Primary Source Materials

(Selected materials from an anti-immigrant perspective)
PRIMARY SOURCES

Summaries of Influential Anti-Immigrant Publications


Roy Beck, the influential founder of NumbersUSA, provides a case for immigration restriction while claiming to hold no ill will against immigrants as individuals. Arguing that “mass immigration” has always come with a societal cost, Beck disagrees with White Nationalist groups that present a romantic notion of their own (White) immigrant predecessors as different from current immigrants. He points out that following the great wave of immigration from 1880-1920, immigration was dramatically restricted in 1924, which he says gave the country time to deal with the increased population.

Like other immigration restrictionists, he points to the 1965 law that ended nationality-based quotas as a major turning point leading to the modern wave of increased immigration. While he commends the intent of the law to end race-based discrimination, he says that the effect of increasing the numbers of immigrants has been extremely detrimental. As negative effects of immigration he lists the decline of the middle class and the increased wealth gap, the continued economic subjugation of a large proportion of African Americans, increased ethnic tensions and “Balkanization,” and environmental degradation. While he concedes that “mass immigration” may not be the only or primary cause of these problems, he says that it has had a “spoiler” effect. Beck concludes that the United States needs substantially less than 100,000 immigrants a year, but that in order to allow citizens to bring foreign spouses and minor children into the country, the number should be set at 250,000 and decreased over time.


George Borjas, Cuban immigrant and Professor of Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, has been one of the most influential academic voices of an economics-based anti-immigrant perspective. Prolific, not only in the academic press but also in popular periodicals, he argues that economic research can give us answers to questions about the value of immigration to the United States. He has influenced policy and legislation, both on a statewide level, when he sat on California Governor Pete Wilson’s Council of Economic Advisors from 1993-1998 and with Congress where his views influenced the inclusion of anti-immigrant sections in the 1996 Welfare Reform
Act. This article provides a summary of one of his most common arguments: that immigrants have a negative economic impact on American workers, especially low-skilled ones.

Borjas lists what he says are changes to our economy caused by immigration since the 1980s: newcomers’ skills have been decreasing which has had an impact on low-skilled native workers and more immigrants use the services of the welfare state, creating financial burdens for state and federal governments. To make matters worse, he says children of recent immigrants are destined to share their parents’ employment skill levels and not exceed them as in past waves of immigration.

According to Borjas, the economic benefits of immigration are small, and they go almost entirely to employers who profit from lowered wages rather than to the workers themselves. He asserts that if wages had not decreased as a result of the willingness of immigrant workers to accept lowered pay levels, then employers would not benefit from added profits and the economic effect of immigration would be nil. Borjas retains a controversial reputation among labor economists for his methodologies. Nevertheless, his conclusion, that we must restrict immigration because it is not in the best economic interests of the United States, is often quoted by anti-immigrant activists as justification for their positions.


With this publication, one of the most prominent national anti-immigration groups seeks to convince environmentalists that restricting immigration is necessary to successfully curbing urban sprawl and environmental degradation. The book is printed with soy-based inks on recycled paper. In it, FAIR presents data to argue that population growth is significantly higher in the United States than in most other industrialized nations and is primarily caused by immigration. FAIR states that a high fertility rate (the other major cause of population growth) is also inextricably linked to immigration, referring to offsprings of immigrants as “immigration’s invisible multipliers.” FAIR acknowledges that population growth is a global problem, but states that it is especially important for the United States to curb its own population growth because it has a higher per capita rate of resource consumption.

FAIR links immigration and population growth to the issue of sprawl by arguing that as immigrants move into cities, they cause overcrowding and competition over jobs and force others to move to the suburbs or to other cities, leading to sprawl. It argues that sprawl in cities as varied as Seattle, Las Vegas and Washington, DC, is directly or indirectly a result of immigration. FAIR asserts that the most “feasible, sensible and fair” solution is ending family reunification (except for spouses and minor children), which it says causes “chain migration,” and decreasing immigration eventually to replacement levels of 200,000 per year. It also presents concrete ways to organize within and outside of traditional environmental organizations to make immigration restriction part of an environmentalist agenda.

