN THE FORM OF REAL COMPROMISE HAS RESULTED AND, EVEN WHEN ATTEMPTED BY PRES. REAGAN AND AGREED TO, WAS IMMEDIATELY DISREGARDED AND LEFT IN A KIND OF LIMBO RESERVED FOR LEGISLATION LONG ON RHETORIC BUT SHORT ON ENFORCEMENT.

AN INTERESTING COMMENT BY REP. LUIS GUTIERREZ, D-IL, THROWS LIGHT ON THE LACK OF SPACE FOR COMPROMISE IN GOVERNMENT’S IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE. GUTIERREZ HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN OPENLY ENCOURAGING AND CONDUCTING PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF THE DREAM ACT. WHEN QUESTIONED BY A REPORTER AS TO WHETHER HE SAW ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN HIS CONGRESSIONAL OATH OF OFFICE AND HIS ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES, HE REPLIED “I HAVE ONLY ONE LOYALTY AND THAT IS TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY.”<sup>1</sup>

THE ARGUMENT CAN BE MADE THAT HE REPRESENTS A GERRYMANDERED, HIGH IMMIGRANT DENSITY DISTRICT AND THAT HE IS ONLY REPRESENTING HIS CONSTITUENCY, BUT, OF COURSE, THAT OMITTS ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST. REP. GUTIERREZ, WHILE REPRESENTING A LOCAL DISTRICT, IS EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND CHARGED TO CONDUCT THE NATION’S BUSINESS.

IMMIGRATION IS A POSTER BOY OF THE POLITICS OF “MORE” — AS IN MORE IMMIGRANTS, MORE MONEY AND MORE VOTES. THESE FORM A CYCLE IN WHICH EACH REINFORCES THE OTHERS. ITS BASIC ASSUMPTION OF A PERPETUAL INFLUX OF NEW POPULATION ARGUES AGAINST “THE LAW OF LIMITS” REGARDING THE CONTENTS OF A FINITE SPACE AND, WITH THE HELP OF SUBSTANTIAL LOBBYIST SUPPORT, HAS BEEN ABLE TO GAIN SUPPORT, BUT NOT A MAJORITY, IN CONGRESS.

BUT LOBBYIST FUNDS ARE ONLY HALF OF THE “DOUBLE WHAMMY” DELIVERED BY CONGRESS TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE OTHER HALF IS ITS ILLEGAL, DIRECT FUNDING OF PRO-IMMIGRATION ORGANIZATIONS WITH U.S. TAXPAYER DOLLARS. THIS FUNDING IS EVEN MORE EGREGIOUS IN THAT IT SUPPORTS PURPOSES THAT THE MAJORITY OF POLLED AMERICANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED.

THIS USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO SUPPORT BOTH ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS RAISES BROAD LEGAL, ETHICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS. FOR INSTANCE, GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY IS NOT LIMITED ONLY TO DIRECT GRANTS, BUT ALSO TO OTHER FORMS OF AID SUCH AS “DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT”, “INDIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT” AND “GOVERNMENT FEES AND CONTRACTS”. FOR THIS REPORT WE HAVE INCLUDED A FEW REPRESENTATIVE STATISTICS DRAWN FROM A SMALL NUMBER OF SOURCES WHICH CAN ONLY HINT AT THE TRUE SIZE OF GOVERNMENT’S INVOLVEMENT AND INFLUENCE. OVER THE YEARS THESE HAVE EXPANDED AT A TROUBLING RATE AND NOW FORM AN ALMOST IMPENETRABLE WARREN OF RULES, REGULATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS AND ORDERS THAT ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT OUR BUREAUCRACY HERE AND OVERSEAS. AS WITH OTHER INSTANCES OF UNCONTROLLED GROWTH, GOVERNMENT’S

IMMIGRATION RULE BOOK IS OFTEN SELF-CONFLICTING.

THERE ARE A FEW NAMES THAT APPEAR IN THE PRO-IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS WITH INCREASINGLY PREDICTIVE FREQUENCY. THESE ARE LA RAZA (THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LARAZA), LULAC (THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS) AND MALDEF (THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND). LA RAZA MEANS THE RACE AND REFERS PRIMARILY TO THE LATINO POPULATIONS IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA. BOTH LA RAZA AND MALDEF WERE CREATED BY THE FORD FOUNDATION AND HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY IT SINCE THEIR INCEPTION. THIS PRIVATE BACKING IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR A DEMOCRACY SUCH AS OURS, BUT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCING IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTER.

REGARDLESS OF AMOUNTS OR THEIR BENEFICIARIES, FEDERAL USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS WITHIN OUR LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE RAISES AN UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF RED AND YELLOW FLAGS. THESE INVOLVE CONSIDERATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS AND A GENERAL APPLICATION OF OUR STATED NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY. IN COMBINATION OR INDIVIDUALLY, THESE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ALL SHARE IN POSING THE LARGER QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DIRECT PUBLIC TAX MONEY TO PRIVATE ENTITIES AND THEIR PURPOSES. ANY OBJECTION TO SUCH ACTIVITIES IS BOLSTERED BY A 1991 SUPREME COURT DECISION, LEHNERT V. FERRIS FACULTY ASSOCIATION<sup>2</sup>, IN WHICH IT DECREED THAT THE USE OF LABOR UNION DUES TO FUND NON-UNION ACTIVITIES WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

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IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THE LAYMAN, AND EVEN MOST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF GOVERNMENT'S APPLICATION OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO PRIVATE IMMIGRATION INTERESTS. SHOWN HERE ARE SOME RANDOM STATISTICS TAKEN FROM A STUDY ISSUED IN 2002<sup>3</sup>.

THESE NUMBERS DO NOT PROVIDE A MAP TO PLOT THE COURSE OF SOLVING OUR IMMIGRATION PROBLEM. THEY DO PROVIDE CLUES, HOWEVER, AS TO ITS PAST HISTORY AND PRESENT DIRECTION AND POSE THE BASIC QUESTION — "IS GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING A WORKABLE SOLUTION, KNOWING THAT WHATEVER IT DOES WILL ANTAGONIZE MILLIONS OF VOTERS?"

WE MUST BE AWARE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S IMMIGRATION "TENT" IS A LARGE ONE THAT INCLUDES A VARIETY OF CAUSES AND ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED AS "ETHNIC/RACIAL" AND "RELIGIOUS" WHICH CONSTITUTED ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF OUR SAMPLE BELOW.

IN THE "ETHNIC/RACIAL" CATEGORY WE FIND MULTIPLE INSTANCES IN WHICH ENTITIES HAVE BEEN CREATED AND ARE MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE "RIGHTS" FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS THAT REPRESENT IMMIGRANTS FROM SUCH VARIED COMMUNITIES AS AFRICA, CAMBODIA, ETHIOPIA, HAITI, CUBA, THE KURDS AND THE HUMONG. IN MOST OF THESE NONPROFIT ENTITIES GOVERNMENT PROVIDES OVER 90% OF THEIR FUNDING, AND NONE OF THESE COULD SURVIVE WITHOUT IT.<sup>4</sup>

THESE RECIPIENTS REVEAL A FAIRLY WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE FROM THE CARIBBEAN AREA TO SE ASIA, BUT WE WOULD BE MISTAKEN TO ASSUME THAT ALL "ETHNIC/RACIAL" GROUPS HAVE EQUAL BACKING. ACTUALLY, THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED NONPROFITS REPRESENT ONLY THOSE OF AFRICAN, ASIAN AND HISPANIC DESCENT. THERE ARE NONE DEVOTED TO THOSE OF EUROPEAN ORIGIN<sup>5</sup>.

ON THE RECEIVING END HERE IN THE U.S. WE FIND THAT GOVERNMENT GRANTS HAVE BEEN USED TO RESETTLE IMMIGRANTS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE 2002 STUDY CITED THESE STATES AS BEING PROMISING TARGETS FOR THE LOCATION OF NEW IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS: GEORGIA, INDIANA, KANSAS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, TENNESSEE, WISCONSIN AND UPSTATE NEW YORK<sup>6</sup>. AS THESE THIRTEEN STATES BY POPULATION, AREA AND LOCATION CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE COUNTRY, WE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED A THRUST OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY SOME NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC, BUT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED. AS IN OTHER MATTERS, PUBLIC FUNDING FOR IMMIGRATION CAUSES AND SETTLEMENT DOES NOT ASSURE PUBLIC INFORMATION.

THE SIZE OF GOVERNMENT GRANTS COVERS A RANGE OF FROM LESS THAN \$1,500 TO MORE THAN \$20 MILLION. IN THE LATTER CATEGORY THERE WERE ONLY TWO RECIPIENTS — LA COOPERATIVA CAMPESERIA DE CALIFORNIA (\$20.7M) AND THE UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL (\$70M) WHOSE FUNDING WAS DIRECTED TO THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN ISRAEL. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF GRANTS MEASURED BY THEIR AMOUNTS WAS 58 IN THE \$100,000 TO \$500,000 CATEGORY<sup>7</sup>.

MORE REVEALING THAN THE ACTUAL SIZE OF THE GRANTS WAS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE RECIPIENTS' TOTAL REVENUES REPRESENTED BY THEIR GRANTS. FOR INSTANCE, THE \$20.7M (ABOVE) FOR LA COOPERATIVA CAMPESERIA DE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTED 99.9% OF ITS TOTAL REVENUES WHILE THE \$70M ASSIGNED TO THE UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL AMOUNTED TO ONLY 21.3% OF ITS TOTAL REVENUE.

