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Immigration Control

Why haven't we built the fence that was approved and funded by Congress? Why do so many illegal immigrants from Mexico continue to spill over our border (assuming they are even Mexican in the first place), without a huge government response to protect our borders from these foreign invaders? Why do we not utilize our military to police our borders? Why don't we know who is crossing our borders at this very time? Why don't our agencies responsible for legal immigration use a little more discernment to bring in good people with similar values to grow and enrich our country and not just whoever applies through a quota system? Why does the data I look at say there are 10 to 12 million illegal immigrants in our country? Why doesn't the INS put some more effort into finding and deporting illegal immigrants and simply give them an instruction sheet on how to properly apply to enter our country? Why don't the immigrants coming to our country jump in the melting pot that made America great? They used to learn our language, work hard and become lovers and defenders of liberty. Why do we not encourage them to become integrated into our society like immigrants were in the past?

I believe in immigration to grow and enrich our country, but not to simply be here to accept everybody else's downtrodden, poor and unskilled workers. We are, after all, a nation of immigrants and what a great country this melting pot experiment created. The many cultures and ethnic backgrounds give our nation a great strength through diversity. It also adds a richness to the variety of foods and entertainment that we all can experience across the fruited plains of America.

Don't tell me we should grant amnesty to millions illegal immigrants just because they do jobs that Americans don't want to do, as George Bush told us. We did these jobs for two hundred years and we would still be doing them for ourselves if the illegal immigrants didn't drive the wages down so far that you couldn't support a family on them anymore. If we can locate a 5th generation cow from Alberta, Canada to determine where mad cow disease came from, then why can't we find these illegal immigrants? (How about we just give them all a cow so we can find them from now on?)

In all seriousness we need to complete the necessary fortifications to our borders to protect them from illegal crossings. We then need to have regular patrols of our borders by our military, video surveillance and unmanned drone aircraft reconnaissance. With our own military currently in 35 other nations across the globe why can't we put some of our troops on our own borders? Our troops that are deployed in the war on terror are costing about \$1 million each in Iraq and Afghanistan per year to field them. A stateside deployment of troops to protect our borders would be a quarter to a third of that cost per serviceman. This means for each serviceman pulled back from the frontline outside our country we could add three to four in our own country to defend ourselves and our borders directly.

Until we get serious about this foreign invasion and open purpose built point of entry locations with qualified personnel, then we will never know who is in our country, where they are and what they may be planning. Let's start defending ourselves directly instead of patrolling the



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world with a big stick and just looking for a fight. That approach is just throwing fuel on the fire and creating even more terrorists hell bent on destroying our nation.

We also need to address the illegal immigrants that are already here and get them back to where they belong. If large fines and jail time are legislated for the managers at the companies caught employing illegal immigrant workers then the jobs for them would dry up really quickly. Imagine a few CEOs from large companies sitting in county lockup a few days because they knowingly or unknowingly had employed illegal immigrants and got caught doing so. They would immediately have background checks ran on all employees and would fire all the illegal immigrant employees. When they could no longer find jobs they will go back home on their own without us even having to pay for their transportation.

Lastly I'd like to note that we should look closely at the citizenship laws for our country and make some common sense changes to them. Why should all babies born here automatically be granted citizenship even when neither parent is a citizen? This is not a sound practice and only encourages more illegal immigration to come here to have children. We can clean up this mess that bad policies of the past have created, but it will take deliberate efforts and good judgments to do so going forward.

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