Linda Chavez, the former president of US English and current head of the Center for Equal Opportunity, argues that the Hispanic leadership in the United States is following a divisive, anti-assimilationist political strategy that is not in the interests of the majority of Hispanics. She writes that while Hispanics have made great strides towards achieving middle-class status, Hispanic leaders have followed the African-American civil rights model of claiming to be disadvantaged in order to demand entitlements. These leaders have pushed for bilingual education, school finance reform, bilingual ballots, redistricting rights, voting rights, and affirmative action, despite the fact that many of these programs were created to rectify past discrimination against African-Americans, Chavez says.

Chavez argues that recent immigrants are largely responsible for making Hispanics appear poorer and less educated than the general population. But she says that given that Hispanics do not face the type of historical racism that African Americans have, there is no reason to believe that recent immigrants will not be able to succeed once they assimilate. Chavez says that in general Hispanics do seek to integrate into the U.S. mainstream by learning English and attaining middle-class status. She blames the leadership, that is primarily accountable to liberal foundations, for portraying Hispanics as a disadvantaged minority entitled to special rights and creating a backlash that could derail the assimilation process. Chavez calls for Hispanics to strengthen their political power by increasing voter turnout, assisting recent immigrants in learning English, and emphasizing education as the path to greater economic achievement.


Peter Brimelow, a British immigrant and senior editor of *Forbes*, initiated a lively and contentious debate with his 1992 *National Review* article, “Time to Rethink Immigration?” and, three years later, this book. Brimelow proclaims that the United States has always been a culturally and racially White nation and has an interest in maintaining itself as such through its immigration policy. Brimelow is especially concerned that the current immigration policy, as set by the 1965 amendment to the Immigration and Nationality Act, could lead to White Americans losing their majority status by 2050. This act has resulted in much larger numbers of immigrants from the Third World, many of whom, he says, are unskilled and do not share the values of the dominant U.S. culture.

Throughout the book Brimelow repeats his major theme: “There is no precedent for a sovereign country undergoing such a rapid and radical transformation of its ethnic character in the entire history of the world.” Citing more than a dozen examples, Brimelow argues that multiracial societies always experience interethnic tensions or violence and cannot thrive. He points to current affirmative action policies and the absence of Americanization programs in
the United States as indicators that Whites and their culture are already losing power and dominance. Additionally, Brimelow asserts that on the whole immigration has negative economic, social, environmental and political consequences.


Sam Francis, a hard-right syndicated columnist, publishes regularly on a variety of issues. He wrote two articles in the first week after the September 11 attacks which, when paired together, illustrate the apparently contradictory attitudes many conservatives hold about immigration and foreign policy.

The first, released days after the attacks, represents a common first reaction to the incidents from an isolationist’s perspective. He challenges the assumption that we are newly at war, reminding his readers of the U.S. bombing of Iraq since 1991, “even though Iraq had done absolutely nothing to harm the United States or any American,” and the apparently mistaken assault in 1998 on the Sudanese factory associated with Osama bin Laden. He then asserts that the United States was attacked, “because they were paying us back for what we started.” This isolationist view sounds like an anti-war statement. But his analysis has another purpose—to defame Clinton. “The blunt and ugly truth is that the United States has been at war for years... and that it continued the war simply to save a crook from political ruin.”

A few days later, Francis circulated another column that focused on terrorism from another angle. In this piece he blames “mass immigration” for the September 11 attacks and asserts that without confronting “the immigration specter” we will continue to be vulnerable. This perspective has been echoed by enough commentators on the Right that it can be seen as representative of a widely held attitude.

According to Francis, the more we admit immigrants from “northern Africa and the Middle East,” the more we will import an ideology of hate and an “alternative social structure” of foreigners that allows terrorists to remain undetected in this country. It is this culture inside our country that is our greatest threat. He uses the common framework of “Us” and “Them” to separate the trustworthy from the suspicious. In fact, to him the West is Christian and Muslims are alien to the West, never capable of assimilation. He concludes with the admonition that increased security at home and a war abroad will not win a war against terrorism—only controlling our borders will accomplish that.