IN ALL, 85, OR 50%, OF THE 171 NONPROFITS QUESTIONED RECEIVED OVER 50% OF THEIR ANNUAL REVENUES FROM OUR GOVERNMENT'S USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO PROMOTE IMMIGRATION LEVELS AND METHODS THAT ARE OPPOSED BY ROUGHLY 60% OF THE ELECTORATE.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S RECEIPT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING IS SPREAD OVER MANY DIFFERENT LOCAL AND NATIONAL ENTITIES THE LARGEST OF WHICH IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NEW ORLEANS WHICH RECEIVED JUST OVER \$14M AND 70% OF ITS REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT GRANTS. OTHER CATHOLIC GROUPS WERE GIVEN SMALLER DOLLAR AMOUNTS WHICH PRODUCED A WIDE VARIETY OF REVENUE PERCENTAGES, BUT IN GENERAL MOST CATHOLIC BENEFICIARIES REPORTED REVENUE PERCENTAGES OF FROM 50% TO 75%.<sup>8</sup>

TURNING BACK TO THE LEADING ORGANIZATIONS WE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED, WE FIND MIXED RESULTS. LULAC WAS GIVEN \$2.96M WHICH AMOUNTED TO 68.1% OF ITS REVENUES. LARAZA RECEIVED ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY (\$3.0M) BUT ITS LARGER REVENUE BASE SHRUNK THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUES TO 22.8%. NO INFORMATION APPEARED REGARDING MALDEF.

THE LOWER REVENUE PERCENTAGE OF LA RAZA REFLECTS ITS SUBSTANTIAL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES OF WHICH THE MOST NOTABLE IS THE FORD FOUNDATION. ACCORDINGLY, GOVERNMENT FUNDING IS NOT AS CRITICAL A COMPONENT AND NOT NECESSARY FOR SURVIVAL. IT MAY WELL BE THAT THESE LESS THAN ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE TO SERVE POLITICAL CORRECTNESS (PC) AND AVOID FRICTION AND/OR CRITICISM FROM THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

EITHER WAY, THE USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO FUND PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT CREATED ORGANIZATIONS IS A HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE. THE TOTAL OF THE GRANTS TO THESE 171 ENTITIES CAME TO \$292M, AN AMOUNT CONSIDERED AS SMALL BY CONGRESSIONAL STANDARDS, BUT WHICH LOOMS LARGE TO TAXPAYERS WHO "FOOT THE BILL".

## "RIGHTS" AND WRONGS

ALMOST EVERY POLITICAL ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF IMMIGRATION IS FRAMED IN TERMS OF IMMIGRANTS' "RIGHTS" AND NUMBERS. QUOTATION MARKS ARE USED FOR "RIGHTS" BECAUSE OFTEN THEY DO NOT EXIST AND ARE ONLY WISHED FOR. NUMBERS ARE MORE SPECIFIC AND ARE THE COMMON ELEMENT AND THE BROAD, MOVING FRONT OF THE IMMIGRATION CONFLICT.

BENEATH THESE TWO ARGUMENTS, WHICH ARE THE ONES MOST CLEARLY AND WIDELY OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC, THERE EXISTS AN ASSORTMENT OF GOVERNMENT ACTIONS WHICH CAN BE VIEWED AS INAPPROPRIATE, IRRESPONSIBLE, HYPOCRITICAL, UNETHICAL, DISCRIMINATORY, DECEPTIVE OR ILLEGAL. THESE ACTIONS AND METHODS POSE LEGITIMATE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO OUR DEMOCRACY AND GIVE RISE TO TROUBLING CONCERNS ABOUT OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY.

THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE REACHES INTO EVERY AREA OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE, AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF NATIONAL RENEWAL THAT IS NEEDED UNLESS IT CAN BE RESOLVED IN A WAY THAT PROMISES STABILITY OF POLICY AND SOME BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL FOR THE NEXT HALF CENTURY.

OUR COUNTRY IS HOME TO AN ACTIVE AND VIOLENT CRIMINAL POPULATION THAT HAS EXPERIENCED EXTRAORDINARY EXPANSION DUE TO DRUGS — THEIR GROWING USE BY THE PUBLIC AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION BY INTERNATIONAL CARTELS AND THE YOUTH GANGS THAT THEY EMPLOY.

ADD TO THIS MIX A STEADY STREAM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITH LIMITED EDUCATION, PERHAPS A PRIOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND THE DESIRE FOR EASY, FAST AND LARGE PAYDAYS AND THE PROBLEM GETS WORSE.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CRIME DOES NOT RECEIVE MUCH ATTENTION IN THE MEDIA, OR FROM GOVERNMENT REPORTING SOURCES, BECAUSE ILLEGAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS MOSTLY DIRECTED TO DRUGS, SEX CRIMES, ROBBERY, MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES AND FAMILY VIOLENCE. SEX AND FAMILY ABUSE CASES, BECAUSE OF THEIR SENSATIONALISM, TEND TO RECEIVE MORE MEDIA ATTENTION THAN THE OTHERS, BUT, GENERALLY, ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CRIME IS NOT WELL REPORTED EVEN THOUGH ITS IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS CAN BE SEVERE.

A RECENT STUDY OF 55,000 ILLEGAL ALIENS IN OUR PRISON SYSTEM SHOWED THAT THEY AVERAGED ABOUT 13 CRIMES EACH<sup>9</sup>. AND IN ANOTHER SAMPLE OF 240,000 ILLEGAL ALIEN SEX OFFENDERS IT WAS REPORTED THAT THEY AVERAGED 4 VICTIMS EACH<sup>10</sup>.

WITH IMMIGRATION CRIME THERE ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT RESPONSES. AT THE LOCAL, OR INDIVIDUAL LEVEL THERE IS MEDIA COVERAGE, ALARM AND DISAPPROVAL, BUT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IT IS LARGELY IGNORED LEST IDENTIFICATION OF ILLEGAL ALIENS AS CRIMINALS BE CONSIDERED AS POLITICALLY INCORRECT AND OFFENSIVE TO THE PERPETRATOR'S ETHNIC GROUP. IT IS THIS SUPPRESSION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, POLITICAL PARTIES AND SOURCES THAT COMPLICATES THE PROBLEM, CREATES DISTRUST AND LESSENS OUR CHANCES OF ACHIEVING RESOLUTION.

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THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT GOVERNMENT'S USE OF ITS POWER TO WITHHOLD OR MISSTATE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO SERVE ITS PURPOSES. WE SAW A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THIS IN THE EFFORT TO PUSH THROUGH THE DREAM ACT IN THE LAME DUCK SESSION OF CONGRESS AT YEAR-END 2010. THIS ACT WAS REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO IN THE PRESS AS PROVIDING AMNESTY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO ATTEND COLLEGE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE PUNISHED FOR THE CRIMES OF THEIR PARENTS.

ACTUALLY, THERE WAS NO AGE LIMIT IN THE HOUSE SESSION (H.R. 1751) AND THE SENATE (S 729) VERSION'S WAS AGE 35. THERE WERE OTHER ELEMENTS THAT WERE NOT EMPHASIZED. UNDER THIS ACT ILLEGAL ALIENS WOULD HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE RIGHT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE TO AMERICAN STUDENTS. ESTIMATES AS HIGH AS TWO MILLION OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF THIS ACT'S BENEFICIARIES CONFLICTED WITH OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF A "SMALL" OR "LIMITED" NUMBER<sup>11</sup>

IN THIS INSTANCE IT WAS THE DEMOCRATIC LAME DUCK MAJORITY THAT PUSHED FOR PASSAGE AND DESCRIBED THE CONTENTS OF THIS ACT. ACCURATE AND OPEN REPORTING HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENRICH OUR NATIONAL ARGUMENTS OVER ANY SUBJECT, BUT THEY HAVE TO START AT THE BEGINNING. IF NOT, NO MATTER WHO WINS, OUR DEMOCRACY LOSES.

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ONE OF THE THORNIEST PROBLEMS THAT WE ENCOUNTER IN OUR IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT IS THAT OF ASSIMILATION. IF WE LOOK FOR A LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION CAPABLE OF LASTING FOR THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS, WE MUST INCLUDE IN OUR THINKING IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT ARE NOW INDICATED FOR THAT PERIOD. THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU PROJECTS THAT IN THE NEXT FORTY YEARS OUR POPULATION WILL ADD 130 MILLION PEOPLE<sup>12</sup> — AND OF THIS INCREASE IT IS ANTICIPATED BY THE PEW HISPANIC CENTER THAT 82% WILL COME FROM IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR CHILDREN<sup>13</sup>.

ONE REASON ASSIMILATION IS SO DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH IS THAT IT HAS UNDERGONE A DECIDED CHANGE IN HOW IT IS PERCEIVED BY BOTH NEW ENTRANTS AND ESTABLISHED RESIDENTS. THE IDEA OF ASSIMILATION AS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF IMMIGRANTS HAS BEEN A MOTIVATING FORCE SHARED BY MANY GROUPS. FOR RESIDENTS, IT WAS A COMFORT BECAUSE IT WAS A PROCESS OF GRADUAL ABSORPTION BY WHICH THE IMMIGRANT SHED HIS/HER ORIGINAL IDENTITY AND BECAME AMERICAN AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION. FOR IMMIGRANTS IT WAS A MEANS OF CHANGE, OF REBIRTH, WHICH CHANGED THEIR LANGUAGE AND THEIR FUTURE IN WAYS THAT WERE NOT AVAILABLE IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. IT WAS A WIN/WIN EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH PARTIES.

BUT TIME PASSES, AND WITH IT OUR VALUES. LABOR UNIONS, FOR INSTANCE, THAT BITTERLY OPPOSED IMMIGRATION NOW FAVOR IT. AND IMMIGRANTS, THEMSELVES, NO LONGER VIEW ASSIMILATION AS THEIR END GOAL, PREFERRING TO MAINTAIN HOME CULTURE ENCLAVES WHERE THEY CAN CONTINUE THE PATTERNS OF THEIR HOME COUNTRY DRESS, LANGUAGE, RELIGION, CUISINE, MUSIC, DANCE, ETC. IN THE SPACE OF ONLY TWO GENERATIONS THEY HAVE CHANGED COURSE 180° FROM ARDENT FAVOR TO DETERMINED RESISTANCE.

SUCH A REVERSAL OF THOUGHT AND FEELING IS NOT EASILY ACCOMPLISHED ON ONE'S OWN, AND THOSE WHO DO IT HAVE HAD HELP FROM THOSE ON THE OUTSIDE WHO STRIVE TO DENIGRATE OUR AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC EXPERIENCE. OUR TURN AWAY FROM ASSIMILATION AS A GOAL FOR NEW AND OLD POPULATIONS ALIKE IS A GAME CHANGER FOR OUR SOCIETY. IT WILL WEAKEN BONDS OVER A CENTURY OLD AND WILL STRENGTHEN AND CLARIFY LINES OF SEPARATION WHICH OUR POLICY OF ASSIMILATION HOPED AND TRIED TO OVERCOME.