First translated from the French in 1975, this fantasy novel describes the successful invasion of France by a fleet of dark skinned refugees. It pits Western Civilization against the onslaught of the Third World and depicts the invasion in horrific, graphic terms, proclaiming the certainty of a race war, the hypersexuality of the invaders and the helplessness of France and the West to defend their territory and values. The book was denounced in France, but thanks to its U.S. publishers, John Tanton’s Social Contract Press and American Immigration Control Foundation, it has developed a cult following among anti-immigrant activists here. Distribution
funding by the conservative philanthropist Cordelia Scaife May has also helped to create an audience for anti-immigrant sentiment fueled almost exclusively by racism and nativism. Sometimes compared to *The Turner Diaries*, (the book by the leader of the neo-nazi National Alliance, William Pierce, which was found in Timothy McVeigh’s car), *The Camp of the Saints* is popular only with that sector of the anti-immigrant Right that feels justified in its racist fears.

From the Afterword in which Raspail remembers the vision he had that inspired the book:

> They were there! A million poor wretches, armed only with their weakness and their numbers, overwhelmed by misery, encumbered with starving brown and black children, ready to disembark on our soil, the vanguard of multitudes pressing hard against every part of the tired and overfed West.
Fellow Citizen:

Where do you stand on the drive to grant an unconditional amnesty to more than 11 million illegal aliens?

If you aren’t aware that powerful, deep-pocketed special interests are right now pushing to give millions of illegal aliens permanent U.S. residency status, my letter is reaching you in the nick of time.

— You see, illegal alien amnesty legislation has already been introduced in Congress. And although the lobbyists behind this scheme are determined to keep you in the dark, I’m equally determined to give you the facts and find out where you stand.

More important, I want to convey your opinions to lawmakers on Capitol Hill who could soon tell potential immigrants world-wide that it’s OK to ignore U.S. immigration laws.

That’s why I urge you to take just a few moments today to complete the enclosed Illegal Alien Amnesty Survey and return it in the postage-free envelope I have provided.

This important public opinion survey is being conducted by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)—the most active, effective citizens’ group fighting to strengthen our borders and curtail mass immigration.

FAIR’s Illegal Alien Amnesty Survey is a key part of our nationwide campaign to sound the alarm about the enormous costs, injustice, and outright danger of turning more than 11 million illegal aliens into legal, permanent residents.

Please join in this effort by completing the enclosed survey document which has been registered in your name …

… and returning your survey along with a tax-deductible contribution of $250, $100, $50, or $25 to help FAIR take on the big-money special interests pushing to throw our borders wide open to illegal immigration.

(Over, please)
No matter how much support you can provide, I must ask you to respond right away.

Immigrant special interest groups are stepping up pressure on Congress for quick passage of amnesty legislation. And if you don’t let your elected representatives know what you think about amnesty for illegal aliens, what you think won’t matter.

Now is the time to speak up for all the legal immigrants who lawfully joined in our great melting pot. Giving mass amnesty to lawbreakers is a slap in the face to legal immigrants ... and it will only encourage open defiance of our immigration laws.

Now is the time to speak out against the squandering of your tax dollars to subsidize illegal immigration. Large scale immigration already costs U.S. taxpayers $29 billion annually ... over ten years, the projected cost of granting mass amnesty to millions more illegal aliens would add as much as $150 billion to the price.

Now is the time to stand up to the immigration lobby, short-sighted politicians, immigration lawyers, and Big Labor leaders intent on granting amnesty to illegal aliens no matter the cost. They are counting on you to sit passively, or not even notice, as they “cash in” on illegal aliens.

What is it about amnesty for illegal aliens that can bring together the AFL-CIO, multi-national corporations, and politicians on both sides of the aisle?

Like most battles in Washington, it’s about money and power.

Illegal aliens generally work for substandard wages and are often paid “under the table” to avoid detection. They do not join labor unions. But Big Labor leaders figure legal aliens might. So, with membership rolls shrinking, union fat cats don’t see 11 million lawbreaking illegal aliens ... they see 11 million new, dues-paying union members.

And vote-hungry politicians don’t see 11 million illegal aliens who will soon be eligible for welfare, food stamps, and a host of other government support on your tab ... they see 11 million new voters who they think will owe them a favor.

What a sweetheart deal ... for everyone but you!

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Illegal aliens get legal status. Big Labor stands to make billions of dollars from the massive windfall created by former law-breakers paying union dues for years to come. Cheap labor users get to hold down wages. And unscrupulous politicians score big with 11 million new voters.