THE POPULATION FIGURES CITED EARLIER FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU AND THE PEW HISPANIC CENTER SUGGEST THAT BY MID-CENTURY WE WILL HAVE ADDED WELL OVER 100 MILLION IMMIGRANTS TO OUR POPULATION MIX, AS WELL AS A HOST OF QUESTIONS THAT THEIR PRESENCE WILL RAISE.

FOR NOW, WE AGAIN ARE FORCED TO REALIZE THAT THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE, AS IT IS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC BY GOVERNMENT AND PRO-IMMIGRATION INTERESTS, LACKS ANY MENTION OF ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT UPON OUR SOCIETY, LET ALONE ECONOMY, OF OVER 100 MILLION NEW MIGRANTS.

IN EUROPE THE MASS MUSLIM IMMIGRATION HAS SO DISTURBED HOST POPULATIONS IN ENGLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY AND THE NETHERLANDS THAT RESTRICTIONIST POLITICAL GROUPS THAT HAD BEEN VIEWED AS FRINGE ELEMENTS HAVE RECENTLY GAINED BOTH GROUND AND VOICE IN THEIR PARLIAMENTS.

EUROPE DIFFERS GREATLY FROM US POLITICALLY. PHYSICALLY, IT IS LESS SPACIOUS THAN OUR OCEAN-TO-OCEAN LAND MASS, AND, AS ITS PEOPLE LIVE MORE CLOSELY TO EACH OTHER, ANY DISTURBANCE IS PASSED ALONG MORE QUICKLY AND FELT MORE KEENLY THAN IN OUR LARGER AND MORE OPEN SPACE.

THERE IS A CURIOUS ANOMALY EVIDENT HERE. THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES NAMED ABOVE WERE ABLE TO COME TOGETHER IN NATO TO RESIST STALIN'S MILITANT MESSAGE OF COMMUNIST WORLD DOMINATION, BUT THEY BECAME TONE DEAF AND MISSED THE SOFTER SOUNDS OF SOCIALISM'S

SEDUCTION. AND IT IS ONLY RECENTLY THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO STEM THE TIDE OF MUSLIM ARRIVALS WHO WANT ACCESS TO JOBS, EDUCATION, HOUSING, BENEFITS, ETC., BUT NOT ASSIMILATION.

THE EUROPEAN LESSON DESERVES OUR ATTENTION. IF WE ADDRESS IT FRANKLY, IT CAN BECOME A NATIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND HELP TO OPEN UP OUR IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION TO THE POINT WHERE LIVING HISTORY COULD REFUTE THE MULTICULTURALIST'S CLAIMS FOR DIVISION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT, AS JUST THE BASIC STEP OF LOOKING AHEAD FIFTY YEARS WILL REQUIRE A CHANGE IN OUR VISION OF PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IMMIGRATION POLICY.

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IMMIGRATION INTRUDES INTO OUR POLITICAL PROCESS AT ALL LEVELS FROM LOCAL TO FEDERAL IN WAYS TOO MANY TO ANALYZE HERE. IN ITS BROADEST TERMS, HOWEVER, IT HAS INCREASED THE RACIAL/SOCIAL/WEALTH DIVIDE BETWEEN OUR TWO MAJOR PARTIES. AS THE DEMOCRATS FAVOR GREATER SPENDING AND LARGER GOVERNMENT PROVIDING MORE SERVICES (I.E., EDUCATION, MEDICAL, HOUSING, ETC.), THEIR PARTY HAS BECOME A MAGNET TO MOST IMMIGRANT VOTERS AND HAS BENEFITED BY THE ADMISSION OF OVER A MILLION ANNUALLY. AND, BECAUSE OUR IMMIGRANT MIX IS SET BY LEGISLATION TO EMPHASIZE AFRICAN, ASIAN, LATIN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN, THIS CONTINUING PROCESS FOSTERS THE SAME RACIALIZATION OF OUR SOCIETY THAT OUR DEMOCRACY IS PLEDGED TO REJECT.

THIS CONTINUING RACIAL DIVIDE ACTS AS A DETERRENT TO ASSIMILATION THAT WAS NOT A FACTOR IN OUR NINETEENTH AND EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY WAVES OF PREDOMINANTLY WHITE AND CHRISTIAN EUROPEAN IMMIGRATION.

ANOTHER BARRIER TO ASSIMILATION ENCOUNTERED BY TODAY'S IMMIGRANTS IS THEIR EXPLOITATION BY MULTICULTURALIST ELEMENTS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR DIFFERENCES IN PROMOTING AND RECOGNIZING AS MANY HYPHENATED AMERICAN COMMUNITIES AS POSSIBLE. THIS BREAKING DOWN OF OUR SOCIETY INTO SEPARATE ETHNIC ELEMENTS AND IDENTITIES HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED OUR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE OF IMMIGRATION, AND HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT ASSIMILATION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF BOTH HOST AND MIGRANT SHARE ITS GOAL.

HERE AGAIN, OUR GOVERNMENT FINDS ITSELF WITH AN AWKWARD CHOICE BETWEEN RESPONDING TO THE MULTICULTURALIST CLAMOR FOR ETHNIC ACCOMMODATION OR OUR DEMOCRACY'S VIEW AND PRACTICE OF IMMIGRATION AS A POLICY TO SERVE THE NATION AT LARGE. OVER TIME, OUR RECORD FOR THE LATTER HAS RANGED FROM SUCCESSFUL TO UNEVEN TO ITS PRESENT STATE OF DYSFUNCTION. IT INCLUDES SERIOUS BETRAYALS WITH SIGNIFICANT CONSTITUTIONAL AND ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS.

ASSIMILATION IS A PROCESS THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE SOCIAL DIMENSION AND CONFRONTS US AT WORK, AT PLAY AND IN OUR LEGAL/POLITICAL STRUCTURE. GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE IN THE LATTER IS NOTABLE BY ANY STANDARD, AND PARTICULARLY SO IN THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE.

IN 1965, WHEN CONGRESS REWROTE OUR NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW, ITS PRIME SPONSOR, SENATOR TED KENNEDY, STATED:

"FIRST, OUR CITIES WILL NOT BE FLOODED WITH A MILLION IMMIGRANTS ANNUALLY. UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL THE PRESENT LEVEL OF IMMIGRATION REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME." 14

NOTHING COULD HAVE BEEN FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH, AND OUR IMMIGRATION FLOW BEGAN A LONG PERIOD OF ESCALATION TO LEVELS PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN, AND APPARENTLY UNIMAGINED.

ANOTHER REVISION TOOK PLACE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986 (IRCA) WHICH CONTAINED A PROVISION OFFERED BY REP. BARNEY FRANK (D-MA) THAT BARRED DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A LEGAL IMMIGRANT'S "CITIZENSHIP STATUS", MAKING IT AN UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE TO DISCRIMINATE BECAUSE OF LACK OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP. THIS BROADLY EXTENDED THE AREA OF LEGAL REMEDY AVAILABLE TO IMMIGRANTS.

THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF OUR IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION ARE MANY AND COMPLEX, AND INCLUDE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION, PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND BUREAUCRATIC REGULATIONS. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT AT SOME POINT IT CAME IN CONTACT WITH OUR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM WHICH HAS GROWN TO EMBRACE OTHER THAN ITS ORIGINAL AFRO-AMERICAN CONSTITUENCY.

IRCA SPECIFIES THAT IMMIGRANTS MUST BE TREATED THE SAME AS NATIVE-BORN CITIZENS IN MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT, THEREBY MAKING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THEM. THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS PROVISION IS THAT IT PUTS THE EVER INCREASING NUMBERS OF NEW IMMIGRANTS IN COMPETITION WITH OUR TRADITIONAL BLACK MINORITY FOR WHOM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION WAS CREATED.

IT HAS BEEN CLAIMED THAT CONGRESS DID NOT INTEND TO CREATE THIS CONFLICT, BUT THE LAW HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO CORRECT IT. THAT SUCH A CONTRADICTIONARY RESULT SHOULD OCCUR IS APPALLING AND YET IS ONLY ANOTHER IN THE ALL TOO LONG LIST OF GOVERNMENT'S IMMIGRATION INCOMPETENCE AND IRRESPONSIBILITY.

THIS EQUALIZING OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ACCESS MAY WELL CONTRIBUTE TO THE RECENT DIFFERENCES IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES OF NATIVE-BORN AMERICAN CITIZENS AND IMMIGRANTS. THE PEW HISPANIC CENTER HAS REPORTED THAT IN THE PERIOD 6/09-5/10 LEGAL AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ADDED 656,000 JOBS AND REDUCED THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FROM 9.3 TO 8.7%, WHEREAS NATIVE-BORN AMERICANS LOST 1.2 MILLION JOBS AND INCREASED THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT FROM 9.3

TO 10% .15 THESE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTS ILLUSTRATE HOW DIFFICULT THE PROCESS OF ASSIMILATION CAN BE WHEN EVEN OUR INTENTION COMES TO BE QUESTIONED. IT DOES NOT HELP WHEN GOVERNMENT'S HANDS SEEM TO BE SET TO OPPOSITE PURPOSES.

WHETHER INTENTIONAL, AS IN GOVERNMENT'S FUNDING OF PRIVATE GROUPS, OR UNINTENTIONAL, AS CLAIMED FOR ITS MAKING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AVAILABLE TO IMMIGRANTS, IT IS INESCAPABLE THAT OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OUR GOVERNMENT'S IMMIGRATION POLICY HAS CONSISTED OF AN ACCUMULATION OF SELF-PROPAGATING BLUNDERS THAT MAINTAIN A STATE OF CONFUSION, ADVANCE SOME "SPECIAL INTERESTS AND DEFY OUR DEMOCRACY.