What's in it for you? A $150 billion-plus burden every American will be forced to bear.

By any measurement—financial, legal, or just plain common sense—amnesty for illegal aliens is a bad idea.

Our country already tried it in 1986 when Congress passed a supposedly "one-time" amnesty. (I've enclosed an insightful editorial on the subject for your review.) They promised it would end illegal immigration once and for all. They were wrong!

Fifteen years later, the U.S. is inundated with more immigrants than ever. More than one million legal and illegal immigrants settle here every year. So the number of illegal aliens who would be pardoned is growing every day.

That's why it is so important for you to participate in FAIR's Illegal Alien Amnesty Survey...

... and why I am so eager to count you among the more than 70,000 FAIR members and supporters who are working to defeat amnesty schemes and win urgently needed reforms of America's immigration policies.

FAIR was founded in 1979 and has earned a reputation as the foremost organization fighting to end illegal immigration and reduce today's mass immigration to sustainable levels. Lawmakers, educators, reporters and opinion leaders have come to rely on FAIR's timely, thorough and accurate research on immigration issues.

We have testified before Congress on immigration matters more than any other reform group in the country. (I'm looking forward to sharing your views and reporting our survey results the next time I head to Capitol Hill.) And FAIR spokespersons have appeared on hundreds of news programs, including the Today Show, Face the Nation, The McLaughlin Group, 60 Minutes, and many others to promote sensible immigration policies.

(Over, please)
As you might imagine, it takes a significant financial commitment from FAIR to sustain all of our grassroots outreach, public education and advocacy efforts. And we don’t have the kind of money to throw around that union leaders and corporate fat cats do.

FAIR is a nonprofit citizens' group that receives no government support or corporate funding. We rely solely on our members and supporters - concerned citizens just like you - to support our fight for immigration reform.

As you consider how much help you can give to FAIR at this time, keep in mind that FAIR has been repeatedly awarded the highest possible rating for sound financial and administrative stewardship by the National Charities Information Bureau.

So you can be sure that any amount you send - from $15 to $250 - will be put to work immediately and effectively fighting for common sense immigration reform.

My common sense says giving millions of illegal aliens a "get out of jail free" card and a free pass to welfare and other taxpayer-funded benefits is a bad idea.

What does your common sense say? This is your chance to let politicians know where you stand on the amnesty issue.

Please complete the enclosed survey and return it with your best possible contribution to FAIR today.

I look forward to hearing from you and to working together to protect America against illegal immigration.

Sincerely,

Dan Stein
Executive Director

P.S. We hope to begin tabulating survey results by the end of next week - waiting any longer would only allow the immigration special interests to build more momentum.

So please make a point of returning your survey right away. And remember to include a generous contribution of $25, $50, $100 or more to support FAIR’s efforts. Thank you.
Do you know Armando Ruiz?

How about John Philip Evans? Or Rosie Garcia?
Candido Mercado? James Padilla? Manuel Pena, Jr.?
Peter Rios? Evangelina Rivas? Macario Saldate IV?
Federico Sanchez? Victor Soltero?

Let me give you some clues:
1. They all live in Arizona.
2. They're all on the government payroll.
3. And, together they've filed a lawsuit that could change your way of life forever.

Dear Fellow American,

Should English be the official language of the state of Massachusetts and of the federal government?

I say yes.

Those people I've listed above say no.

That's why I'm writing you. I need to know where you stand.

YES or NO -- Should English be America's official language?

Please answer me by placing either the YES or NO sticker from above on the special Official American Language Ballot I've registered in your name. Then, mail your ballot back to me immediately in the postage-paid envelope I've enclosed for you.

I'm asking for your help as part of a nationwide drive to make English the official language of the United States government and to help keep or make English the official language of Massachusetts.

Please let me take just a few moments of your time to explain why your help is so urgently needed today and why I hope you'll place the YES sticker on your ballot.

Like many Americans, perhaps you were shocked to learn that English is not the official language of the United States.

Similarly, you probably were not aware that there are politicians and lobbyists back in Washington, D.C. who want to keep things that way.
And so, I am relying on you and other Americans to help sound the alarm that as more newcomers -- and native born citizens -- fail to understand English, the very unity of our nation is threatened.