THERE ARE MANY LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S INABILITY TO FULLY UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE AS IT HAS PLAYED OUT OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY. THERE ARE CERTAINLY LEGAL QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE FUNDING AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

BUT THERE ARE MANY MORE INSTANCES IN WHICH GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS HAVE SET ONE PART OF OUR CIVIC STRUCTURE AGAINST ANOTHER. THIS KIND OF INTERNAL STRESS WEAKENS GOVERNMENT, LOOSENS THE TIES OF OUR SOCIAL CONTRACT, CREATES ENMITY AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, DILUTES OUR DEMOCRACY AT A TIME WHEN IT IS CALLED FOR TO BE ITS STRONGEST HERE AND ABROAD.

THE BROADEST AND MOST INSIDIOUS FORM OF LEGAL DAMAGE WREAKED UPON OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ITS HOLLOWING OUT OF OUR LAWS. IN THE "NATION OF LAWS" WE CLAIM TO BE THIS IS A FORM OF SLOW POISON.

GOING BACK TO PRES. REAGAN, WHEN HE SUPPORTED THE 1986 AMNESTY FOR 2.7 MILLION ILLEGALS THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT IN RETURN THAT EMPLOYERS WOULD BE FINED FOR HIRING ILLEGALS AND NEW ARRIVALS WOULD BE REDUCED IN NUMBER.

IT BECAME CLEAR ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THAT THE PRO-IMMIGRATION COALITION OF INTERESTS HAD NO INTENTION OF HONORING THIS AGREEMENT, AS IN THE SUBSEQUENT FOURTEEN YEARS SIX OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO INCREASE IMMIGRANT NUMBERS, PARDONS AND BENEFITS.16 IN ADDITION TO THESE PUBLIC MEASURES, CONGRESS HAS THE POWER, AND HAS REGULARLY EXERCISED IT, TO PASS "PRIVATE RELIEF BILLS" OFFERED WITH LITTLE ATTENTION AND LESS OVERSIGHT TO BENEFIT SPECIFIC GROUPS, INTERESTS, LOCALITIES, ETC.

IT'S EVIDENT THAT THE AMNESTY PRES. REAGAN ENVISIONED AS A MEANS OF STABILIZING OUR MIGRANT INFLOW HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A CORNUCOPIA OF CONTINUING PRIVILEGE IN OPPOSITION TO BOTH THE LETTER AND INTENT OF THE 1986 ACT.

A VARIETY OF EFFORTS TO EVADE OUR EXISTING IMMIGRATION LAW IS SHARED BY CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. PRES. OBAMA HAS LABORED TO CONVINC

THE PUBLIC THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WANTS AND HAS BEGUN TO CONTROL IMMIGRATION, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE (DOJ) AND HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) UNDER ATTORNEYS GENERAL HOLDER AND SECRETARY NAPOLITANO HAVE ENGAGED IN OFF-CAMERA EFFORTS TO DISMISS CASES; TO POSTPONE TRIALS OR HEARINGS; TO DELAY OR CANCEL DEPORTATIONS; TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON ALL BUT THE MOST VIOLENT CONVICTED IMMIGRANT FELONS; AND TO RELEASE THOSE AWAITING DETERMINATION OF STATUS INTO THEIR OWN CUSTODY WITH NO ASSURANCE OF REAPPEARANCE OR GOVERNMENT’S ABILITY TO TRACK AND LOCATE THEM.

FOR EXAMPLE, FAIR CITES A 10/21/10 LETTER FROM SOME MEMBERS OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO NAPOLITANO REGARDING THE DHS DISMISSAL OF ACTIONS AGAINST POSSIBLE DEPORTEES WITHOUT A REQUEST FROM THE ALIENS OR THEIR ATTORNEYS, STATING THAT THESE DISMISSALS IN HOUSTON, TX INCREASED SHARPLY FROM 27 IN JULY TO 271 IN AUGUST.<sup>17</sup> IRONICALLY, WHILE DHS WAS WIDELY ENGAGED IN THESE DISMISSALS, NAPOLITANO CLAIMED HER DEPARTMENT WAS ON TRACK FOR “ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR OF CRIMINAL ALIEN REMOVALS”.<sup>18</sup> PERHAPS SHE MEANT REMOVAL FROM PROSECUTION.

IT IS NOT UNUSUAL IN OUR OVERSIZED BUREAUCRACY TO FIND CONFLICTING ACTIONS, BUT AT THE HIGHEST CONGRESSIONAL/CABINET LEVEL THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR SUCH CONFUSION. STILL, IT IS THERE FOR ALL TO SEE. WHAT’S NOT SO EVIDENT IS HOW THE NATIONAL INTEREST IS SERVED.

WHAT HAS RESULTED IS A MASSIVE ABUSE AND PERFORATION OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAW THAT HAS ESTABLISHED AN OFF-THE-RECORD, SECONDARY FORM OF AMNESTY WHICH, THOUGH OFFICIALLY UNACKNOWLEDGED, HAS PROVIDED A WAY FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF MIGRANTS TO EXIT THE “SHADOWS” OF OUR SYSTEM. THIS UNDERGROUND AMNESTY PROCESS IS NOT LIMITED TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION, BUT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT, AT FIRST INFORMALLY AND THEN MORE ACTIVELY, SINCE THE END OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION.

WITH THE EXAMPLE AND PRECEDENT SET FOR SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT (I.E. UNENFORCEMENT) AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES HAVE FOUND WAYS TO REFLECT THE FEDERAL APPROACH IN LOCAL EXCLUSIONARY LEGISLATION OR SANCTUARY REGULATIONS. AND THEY HAVE DONE SO WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR EXTRA-LEGAL ACTIONS WERE SAFE FROM JUDICIAL OR POLITICAL INTERFERENCE.

NOT ONLY HAVE LOCAL EVASIONS BEEN ALLOWED, THEY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED AND FUNDED ACCORDING TO JESSICA VAUGHAN OF THE CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES WHO HAS REPORTED “THAT THE DHS GAVE \$62 MILLION TO TWENTY-SEVEN JURISDICTIONS THAT OBSTRUCT IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT IN 2010”<sup>19</sup>. QUITE LOGICALLY, VAUGHAN POINTS OUT THAT THESE GRANTS CONFLICT WITH AND NEGATE THE WORK OF ANOTHER FEDERAL AGENCY, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE).

AS EXTENSIVE AND CLEAR AS THIS RECORD OF NON-ENFORCEMENT IS, IT COULD NOT PREPARE US FOR WHAT MAY BE GOVERNMENT’S ULTIMATE OUTRAGE — IT’S FILING SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT AGAINST THE STATE OF AZ TO NULLIFY THE LATTER’S PASSAGE OF SB1070 DESIGNED TO MIRROR FEDERAL LAW AND MAKE POSSIBLE AT THE STATE LEVEL THE ENFORCEMENT THAT GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE.

OUTRAGE MAY SEEM TO SOME TOO HARSH A WORD, BUT IT IS NOT. FOR MOST OF ITS LIFE THE IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT HAS BEEN OVER NUMBERS AND SOURCES. THE GROWING LACK OF FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT SINCE THE 1965 ACT COMPLICATED THE ARGUMENT AND ITS CONSEQUENCES, BUT THE ISSUE REMAINED AN IMMIGRATION ISSUE.

NOW, HOWEVER, WITH THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S RECOURSE TO FEDERAL VS. STATE LITIGATION, THE ISSUE EXPANDS TO REVISIT THE ARGUMENT OF STATES RIGHTS VS. FEDERAL POWER WHICH HAS BEEN WITH US IN VARIOUS FORMS SINCE OUR REPUBLIC’S FOUNDING.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON OUR COUNTRY OF THIS MOVE CANNOT BE OVERESTIMATED. ALREADY APPROXIMATELY HALF OF OUR STATES ARE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS STAGES OF PREPARING THEIR OWN ENFORCEMENT LEGISLATION AND ARE AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE AZ CASE APPEALS PROCESS WHICH SEEMS CERTAIN TO REACH THE SUPREME COURT.

THE GOVERNMENT’S POSITION IS NOT WITHOUT IRONY, AS IT UNDERTAKES TO PREVENT AZ FROM ENACTING STATE LAW SIMILAR, IF NOT IDENTICAL, TO THE LEGITIMATELY ENACTED FEDERAL LAW WHICH GOVERNMENT IS CHARGED, BUT HAS REFUSED, TO ENFORCE. AND THE GOVERNMENT’S ACTION RAISES CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WITHIN OUR DEMOCRACY AS TO STATE/FEDERAL POWERS AND WHETHER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN LEGITIMATELY IGNORE AND SUBVERT ITS OWN LAW.

THERE IS ANOTHER ASPECT, LESS LEGAL IN NATURE, WHICH STRIKES AT THE HEART OF OUR DEMOCRACY. CAN SMALL GROUPS OF POLITICAL ELITES IN OUR GOVERNMENT DEFY OR DISREGARD OUR LAW, OR PARTS OF IT, FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT THEY CONTROL POWER AND WISH TO EXERCISE IT ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN IDEOLOGY AND INTERESTS?

WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WHETHER WE ADMIT IT OR NOT, DUE TO THE MACHINATIONS OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD, THAT IS THE WORRISOME STATE AT WHICH OUR DEMOCRACY HAS ARRIVED.

THE NATION’S SECURITY IS ANOTHER “AT RISK” ELEMENT OF OUR LACK OF ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION POLICY. THE 118 THOUSAND ACRE BUENOS AIRES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ALONG OUR ARIZONA/MEXICO BORDER HAS BECOME HOME TO SUCH A WIDE MIX OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES LINKED TO IMMIGRATION THAT THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS CLOSED KEY PARTS OF IT BECAUSE OF HUMAN SAFETY CONCERNS.

SIMILARLY, COCHISE COUNTY (AZ) SHERIFF LARRY DEVER HAS STATED THAT “THERE ARE SECTORS ON THE ARIZONA/MEXICAN BORDER WHERE THE BORDER PATROL NO LONGER CONDUCTS OPERATIONS DUE TO THE THREAT POSED

BY WELL-ARMED SMUGGLERS.”<sup>20</sup> AGAIN, IT DOESN’T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHICH SIDE OF THE IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT ONE SUPPORTS TO RECOGNIZE THAT SURRENDERING OUR OCCUPATION OR CONTROL OF TERRITORY TO HOSTILE FORCES IS DAMAGING TO OUR NATIONAL INTEREST.