Incredibly, driving exams are printed in multiple languages in many states and there are forces that advocate that all government documents be printed in multiple languages as well!

We at U.S. ENGLISH realize how this drive to turn America into an official multi-language society will open up a huge Pandora's box of new social, economic and political problems.

And, we understand how it will hold back thousands of new immigrants who arrive in our country each year and lead to further strife, divisiveness and chaos in our society.

Clearly, a common language will unite America, not divide her.

For nearly 10 years, our opponents have relentlessly road-blocked our drive in Washington, D.C. to make English the official language of the U.S.A. by act of Congress.

So, stymied by the powerful forces in Washington, we at U.S. ENGLISH took a different angle of attack.

State by state, we've successfully helped pass new state laws and referenda to make English the official language of state and local governments.

Today, 19 states have laws that protect your right to expect government workers, bureaucrats and politicians to use English when dealing with taxpayers and citizens like you and me.

But now the anti-English language forces are fighting back -- on the same statewide turf where we've won our victories.

They assert that the English-language laws passed by U.S. ENGLISH and a majority of voters in Arizona, California, Colorado and elsewhere are unfair -- and unconstitutional.

They claim English language laws "discriminate" against them!

And now, those citizens I've named at the beginning of my letter have filed a lawsuit in Arizona to abolish the state Constitutional Amendment that has government workers, politicians and bureaucrats conduct government business in English.

If they win, this lawsuit could create a "domino effect" that would topple every state language law in the nation and make it impossible to ever pass official English language legislation at the national level. If they win, they will change your life forever.
That's why I'm asking you to help us in this important fight -- on two fronts, state and national -- by sending in your Official American Language Ballot today.

Will you help us fight their anti-English lawsuit?

Will you help us win our dream -- a law, passed by Congress, to make English our official common language so that we can stop lawsuits like this that threaten the future of English once and for all?

As I said, the gridlocked Congress of the 1980s consistently refused to pass our Language of Government Act.

But now, there's new hope. Many of our most fierce opponents in Congress were defeated or retired last year -- and the new Congress now contains more new faces and open minds than any since the election of 1948.

That's why we at U.S. ENGLISH have re-launched our drive to pass legislation to make English America's official language.

In the House and Senate today, two identical bills -- H.R. 123 and S. 426 -- will make English the official language of the United States government.

That's why I'm hoping you'll place a YES sticker on the enclosed Official American Language Ballot and help us show Congress that Americans want English to be the official language of the government.

But to win our battle in Congress and in the courts, I also urgently need your extra financial help to cover the astronomical legal costs of fighting this anti-English lawsuit and to send more ballots to put enough pressure on Congress to pass common English language legislation.

Your contribution will also be used for printing and distributing literature ... recruiting new supporters to our cause ... TV and radio show appearances ... videos... and teaching aids that will encourage new Americans to learn English.

That's why I'm calling on you and others around the nation to help support U.S. ENGLISH by mailing in a check for $100 or $50 or just $25 today.

Won't you invest at least $25 to preserve our common language?

You and I have always been taught "America is a nation of immigrants." Today, more than 150 different languages are spoken here. But if English is undermined as the official language of government, who's to decide whether your voting ballots, tax forms and public decrees are printed in Swahili, German, Tagalog or Spanish?

Let me make it clear that it's not our purpose at U.S. ENGLISH to ban Spanish or any other languages from being spoken. Not at
all! Our aim is to assure that English is America's official language -- the official language of law, of government, of citizenship -- and a common language which every citizen will have an opportunity to learn. I myself speak Spanish at home and with some business contacts, but I know that it will be disastrous if our government officially operates in more than one language.

Even heads of other governments have recognized the importance of a common language -- a sentiment well expressed by former Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev who said:

"Though representatives from many ethnic groups came together in the United States, English became their common language. Apparently, this was a natural choice. One can imagine what would have happened if members of each nation moving to the United States had spoken only their own tongues and refused to learn English."

If heads of other countries, like the ex-boss of the Soviet Union, see the need for one unifying language in America, why can't our own members of Congress?

Here's how you can act -- and prevent America from becoming some incomprehensible Tower of Babel:

1. First, please cast your vote, YES or NO, on the enclosed Official American Language Ballot, then mail your ballot back to me. I'll make sure the results are forwarded directly to your lawmakers.

2. Next, send the most generous contribution you can today for $100, $50 or $25 to help us fight the Arizona lawsuit and put pressure on Congress to pass official English language legislation.

Please -- don't delay. Help us win this lawsuit. Help us pressure Congress to act.

Rush your Language Ballot and your check for $100 or $50 or $25 to U.S. ENGLISH now.

Sincerely,

Mauro E. Mujica
Chairman of the Board

P.S. Extremists have launched a lawsuit to repeal Arizona’s Official English Constitutional Amendment. If they win, it could have a "domino effect" and reverse official English laws in 18 other states and make it impossible to pass a national bill.

Please help us fight this lawsuit and pass a national official English bill that will stop the threat of lawsuits like this once and for all. Please put the YES sticker on your Official American Language Ballot and send the most generous contribution you can to U.S. ENGLISH today. Thank you.
March 19, 2001

Mr. Joe Felder
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Dear Mr. Felder,

I've just drawn up NPG's new spring/summer media campaign proposal featuring four brand new print advertisements.

I'm enclosing copies of all four print ads for you to read over — along with our media operations budget — because I want your IMMEDIATE approval and feedback.

So please, will you take a moment now to review each one?

Then, can I count on you to "cast your vote" and tell me if you approve this initiative — by affixing either the YES or NO sticker from the outer envelope to the enclosed Media Campaign Plan Authorization form?

I'd also like to get your impressions and comments on our ads to help me with future awareness projects. So when you send me your "vote", will you please do me a favor and answer the Member Feedback questions I've added on the back of your Authorization form?

This spring/summer media campaign is NPG's single most important push this year. And, the timing is strategic!

Our awareness campaign directly follows up on the release of the 2000 U.S. Census results which show that:

- Our U.S. population swelled by 32.7 million, exceeding projections by 6 million!
- Most of America's unprecedented growth is due to post-1970 immigration numbers which have more than tripled in the past 30 years ...
- Immigrants since 1990 and their children made up almost 70% of our population growth in the last 10 years.

Despite the staggering implications of this 13% rise in our population numbers — massive urban sprawl, dwindling natural resources, school overcrowding, pollution ...

The media all but ignored the real issues, instead focusing on the reapportionment of Congressional seats.

So, once again, it's up to NPG to lead the charge in alerting legislators, decision-makers, grassroots activists and voters to our
worsening population problems and reckless immigration policy that's fueling America's swelling population growth.

But this time, we're armed with the Census results.

That gives NPG a unique window of opportunity to make a powerful "case" for immigration reforms and a national population policy with the new White House Administration and Congress.

But in order to take advantage of this major opportunity and move forward with our strategy — I need your financial support as well as your approval for our media campaign.

I'm asking you to consider a one-time contribution of $25, or even as much as $40 if possible, ear-marked to help NPG cover the substantial costs of buying unavoidably expensive advertising space.

As our operations budget shows, this targeted agenda is an ambitious one — but absolutely imperative — for two big reasons:

1) NPG is the ONLY organization in America working for a national population policy that includes immigration reduction and incentives to encourage smaller families.

2) Since President Bush has already moved quickly in attacking several issues — we must be aggressive in getting our message out to the President and his team of policy-makers, while building greater awareness and grassroots support for our issue.

But I've calculated I must raise a minimum of $197,000 from friends like you to successfully launch and fully sustain all advertising, awareness and outreach programs in the months ahead.

So please, won't you give me the go ahead to proceed with our print ads, by using the "YES" sticker on your Authorization form?

Then, I urge you to mail it back to me right away with a special check for at least $25 today to give me the means we urgently need to put our Media Campaign Plan into action.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon McCloe Stein
Executive Director

P.S. With the magnitude of the task we face, the soaring costs of advertising and modest size of our citizen-based-and-funded group, our proposed media plan just can't happen without your extra help!

Mr. Felder, that's why I urge you to send me your Authorization with the "YES" sticker affixed along with a special check for $25 or more to kick-off our most critical media drive in NPG history. Please let me hear back from you today. My thanks for your swift response.
Horror Story.