THIS KIND OF CESSION OF TERRITORY LACKS THE LEGITIMACY OF ANY TREATY. WE MAKE IT ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE UNWILLING TO DEFEND OURSELVES. SOME WILL ARGUE THAT SUCH AN ACT IS ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE AND WILL BE RESOLVED IN TIME, BUT THE PASSAGE OF TIME PRESENTS ITS OWN PROBLEMS, AS NEW OCCUPANTS OR INTERESTS COULD CLAIM SOME KIND OF LEGITIMACY SUCH AS “SQUATTERS RIGHTS” OR MEXICAN RECLAMATION OF TERRITORY IT CLAIMS WAS ILLEGALLY SEIZED BY THE U.S.

THERE IS LITTLE REASON TO GIVE ANYTHING BUT CURSORY CONSIDERATION TO SUCH ARGUMENTS, BUT THE PUBLIC RESPONSE HERE AND IN MEXICO COULD BE HIGHLY EMOTIONAL. ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN TERRITORY IS A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TASK THAN DEFENDING IT, AND ANY SUCH EFFORT WOULD BE COMPLICATED BY THE INTENSE MEDIA COVERAGE THAT WOULD RESULT, INCLUDING “TANKS VERSUS TOTS” PHOTOS AND EXAGGERATED REPORTS.

NO MATTER WHAT IS DONE OR SAID, OUR NATIONAL INTEREST SEEMS UNLIKELY TO BE SERVED IN THIS MATTER, AND RECENT EFFORTS OF THE BUSH AND OBAMA ADMINISTRATIONS TO CREATE A NORTH AMERICAN UNION OUT OF MEXICO, CANADA AND THE US WILL FURTHER RESTRICT OUR OPTIONS.

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GOVERNMENT’S MANAGEMENT OF IMMIGRATION IMPACTS OUR SOCIETY IN MANY WAYS AND PLACES WHICH, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY ATTRACT PHILOSOPHIC SUPPORT, PRODUCE UNINTENDED OR UNWANTED CONSEQUENCES. NO NATIONAL ISSUE FACING OUR GOVERNMENT TODAY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OUR NATIONAL DEBT, CAN GENERATE NEGATIVE RESULTS ON THE SAME SCALE AS IMMIGRATION. IN FACT, THEY ARE CONNECTED.

OUR ECONOMY IS JUST ONE AREA OF OUR NATIONAL WAY OF LIFE THAT IS STRONGLY AFFECTED BY UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION FOR WHICH, REGARDLESS OF PHILOSOPHY, THERE ARE VERY SPECIFIC, PREDICTABLE AND UNSUSTAINABLE RESULTS.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE DECADE FROM 2000-2009 OUR ISSUANCE OF GREEN CARDS REACHED 10.3 MILLION, THE HIGHEST NUMBER EVER RECORDED<sup>21</sup>. AND YET DURING THIS PERIOD WE EXPERIENCED TWO SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC RECESSIONS. THIS CAN ONLY BE SEEN AS EVIDENCE THAT OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY IS UNCOUPLED FROM OUR ECONOMIC BASE AND THAT ITS PROGRESS IS DRIVEN BY A SEPARATE, IDEOLOGICAL AGENDA. FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW THIS DIVORCE OF CAUSE AND EFFECT IS UNSUSTAINABLE.

ROY BECK OF NUMBERS, USA REPORTED IN 2009 THAT IN THE YEAR BEFORE, WHILE 2.5 MILLION AMERICANS LOST JOBS, 1.5 MILLION NEW FOREIGN WORKERS WERE ALLOWED TO ENTER AND WORK HERE. BOTH OF THESE FIGURES AND THE ONES ABOVE

REVEAL A GROWING EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN LABOR WHILE JOBS ARE BEING LOST. THIS IS A PAINFUL ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCE THAT DOES NOT SERVE OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS. IN A FINITE SPACE, WHETHER PHYSICAL OR ECONOMIC, YOU CANNOT KEEP ADDING INPUT WITHOUT CREATING DISTURBANCE. AT FIRST THIS DISLOCATION WILL ONLY BE UNCOMFORTABLE AND AFFECT A FEW, BUT AS TIME PASSES IT WILL BECOME PAINFUL FOR ALL.

## PART 2

### IMMIGRATION’S IMPACT AND GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSIBILITY

IN TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY AMERICA WE LIVE AND, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE ON OUR PLANET, INHABIT A CONFINED SPACE. IT DOESN’T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT WE CALL THAT SPACE. IT CAN BE A CITY, A COUNTY, A VALLEY, AN ISLAND, A STATE, A FLOOD PLAIN, A COUNTRY, A PLATEAU OR A PLANET. IT IS A DEFINED AREA AND IS SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF LIMITS WHICH MEANS THAT IT HAS A CERTAIN CARRYING, OR OCCUPANCY, CAPACITY DETERMINED BY THE LAWS OF NATURE, NOT MAN. IF WE IGNORE OR DEFEY THESE LAWS, WE RISK COLLAPSING THE SYSTEM OR ALTERING IT IN SUCH WAYS THAT IT CAN NO LONGER MAINTAIN ITS OWN, OR ITS OCCUPANTS’, INTEGRITY AND BENEFITS.

OUR PLANET’S POPULATION IS NOW ABOUT 7 BILLION AND INCREASING AT THE RATE OF 80 MILLION (NET) PER YEAR. AMERICA’S POPULATION IS NOW ABOUT 305 MILLION AND IS EXPECTED TO REACH 450 MILLION BY MID-CENTURY. THE ARITHMETIC AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE STATISTICS ARE UNIQUE TO OUR TIME. NEVER BEFORE IN OUR WORLD’S HISTORY HAVE THEY BEEN EXPERIENCED. THE PROBLEMS THEY REVEAL ARE BUILDING IN FORCE AND FREQUENCY TO A POINT OF IMMINENCE, AND IT HAS FALLEN UPON US AND OUR TIME TO RESPOND. WILL WE OPT FOR EASY DENIAL, OR CAN WE SUMMON MORE DIFFICULT DISCIPLINE AND DETERMINATION?

IMMIGRATION IS NOT JUST AN AMERICAN PROBLEM. ITS PARENTS ARE TWO CURRENT, GLOBAL ISSUES — PROCREATION AND MIGRANCY, NOW LOCKED IN A DANCE OF DEATH. IMMIGRATION ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THIS CYCLE BY MOVING MIGRANTS FROM AREAS OF LESSER TO GREATER RESOURCES. TO SOME DEGREE, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTRUSIVE, BUT HAS REMAINED UNDER CONTROL OF NATIONAL STATES. NOW IT IS A GLOBAL FORCE GREATLY EXACERBATED BY GLOBAL MEDIA AND MOTION THAT DEFIES NATIONS AND THEIR BORDERS

SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE UN AND ITS EMPHASIS OF “HUMAN RIGHTS”, THE PRO-IMMIGRANT FORCES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE EMBRACED THIS CONCEPT AND HAVE EXPANDED IT TO CLAIM THAT THE “RIGHT” EXISTS FOR THE MIGRANT TO BE RECEIVED, BUT NO LONGER FOR THE ADMITTING COUNTRY TO DENY ENTRY.

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THE INHABITANTS OF OUR CONFINED SPACES CAN BE OF MANY SIZES, SHAPES AND IDENTITIES. CALL THEM WHAT YOU WISH — MEN, WOMEN, STUDENTS, WORKERS, BLACKS, WHITES,

LATINOS, CLERGY, LAWYERS, FARMERS, OLD, YOUNG, RICH, POOR, REPUBLICANS/DEMOCRATS, LIBERALS/CONSERVATIVES, JEWS, MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, OR NONE OF THE ABOVE. WHAT THEY ALL SHARE IS THAT THEY INHABIT THE SAME CONFINED SPACE. THEY ARE UNITS OF POPULATION (UP).

IMMIGRATION HAS A DECIDED IMPACT UPON THE COUNTRY OF ADMISSION. IT NOT ONLY LEAVES AN IMPRINT, BUT IT REQUIRES THAT THIS IMPRINT BE RECOGNIZED, FINANCED, MANAGED AND MAINTAINED IN THE FUTURE. THIS IS THE PATH TO PERMANENCY, YOU MIGHT SAY; AND YOU WOULD BE RIGHT.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, AS THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES DO, REQUIRES A MORE CONTINUOUS VISION THAN THAT OF OUR HUMAN CAPABILITY WHICH CAN BE INTERRUPTED OR TERMINATED BY DEATH, ILLNESS OR OTHER FORMS OF DETACHMENT. THEREFORE, AN INSTITUTIONAL PRESENCE IS REQUIRED TO COLLECTIVELY MANAGE AND SERVE OUR SPACE AND ITS OCCUPANTS IN WAYS THAT INDIVIDUALS CAN'T. GOVERNMENT IS THE RESULT, AS IT IS BETTER SUITED TO RESPOND TO MAJOR ISSUES OF THE MOMENT AND THEIR IMPRINT ON THE FUTURE.

AS A GUIDELINE, LAMAR SMITH (R-TX), NEWLY INSTALLED CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, HAS SPENT OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE LOWER CHAMBER DURING WHICH HE HAS FACED ALMOST EVERY QUESTION POSED BY OUR IMMIGRATION DILEMMA. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW HE COMMENTED ON SOME OF ITS IMPACT UPON OUR SOCIETY.