The 2000 Census has confirmed that America's population growth is out of control. We're now a nation of 283 million people, exceeding the government's worst forecast and outpacing all industrialized nations. That's very scary. Our once abundant resources are already pushed to the limit. You see it everyday in pollution, urban sprawl, crowded schools and congestion. Worse, population grows by multiples. So, fast-growing populations snowball. Just look at India and China. The only good news is that we can do something about it. We can reduce immigration, the primary cause of our raging population growth. Call NPG to find out how to help. Before this horror story has a sequel.

At 283 Million People, Is It Time For America To Declare A Population Emergency?

The 2000 Census reports America's population at over 283 million, exceeding the government's worst forecasts by millions and outpacing all industrialized nations. But that should come as no surprise. We see the results of overwhelming population growth every day in pollution, urban sprawl, crowded schools and congestion. If we don't do something now, a very bad situation will soon be a national crisis. Fortunately, there is something we can do. We can reduce immigration and educate all Americans about the importance of smaller family size. Call NPG to find out how to help. It's time to sound the alarm.

SHE'LL GO THROUGH LIFE WITH HER MOTHER'S EYES, HER FATHER'S SMILE, AND A RECKLESS GOVERNMENT'S POPULATION PROBLEM.

We all want a better world for our children. But if we don't do something about population growth, our children will live in a very different America. It will be like a country that is even more crowded than today. They'll face declining natural resources and massive urban sprawl, and they'll see destruction of forests and despoliation of water and air quality. Not only because of higher fertility rates, but because our government allows over a million people to move here each year. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population will swell from the current 283 million to over 400 million in just fifty years. And that's the surprise for most people: mass immigration will account for a mere 5% of the growth. But we can do something about our children's future. We can all get involved now. Call NPG if you don't know how you can help.

IF YOU THINK ROAD RAGE IS BAD NOW, JUST WAIT A FEW YEARS.

"You've seen the stories in the paper. A motorist vents his rage on another driver on a busy highway, often with tragic results. It's happening with increasing regularity as our roads become more crowded, as urban sprawl spreads throughout our countryside, and as growing numbers of people vie for space in an increasingly populated landscape. But unless we do something about America's overpopulation, it's only going to get worse." According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population will swell from the current 283 million to over 400 million in just fifty years. And that's the surprise for most people: mass immigration will account for a mere 5% of the growth. But we can do something about our children's future. We can all get involved now. Call NPG if you don't know how you can help.

DEFENDING IMMIGRANT RIGHTS
CONGRESSMAN TOM TANCREDO

December, 2000

Dear Friend:

From my first day in Congress two years ago, I have strongly supported a moratorium on mass immigration and a no-amnesty position for illegal aliens, and I intend to continue the fight for these in my second term.

Fortunately, organizations like Carrying Capacity Network (CCN) have long been strong supporters of immigration reduction.

We can all be proud of the leadership role which CCN has played in pushing for a moratorium and a no-amnesty position in the recent session of Congress.

CCN recognized, many months ago, the threat posed by a massive amnesty, and took the lead in mobilizing grassroots opposition. Other organizations subsequently joined in, and have been able to mount strong resistance to the enormous pressures from the Clinton-Gore Administration to legalize nearly 2 million illegal aliens.

CCN has fought hard to beat back the worst of the amnesty proposals, but that battle is not over. Indeed, the fight to end mass immigration will surely continue in the next Congressional session.

Frankly, immigration numbers have gotten so high — over one million legal immigrants per year in recent years and several hundred thousand illegals who settle in the U.S.A. annually — that nothing short of pushing for a moratorium on mass immigration will allow us to generate sufficient clout to reduce immigration numbers significantly. I congratulate CCN and the other organizations pushing for a moratorium for their recognition of this political reality.

CCN’s efforts will be crucial in leading the way to push for a moratorium in the next Congress. But, in order to succeed, it is essential that you support CCN with generous donations of money and time, and here’s why.

---- not printed at government expense ----
Thomas G. Tancredo
6th District, Colorado

Mass immigration since the 1970s has had a dramatic — and mostly negative — effect on the quality of life in America today.

Now I know this statement is controversial, but I believe our government can no longer ignore the consequences of mass immigration. If we continue to ignore these problems, our country will soon take on the very characteristics of the nations from which people flee.