REGARDING GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS, HE NOTED THAT WORKPLACE ENFORCEMENT HAS DECLINED 70% SINCE OBAMA TOOK OFFICE AND THAT FINES FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGALS HAD BEEN REDUCED TO A LEVEL OF AN ACCEPTABLE BUSINESS COST.<sup>22</sup>

HE POINTED OUT THAT HALF A MILLION PEOPLE ARE FOILED IN TRYING TO ENTER THE COUNTRY EVERY YEAR AND THAT, BASED ON BORDER PATROL REPORTS, HE ESTIMATES THE ANNUAL NUMBER OF ILLEGAL ENTRANTS AT TWO MILLION.<sup>23</sup>

IN COMMENTING ON MEDICAL COSTS, HE CITED A 2005 HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPORT THAT 70% OF THE BIRTHS IN HOUSTON AND DALLAS PUBLIC HOSPITALS WERE TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.<sup>24</sup>

STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MANY SOURCES, AND NOT ALL AGREE AS TO THE CONCLUSIONS THAT WE SHOULD DRAW FROM THEM, BUT IF WE REFLECT UPON REP. SMITH'S REMARKS AND HOW THE PRACTICES HE REFERS TO MIGHT SHAPE AMERICA'S FUTURE IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE UNCHECKED, WE CANNOT HELP BUT COME AWAY WITH A VIEW OF A VERY DIFFERENT AMERICA IN WHICH WE MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE KIND OF DEMOCRACY THAT INSPIRED OUR FIRST TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF THOUGHT AND GOVERNMENT.

THE U S CENSUS BUREAU PROJECTS THAT WE WILL ADD 130 MILLION PEOPLE TO OUR POPULATION BY MID-CENTURY<sup>25</sup> AND THAT MOST OF THIS INCREASE WILL RESULT FROM IMMIGRATION. AS A GUIDELINE, IN THE DECADE 2000-2009 THE IMMIGRANT SHARE OF POPULATION GROWTH WAS ABOUT 75% WITH ANOTHER 8 MILLION IMMIGRANT BIRTHS. IF WE ASSUME NO CHANGE IN OUR IMMIGRATION POLICY, THEN, WE CAN ANTICIPATE ADDING 30 MILLION NEW UPS EVERY TEN YEARS UNTIL MID-CENTURY. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT POPULATION IMPRINT.

BUT THE ADDITION OF PEOPLE IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP. THE NEXT CHALLENGE WILL BE WHETHER WE CAN PROVIDE TO THE NEW ARRIVALS THE TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NOW ENJOY. TO DO SO WOULD REQUIRE THAT EVERY 10 YEARS WE ADD TO OUR EXISTING PLANT 8,000 NEW SCHOOLS, 11.5 MILLION NEW HOUSING UNITS (AND THE LAND THEY WILL REQUIRE) AND THE HIGHWAY CAPACITY FOR ALMOST 24 MILLION TRUCKS, CARS, BUSES, ETC.<sup>26</sup>

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE IMMIGRATION IMPRINT EXPANDS CONSIDERABLY AS IT EXTENDS INTO THE FUTURE. ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITTING PROCESSES KNOWS HOW SLOW AND DIFFICULT THEY CAN BE, AND YET THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT MENTION OF THIS INEVITABLE IMPACT UPON OUR ECONOMY, OUR SOCIETY AND THE ULTIMATE PROVIDER — THE TAXPAYER.

THE ANTICIPATION OF NEEDING 8,000 NEW SCHOOLS EVERY DECADE DESERVES A CLOSER LOOK. IF WE ESTIMATE A COST OF \$5 MILLION PER SCHOOL FOR LAND, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT WE ARRIVE AT A TOTAL OF \$40 BILLION WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE EXPENSE OF TEACHERS, STAFF AND MAINTENANCE. WHICHEVER WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, SCHOOLS ARE EXPENSIVE.

BUT SCHOOLS ARE ONLY ONE ELEMENT IN THE IMMIGRATION COST STRUCTURE. ESTIMATES FOR THE NET COST TO OUR ECONOMY OF OUR CURRENT IMMIGRATION POLICY SHOW CONSIDERABLE VARIATION WITHIN THE \$100 TO \$350 BILLION RANGE<sup>27</sup>. A MIDDLE FIGURE OF \$250 BILLION SEEMS JUSTIFIED, BUT THE NUMBERS, LARGE AS THEY ARE, ARE OBSCURED BY A LARGER POINT.

IF WE DISREGARD THE DOLLAR NUMBERS AND THE EMOTIONAL/PHILOSOPHIC ASPECTS OF OUR IMMIGRATION ISSUE, WE STILL ARE FACED WITH THE FACT THAT AT NO TIME OR PLACE IN OUR PUBLIC DISCOURSE HAS GOVERNMENT INCLUDED OR REVEALED THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO HAVE AN INFORMED OPINION AS TO THE FULL IMPACT OF ITS IMMIGRATION POLICY.

WE HAVE SHOWN HERE SOME OF THE MOSTLY HIDDEN COSTS OF UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION. THEY ARE HIDDEN BECAUSE THE FOUR ADMINISTRATIONS SINCE PRES. REAGAN (OBAMA, CLINTON AND BUSH I AND II) WANTED TO HIDE THEM. IMMIGRATION HAD, PRIOR TO THE 1965 ACT, BEEN A LARGELY OPEN TOPIC, BUT, WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE 1965 LEGISLATION WERE REVEALED TO BE THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT HAD BEEN PROJECTED, PRO-IMMIGRATION FORCES BEGAN THE PROCESS OF KEEPING INFORMATION NOT HELPFUL TO THEIR CAUSE AWAY FROM PUBLIC VIEW.

FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY NOW, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS OF OUR ELECTED GOVERNMENT HAVE PURPOSELY WITHHELD RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THEIR IDEOLOGICAL AND POLICY POSITIONS. WHILE NOT EXACTLY UNIQUE IN POLITICS, SUCH TACTICS, GIVEN THEIR DECEPTIVE MOTIVE, THE TIME SPAN OVER WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PRACTICED AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE STRIKE AT THE HEART OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

AGAIN, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION PHILOSOPHY — ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER — THERE ARE VERY SPECIFIC AND

MEASURABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR OPTING FOR THE KIND OF GROWTH THAT ACCOMPANIES HIGH IMMIGRATION. INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THOSE CONSEQUENCES DESERVES TO BE “BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHADOWS”.

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IT IS EVIDENT THAT IMMIGRATION’S IMPACT INCREASES GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSIBILITIES, AND YET THESE TWO “DOTS” ARE ONLY RARELY, AND THEN ARBITRARILY, CONNECTED BY GOVERNMENT DISCOURSE OR DEBATE.

THIS SHOULD NOT BE. THERE ARE TWO KEY ASPECTS OF THE IMMIGRANT ISSUE THAT WILL SOON REQUIRE GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT — THE ARGUMENTS OVER AUTOMATIC CITIZENSHIP FOR BABIES BORN TO ILLEGALS HERE AND THE MATTER, DESCRIBED EARLIER, OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION’S BEING GRANTED TO NON-CITIZEN IMMIGRANT WORKERS.

AUTOMATIC CITIZENSHIP REFERS TO THE RIGHT OF ANY BABY BORN IN THE US TO ENJOY CITIZENSHIP. THIS IS NOW DEEMED TO APPLY TO ILLEGAL ALIENS AND CARRIES WITH IT CERTAIN COLLATERAL PRIVILEGES FOR PARENTS TO PREVENT SEPARATION AND THEN BE LEGALIZED THEMSELVES AFTER THE CHILD REACHES THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE. CURRENT ESTIMATES OF THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL ALIEN BIRTHS IN THE US SUGGEST A RANGE OF 300,000 TO 400,000<sup>28</sup>, AND, IF WE APPLY THIS BASE TO THE EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL BENEFITS THAT THE CHILD WILL RECEIVE UNTIL AGE 21, WE ARRIVE AT A SIGNIFICANT FIGURE.

THE AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH AUTOMATIC CITIZENSHIP FOR ILLEGALS IS CLAIMED IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE 14TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION WHICH WAS RATIFIED IN 1868 AND WAS INTENDED TO CLARIFY THE LEGAL STATUS OF OUR NEWLY FREED SLAVE POPULATION. ITS LANGUAGE MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED PRECISE THEN FOR THAT PURPOSE, BUT HAS BECOME LESS SO AS A RECENTLY APPLIED GUIDE FOR PRESENT IMMIGRATION PRACTICE.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONTENTION OVER THIS INTERPRETATION AND IT IS LIKELY THAT CONGRESS WILL BE CALLED UPON FOR CLARIFICATION, AS IT IS EXPRESSLY STATED IN SECTION 5 OF THE AMENDMENT THAT “CONGRESS SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENFORCE, BY APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE”. THE RESOLUTION OF THE XIV AMENDMENT’S INTENT IS PURELY A FEDERAL MATTER WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHADOWS LONG AGO. THE FACT THAT IT LINGERS TODAY AS AN UNCERTAIN ARGUMENT WITH EXPENSIVE CONSEQUENCES IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW MUCH OF GOVERNMENT’S EXERCISE OF IMMIGRATION POLICY HAS TAKEN PLACE “IN THE SHADOWS” AND OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW.

## DEMOCRACY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

THE COURSE OF OUR IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT HAS PRESENTED US WITH SERIOUS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CONFLICTS WHICH WILL ONLY INTENSIFY UNLESS

PROMPT AND OPEN ACTION IS TAKEN.

THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS ARE MORE READILY RESOLVED BY LEGISLATIVE ACTION, WHEREAS THE DEMOGRAPHIC ISSUE IS ONE THAT BY PROCREATION AND FURTHER ADMISSIONS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND WITH LONG TERM EFFECTS.

THE HISPANIC FERTILITY RATE IN THE US AVERAGES FROM THREE TO FOUR BIRTHS PER WOMAN COMPARED TO 1.7 FOR WHITES AND 2 FOR BLACKS<sup>29</sup>. DEMOGRAPHICALLY, THIS DIFFERENCE CREATES AN ENORMOUS GENERATIONAL MULTIPLIER WHICH CAN ONLY BE SLOWED BY ASSIMILATION. BUT IN OUR PRESENT POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY POLARIZED STATE ASSIMILATION’S VALUE AND LESSON ARE REJECTED BY IMMIGRANT AND HOST ALIKE.

IF WE PROJECT THIS POLICY INTO THE FUTURE, THE SIZE AND REACH OF OUR UNASSIMILATED IMMIGRANT POPULATION WILL ACHIEVE A POLITICAL MASS LARGE ENOUGH TO CONSTITUTE ANOTHER SERIOUSLY POLARIZING FORCE AND TO, THEREFORE, FURTHER WEAKEN OUR GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS.

THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO TRUST IN OUR OWN LAW AND IDENTITY HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PUTTING ASIDE OUR TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF ASSIMILATION. THIS HAS BEEN A GRAVE ERROR AND ANY ATTEMPTS TO CORRECT IT WILL BE MET WITH THE STRIDENT CRIES OF “RACIST” AND “DISCRIMINATION” THAT STRIKE SUCH TERROR INTO OUR POLITICAL CLASS. THESE ACCUSATIONS, OF COURSE, ARE BASELESS DECOYS DESIGNED TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF OUR DISCOURSE. THEY CAN BE FACTUALLY AND FORCEFULLY REFUTED, BUT PROBABLY AT SOME INITIAL POLITICAL COST. THE QUESTION FOR OUR TIME AND GOVERNMENT IS NOT “CAN WE?”, BUT “WILL WE?”

IN DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, WE MOSTLY TRY TO SPREAD ITS BENEFITS AROUND SO THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCED BY AS MANY PARTS OF OUR POPULATION AND GEOGRAPHY AS POSSIBLE. WE DO THIS RELATIVELY EASILY WITH VOTES, MONEY, CONTRACTS, REPRESENTATION, ETC. WE NOW HEAR INCREASINGLY LOUD AND FREQUENT CALLS FOR US TO DO THE SAME, WITH OUR HISTORICAL IDENTITY. THIS IS THE SIREN’S SONG. IF WE HEED IT, WE DO SO AT OUR PERIL AND WITH THE PROSPECT OF A DEVALUED DEMOCRACY IN THE FUTURE.

## “OF, BY AND FOR” — WHOM?

LINCOLN’S STIRRING WORDS FROM HIS 1863 GETTYSBURG ADDRESS ATTEMPTED TO IMPART EMOTIONAL AND POLITICAL ORDER TO THE DIVISIVENESS AND CHAOS BROUGHT BY THE CIVIL WAR. TODAY, OUR COUNTRY IS ALSO BESET BY DIVISION, AND OUR POLICIES MOVE US TOWARDS CHAOS OF DIFFERENT KINDS AND OF OUR OWN MAKING.

MUCH OF THE PRO-IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT IS EMOTIONAL, PHILOSOPHIC OR EVEN RELIGIOUS IN ITS TONE, INVOKING “HUMAN” RIGHTS THAT TRANSCEND NATIONAL LAWS AND BOUNDARIES AND DERIVE POLITICAL LEGITIMACY FROM THE UN CHARTER.

AS INSPIRATIONAL AS THIS TONE MAY BE TO SOME, ITS PROPONENTS ARE ENGAGED IN A FORM OF POLITICAL COMMERCE WHICH IS ROOTED IN THE SAME RICH SOIL OF

MONEY AND POWER THAT FEEDS OTHER FORMS OF POLITICAL/ COMMERCIAL COMPETITION. REGARDLESS OF HOW OPEN BORDERS IMMIGRATION IS PACKAGED OR PROMOTED, OUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIME RESPONSIBILITY IS TO RESPOND TO IT IN A WAY THAT DEFINES AND SERVES THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

THE FAILURE OF THE FOUR POST-REAGAN PRESIDENTS TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN SUPPORT OF EXISTING IMMIGRATION LAW IS A DERELICTION OF THEIR DUTY AND OUR DEMOCRACY SO CYNICAL THAT IT CHALLENGES BELIEF. IT IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR GROWING CONFUSION OF OUR TRADITIONAL, NATIONAL IDENTITY.

THE ALL POWERFUL FORCE OF "HUMAN RIGHTS" IN THE IMMIGRATION ARGUMENT RUNS UP AGAINST SOME LIMITATIONS OF FACT. THE MOVING AND MOTIVATING BASES OF GLOBAL MIGRANCY TODAY ARE THE IMPOVERISHED THIRD WORLD POPULATIONS THAT CIRCLE THE GLOBE FROM SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA TO AFRICA TO SE ASIA, AND, THEIR TARGETS ARE THE WEALTHY WESTERN COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, SCANDINAVIA AND NORTH AMERICA. BASED ON OUR WEALTH AND UNWILLINGNESS TO IMPOSE ANY MEANINGFUL RESTRICTION ON THE TRAFFIC SEEKING ADMISSION, THE US HAS BECOME IMMIGRATION'S PRIME TARGET.

WITH THE INFLUX OF MILLIONS OF LEGAL AND ILLEGAL MIGRANTS COMES SUBSTANTIAL SOCIAL COSTS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MEDICAL CARE, EDUCATION, HOUSING, ETC. WHICH WE PASS ALONG TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER. THESE BENEFITS, TOO, ARE DEEMED "HUMAN RIGHTS" BY THE PRO-IMMIGRATION INTERESTS WHO THEREBY ATTEMPT TO PLACE THEM BEYOND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. BUT ALL NATIONS HAVE BORDERS AND SOME ACTUALLY DEFEND THEM.

THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS WHICH IMMEDIATELY ARE RAISED BY THE PRESENT PATTERN OF WORLD IMMIGRATION. WHY, IF IMMIGRATION IS A "HUMAN RIGHT" IS IT PRIMARILY DIRECTED TO HOSTS IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA? WHY IS NOT THE FLOW SPREAD EVENLY TO GIVE MIGRANTS THE BENEFIT OF LIVING IN RUSSIA, CHINA, PAKISTAN, ETC? AND, IF AN IMMIGRANT HAS THE "RIGHT" TO BE ADMITTED AND DOMICILED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE IN THE US, WOULD AN AMERICAN HAVE THE SAME RIGHT TO LIVE, WORK, BE EDUCATED, AND TO RECEIVE FREE HOUSING AND HEALTH CARE ELSEWHERE? IN FRANCE? ENGLAND? RUSSIA? SWEDEN? INDONESIA? CLAIMING AND SUCCEEDING IN SUCH A PROCESS WOULD PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT AND UNLIKELY TO END IN SUCCESS.

## QUESTIONS AND MORE QUESTIONS

RECAP: UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION IS A PROCESS THAT POSES SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PHYSICAL, FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, DEMOGRAPHIC AND POLITICAL THREATS TO OUR DEMOCRACY THAT IT DEFIES A READY SOLUTION. AND AS A POLICY, ITS IMPLEMENTATION CONFLICTS WITH OUR CONSTITUTION IN MANY AREAS. THAT IT HAS BEEN NOT ONLY ALLOWED, BUT ENCOURAGED, OVER THE PAST TWENTY-TWO YEARS BY BOTH REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS CONTRARY TO THE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN ELECTORATE SERVES NOTICE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS

ARRIVED AT THAT POINT WHERE PUBLIC OPINION AND PROPERLY ENACTED LEGISLATION CAN BE TRASHED WITH IMPUNITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POLITICAL CLASS AND ITS SPECIAL INTEREST PAYMASTERS.

FOR A DEMOCRACY WITH A HISTORY SUCH AS OURS THAT CLAIMS ITS POLITICAL CODE PROVIDES THE MORAL AND ETHICAL SUPERIORITY NECESSARY TO LEAD THE WORLD, OUR RECENT ACTIONS CHALLENGE OUR RIGHT TO ANY SUCH CONSIDERATION.

THE FORCES FOR AND AGAINST CONTINUED UNCONTROLLED IMMIGRATION ARE NOW ALIGNED FOR FULL BATTLE WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THE RESULTS OF THEIR CONFLICT IN THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS COULD BRING ABOUT IRREVERSIBLE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE.

WE WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A BETTER WAY TO DEAL WITH THIS CHANGE THAN WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST. AGAIN, REGARDLESS OF PREFERENCE IN IMMIGRATION'S ARGUMENT, HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ASKED OF OUR SOCIETY WHICH WE MUST ANSWER.

IN A NATION THAT CLAIMS TO BE "A NATION OF LAWS" HOW DO WE EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY OUR DISREGARD OF ENACTED IMMIGRATION LAW? AND IN A SYSTEM IN WHICH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES ARE CHOSEN BY PUBLIC ELECTION, HOW DO WE ACCOUNT FOR THE REELECTION OF PRESIDENTS AND THE CONGRESS WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN AND APPROVED THE SUSPENSION OF OUR IMMIGRATION LAW? IF THEY ALL WERE SO OPPOSED TO IT, MIGHT THEY NOT HAVE PUT THE MATTER OF ITS ENFORCEMENT TO PUBLIC VOTE? DOES THEIR NEGLIGENCE CONSTITUTE A BREACH OF THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE — IN THE PRESIDENTS' CASE "...TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION . . ."30?

MANY OF THE QUESTIONS DIRECTED AT GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO BE ASKED OF THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC EQUATION — THE PEOPLE. HOW IS IT THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND RETURNED TO OFFICE WITH NO INDICATION OF THEIR OPINION ON IMMIGRATION OTHER THAN VAGUE AND EVASIVE ANSWERS TO "SOFT" QUESTIONS?

WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT OUR DEMOCRACY THAT THIS SUBJECT, AND MUCH OF GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN IT, HAS BEEN KEPT "IN THE SHADOWS"? THAT, WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS, CANDIDATES AND THE MEDIA REFUSE TO GIVE IT THE COVERAGE THAT ITS COMPLEXITY AND CONSEQUENCES DEMAND?

WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR DEMOCRACY THAT, AS WITH OTHER ISSUES, THE ACTIONS OF THE CONGRESS AND ITS COMMITTEES ARE MORE AND MORE INFLUENCED, AND EVEN DETERMINED, BY LOBBYISTS WHO PAY OUT LARGE SUMS ON BEHALF OF THEIR CLIENTS AND WHO SOMETIMES EVEN ENGAGE IN THE WRITING OF LEGISLATION?

HOW WILL OUR AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC IDENTITY SURVIVE IF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS NOT AROUSED BY ITS FAILURES AND DECLINE? WHY SHOULD NOT BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES DO AN ABOUT FACE AND MAKE A GENUINE EFFORT TO DEFINE AND SERVE THE NATIONAL INTEREST?