From the founding of our nation until about 1965, the average annual number of immigrants and refugees to the United States held at about 200,000 people. Since 1990, this number has been running at about 1 million people each year — and that number does not include the annual population gain from illegal aliens. Since 1970, more than 30 million people have been added to our population as a result of both legal and illegal immigration.

If we continue this rate of population growth for the next half century, the United States’ population will nearly double to a half a billion people with most of that increase coming from mass immigration.

The net effect of this rapid population growth has been a decline in U.S. wage-rate growth, sprawl, congested traffic, overcrowded schools, increased numbers without health-care insurance, increased crime associated with drugs, and cultural transformation of some communities from a tradition of welcoming diversity into communities being racked by ethnic tension and divisiveness — CCN has extensively documented these present and projected future effects in its much-lauded Carrying Capacity Briefing Book, Immigration Briefing Book, and other materials.

My state of Colorado has not escaped the negative effects of mass legal and illegal immigration. In a report titled “Compassion or Compulsion,” the Independence Institute, a public policy think tank based in Golden, documented that providing welfare, education, and Medicaid benefits to immigrants, combined with the cost of incarceration of non-citizens in our prison system, costs Colorado taxpayers about $115 million each year! The report did not even begin to try to calculate the costs of infrastructure such as electric power generation, waste disposal capacity, new roads, and other forms of transportation that are needed to cope with our staggering population growth rate.

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Mass immigration generates substantial costs in other states as well. For example, the 1997 National Academy of Sciences National Research Council study, *The New Americans*, determined that in California a foreign-headed household costs taxpayers in each native household $3,463 net (i.e., after subtracting taxes immigrants paid) each year.

Again, CCN has been the leader in demonstrating the costs of mass immigration. In 1992, CCN sponsored the first in a series of studies by Dr. Donald Huddle, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Rice University, on the fiscal costs of mass immigration. The 1997 study determined, for example, that mass immigration cost American taxpayers $69 billion net in 1996 alone. The study projected that, if immigration trends continue, the costs for the 1998-2007 decade would be a net $932 billion.

The effects of mass immigration are not limited to states with high levels of foreign immigration like California, Texas, and New York. Natives of those states are often pushed into Colorado and other states in waves of internal migration.

Nationwide, there is a growing “Balkanization” that has resulted from the inability of the country to absorb the huge numbers of immigrants coming across our borders each year. Scholars argue over the implications of this phenomenon, but most agree that Americans are separating themselves by class at a greater rate than ever before in our history and that gated communities are most popular in the cities and states with high concentrations of immigrants.

Another national problem is the degradation of our environment caused by our rapid population growth.

Again, CCN has found that an area of farmland, natural habitat, and ecosystems equal to the size of Delaware is being paved over or converted to human use every year. Our underground aquifers are dropping at an alarming rate, and we are running out of land to bury our waste.

Immigration accounts for 70% of the 3 million people added to the U.S. population annually. If this population growth continues on the present trend line, the U.S. population could nearly double, to half a billion people, in 50 years. Can you imagine the worsened crowding, traffic jams and pollution resulting from that increase? Now the question is: What can be done?

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In 1996, the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform proposed setting an immediate immigration limit of about 450,000 per year, and then phasing down the level to about half that. Had Congress implemented the recommendations of the Commission, we would be well on our way to addressing the immigration-driven crisis in traffic, sprawl, health care, schools and jobs. Unfortunately, Congress failed, and the crisis has gotten worse.

As a new member of Congress, I have already co-sponsored bills to address mass immigration, including one that would enact a moratorium on immigration by aliens other than refugees, priority workers, and the spouses and children of United States citizens. I have also co-sponsored legislation to deny citizenship at birth to children born in the United States of parents who are not citizens or permanent resident aliens. I intend to push similar immigration reduction legislation in the upcoming session. But members of Congress cannot succeed alone.

CCN, a grassroots organization, has time and again provided unique and invaluable leadership in mobilizing support for these farsighted positions.

Surely, we all want as high a quality of life and standard of living in America for our children, grandchildren, and communities, as we have enjoyed.

CCN's program of immigration reduction, population stabilization, and resource conservation must succeed.

For the sake of our children and our future, it is very important that you support CCN as generously as you can today!

Sincerely,

Tom Tancredo
Member of Congress

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