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT REALIZE THAT OUR PRESENT IDEOLOGICAL WARFARE HAS APPROACHED A DEAD-END, A KIND OF STALEMATE WHICH WILL SAP THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY AND CAUSE ALL TO SUFFER?

AND CAN WE NOT TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT OUR

DEMOCRACY TO OURSELVES AND TO OTHERS THAT WE ARE NOT “#1” BECAUSE OF OUR WEALTH AND POWER, BUT BECAUSE WE CREATED, BUILT AND PRACTICED A FORM OF GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF DELIVERING FAIRNESS AND FREEDOM TO ITS CITIZENS. SHOULD WE NOT BE ABLE TO ADMIT TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS THAT OUR WONDERFUL SYSTEM HAS BECOME SO PERSONALLY AND POLITICALLY POLLUTED THAT ITS PRESENT IS TARNISHED AND ITS FUTURE AT RISK?

ALL THESE QUESTIONS ARE EITHER AWKWARD OR DIFFICULT, AND SOMETIMES BOTH. BUT THEY MUST BE ASKED AND ANSWERED, AND AT EVERY LEVEL OF OUR POLITICAL STRUCTURE. AND, FINALLY, ONE LAST QUESTION — WHY DON'T WE TRY?

## EPILOGUE

### SOME LAST LINES . . . . OF PERSPECTIVE

THE SHADOWS OF OUR IMMIGRATION ISSUE ARE MANY AND DEEP AND CONCEAL MULTIPLE ERRORS OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION SOME OF WHICH ARE SO OUTRAGEOUS THAT ONE INSTANCE CAN BE AS DISTURBING AS MANY.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE NEED ONLY RETURN TO OUR OPENING TOPIC OF GOVERNMENT'S MISUSE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS. OUR INFORMATION CAME FROM A STUDY OF 171 RECIPIENTS, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THIS PRACTICE, THE TOTAL NUMBER. NO MATTER; ONE IS TOO MANY.

VERY FEW AMERICANS REGARD IMMIGRATION IN ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE OR ARE FAMILIAR WITH ITS HISTORY. MOST TRACK IT BACK AS A NATIONAL ISSUE ONLY A CENTURY OR SO TO THE LARGE ADMISSIONS OF THE LATE NINETEENTH AND EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURIES.

ACTUALLY, IT EXTENDS BACK TO THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC WHEN IT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL TOPICS DEEMED IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE I OF OUR CONSTITUTION. THERE, IN SECTION 9, CONGRESS IS NOT ALLOWED TO RESTRICT IMMIGRATION UNTIL 1808, BUT CAN IMPOSE AN ENTRY FEE OF TEN DOLLARS PER PERSON. FEW ISSUES THAT WE FACE TODAY HAVE SUCH A POLITICAL PEDIGREE. IT'S HARD TO IGNORE, BUT SOMEHOW WE HAVE MANAGED.

ANOTHER HISTORICAL/POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE SEES AMERICA IN DECLINE, CITING AS EVIDENCE ITS MANAGEMENT AND POLICIES OF ISSUES SUCH AS IMMIGRATION, DEBT, EDUCATION, ETC. AND THERE ARE THOSE, HERE AND ABROAD, WHO TAKE A HARSHER LINE THAT CONCLUDES THAT OUR DEMOCRACY HAS PEAKED, THAT IT HAS REACHED A STATE WHERE IT CAN NO LONGER MEET THE CLAIMS WE MAKE FOR IT, THAT, IN SHORT, IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF FAILING US. IN TRUTH, IT IS WE, AND THE PEOPLE WE HAVE ELECTED, WHO ARE FAILING IT.

IMAGINE, IF YOU CAN, THAT ON A RELATIVELY QUIET DAY IN THE NEWS CYCLE, ONE SENATOR AND ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE WERE TO TAKE TO THEIR PODIUMS AND DELIVER AN ACCUSATION AND BILL OF PARTICULARS OF GOVERNMENT'S FAILURES:

- 1) THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAD FAILED IN ITS DUTY TO EXECUTE THE NATION'S IMMIGRATION LAW FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS.

- 2) THAT CONGRESS HAD FAILED IN ITS OVERSIGHT ROLE.
- 3) THAT THE CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN DISREGARDED AND DEFIED.
- 4) THAT THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN DISENFRANCHISED.
- 5) THAT OUR DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO A GROUP OF WILLFUL POLITICAL ELITES WHO HAVE ABUSED THE NATION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.
- 6) THAT ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW AND REDRESS THROUGH JOINT HOUSE/SENATE OPEN HEARINGS WITH FULL MEDIA COVERAGE, POWER OF SUBPOENA, ETC.

THINK OF THE IMPACT; THE MEDIA COULD NOT IGNORE SUCH A STORY! THINK OF THE DOUBLETALK AND THE RUNNING FOR COVER! BUT EVERYTHING SPOKEN WOULD BE ON THE ELECTRONIC OR PRINTED RECORD.

THIS WOULD BE A TRANSFORMING MOMENT. IT WOULD REDRAW POWER LINES AND RELATIONSHIPS. IT WOULD DISTURB AND FRUSTRATE SOME LEADING POWER CENTERS AND IT WOULD GALVANIZE PUBLIC RESPONSE. IT WOULD ONLY TAKE TWO PEOPLE WHO MIGHT UNEXPECTEDLY FIND THEIR POLITICAL CAREERS GREATLY ENHANCED, RATHER THAN DAMAGED.

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A SUCCESSFUL IMMIGRATION POLICY IS AN EQUATION BASED ON TRUST. IT REQUIRES THAT THE IMMIGRANT COMMIT TO A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION IN RETURN FOR WHICH THE HOST COUNTRY WILL OFFER WELCOME. THE JOURNEY IS NOT EASY; IT IS NOT ONE OF LIP SERVICE. RATHER, THE IMMIGRANT MUST UNDERTAKE TO SHED HIS ORIGINAL CULTURE AND IDENTITY WITHOUT FULLY KNOWING HOW OR WITH WHAT HE WILL REPLACE THEM. THIS PROCESS IS NOW MUCH LESS FEARFUL THAN IT WAS BEFORE OUR AGE OF ELECTRONIC IMAGERY AND COMMUNICATION.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION IS THAT, AS HOSTS, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND NATIONALLY, WE WILL WELCOME AND ACCEPT SOMEONE WILLING TO INITIATE, PURSUE AND COMPLETE SUCH A TRANSFORMATION.

DURING OUR HIGH IMMIGRATION LEVELS OF A CENTURY AGO THIS UNWRITTEN CONTRACT WAS UNDERSTOOD AND HONORED BY BOTH PARTIES. THEN, IT COULD BE SAID THERE IS NOTHING SO AMERICAN AS A NEW AMERICAN. AND IT WAS TRUST IN TRANSFORMATION AND ACCEPTANCE THAT MADE POSSIBLE THE ASSIMILATION OF THESE LARGE NUMBERS INTO AMERICAN LIFE. TODAY, NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE FROM OUR MISGUIDED AND MISMANAGED POLICY.

IMMIGRATION HAS THE POWER TO MAKE ITSELF FELT IN MANY PARTS OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE. AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND IN DIFFERENT PLACES IT CAN PRODUCE DIFFERENT EFFECTS — SOME BENEFICIAL, OTHERS NOT. IN NO OTHER AREA, HOWEVER, DOES IT HAVE AS GREAT AN IMPACT AS IN OUR NATIONAL IDENTITY.

IDENTITY WAS NOT A POINT OF CONFLICT IN PRIOR

END NOTES

TIMES WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO ABSORB AND ASSIMILATE OTHER NATIONALITIES/CULTURES. BUT THE MULTICULTURALIST AGENDA INTERJECTED IT INTO THE ARGUMENT BY DECLARING THAT OUR POLICY MUST BE TO MEET THE NEEDS AND DEMANDS OF OTHERS; TO SUIT THEM; TO ACCOMMODATE EACH AND EVERY GROUP; TO FIT OURSELVES TO THEM. THE DESIRED RESULT IS THAT WE BECOME THEM, THAT WE LOSE OUR IDENTITY.

THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY DEMAND OF ANY GOVERNMENT, AND YET TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS A LEGITIMATE PRIORITY BY OUR GOVERNMENT FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY. OUR PRESENT FRACTURED IDENTITY, DUE IN LARGE PART TO MASS ADMISSIONS WITHOUT MASS ASSIMILATION, IS ONE REASON WHY OUR SOCIETY IS SO TROUBLED.

IMMIGRATION IS NOT A PRODUCT OF SOME EXTERNAL AGENCY (I.E., PEARL HARBOR, 9/11, ETC.). IT IS HOMEGROWN, LONG STANDING AND READILY APPARENT. AND OUR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID IT.

IT HAS BEEN TWENTY-TWO YEARS SINCE PRES. REAGAN LEFT OFFICE. IN THIS TIME WE HAVE SEATED ELEVEN DIFFERENT CONGRESSES WITH 535 MEMBERS EACH, OR 5,885 ELECTED MEMBERS SOME OF WHOM WERE, OF COURSE, REPEATS. ADD SIX PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL TERMS OF OFFICE (TOTAL - 12) AND THE TOTAL ELECTORAL OPPORTUNITIES COMES TO 5,897. ALL THOSE WHO TOOK OFFICE PLEDGED TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION, BUT THEN CHOSE NOT TO.

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THE SCENARIO OFFERED ABOVE OF TWO LONE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE CHALLENGING GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF AVOIDANCE HAS ECHOES OF JIMMY STEWART IN MR. DEEDS GOES TO WASHINGTON. HE WAS ABLE TO BRING ABOUT A TRIUMPH OF PRINCIPLE OVER POLITICAL POWER AND A HAPPY ENDING FOR THE FILM. OUR NEED TODAY IS NO LESS THAN IT WAS THEN, BUT JIMMY STEWART IS GONE. EVEN SO, WITHOUT HIM WE MUST RECOGNIZE THE ENEMY, THE TRUE NATURE AND FULL DIMENSIONS OF THE ISSUE AND OUR PAST FAILURES OF THOUGHT AND ACTION.

WE ARE IN REAL TIME AND WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF IT.

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