

An Immigration plan

Should we reject

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that solves every immigration problem,

without Big Brother, effectively and inexpensively, just because it is

From the Pages of God?

Stumbling in the Dark

"Illegals", we like to call them. DUN's. Disenfranchised, Unloved Neighbors. We hurt them, but it's like kicking thorns barefoot. (Acts 9:5) To the extent we deny them freedom and prosperity, we lose our own.

God works things out that way, to give us every incentive to love. We learn this in Luke 6:38, which says our penalty for mistreating others is very proportionate. Presidential candidates offer a wide range of obstruction of the God-given rights of DUN's. We can vote for the degree of penalty we would like to suffer.

Tancredo's immigration agenda is extreme but at least it is clear. Because it has not been particularly refuted, it has pulled all other candidates his way. He is determined to deport every "illegal" and "stop all legal immigration except for people coming ...as... immediate family members or refugees."¹

Tancredo's supporters don't understand how

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God's Immigration Plan: Bible Clues

Feedback Opportunities

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* Be a guest on the Uncle Ed. Show in Des Moines.

* Write 50 words for "Like Kicking Thorns Barefooted", a series in El Comunicado, based in Des Moines.

* I didn't want to say this, but you can write to demand we don't send you any more mailings.

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Dear Pastor,
When we hear our friends stumbling outside in the dark, and God has given us a case of candles, shall we go outside and share? Please examine nobly (Acts 17:17) whether these Immigration Verses indeed flesh out a model U.S. Immigration Policy that will actually work.

Statements from Denominations

The Scriptures cited by Denominations in their immigration statements:

The Christmas Story's "flight to Egypt", "forced to abandon their homeland, their beloved relatives, their neighbors, their dear friends, and move to a foreign land" is "the example and the support of all emigrants" and to us provides "a glimpse of the painful condition in which all migrants live". "The Family of Nazareth reflects the image of God safeguarded in the heart of every human family". *Message of his Holiness Benedict XVI for the 93rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2007, The Migrant Family, citing Mat 2:13-15.*

There is a joke going around Washington. It goes: "When a Christian quotes God in the middle of an immigration policy debate, it is quoting God which is unrealistic." What makes this joke so funny is that the folks who tell it don't know what a joke it is. They missed Psalm 2.

...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, ...For...I was a stranger, and ye took me not in...Inasmuch as ye did it not to one

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Iowa Interfaith Immigration Coalition. "We pledge ourselves as people of faith and good will to stand with our immigrant neighbors who have come to the United States from throughout the world. Recognizing the moral imperative to welcome the

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POPULATION MYTHS

Population facts to help us decide if God knows as much as we do

Is the theory true, that population growth will harm our nation? Is population density undesirable?

If so, why are populations still moving from farms to cities?

Even those moving to suburbs, do not, generally, move to larger tracts of land. Those who do try to stay within commuting distance of cities. And when they leave the inner city, others replace them, some from farms.

Even the most rural folks, the hermits who move as far away from people as they can get, to the most land they can claim, do not return to the technology of the past, produced by a much lower population, but still use modern guns, trucks, chain saws, cell phones, satellite TV, and the Internet. In other words, even the folks who get as far away from other people, physically, as they can, and even those who *talk* about the "good old days" when brain pools were small and technology simple, don't *live* as if they are sorry there are so many people.

The luxuries we enjoy today, even including less pollution than in our more rural past, are possible only through populations that are at peace, free, law abiding, and huge. Just think of how many employees are necessary to develop a computer upgrade, research DNA maps, or launch a shuttle, and you get an idea of the number of specialists we engage to develop all the prosperity we enjoy.

Abortion and Immigration

These two issues share the same population myth. The myth that population growth is something less than a blessing. In fact, something so much less as to justify ruthlessness. Another remarkable connection is the equal number of people ruthlessly treated. God has offered to replace those we have slaughtered of our own offspring.

As if to say, "You could not love your own children. You could not find, in raising

your own children, enough delight to justify letting them live. So here, love these, who are already raised, anxious to work harder for you even than your own children. Love these enough to allow them to provide for you in your old age."

Now we have 11 million DUN's, (Disenfranchised, Unloved Neighbors), and have turned thrice that many away, while our social security system is expected to collapse in less than a generation, and might have already but for the 11 million. (For the myth that this benefit is negated by "illegals on welfare", see "The War of Words".)

Not that the only reason for children is to save you when you are old. That's just the selfish reason left for hearts too cold to delight in innocence. Many Christians are much more favorable to their own children than to those of immigrants. But Jesus refreshed Himself with children He had not physically borne, saying they, too, were a whiff of Heaven, Matthew 19:14. Also Proverbs 17:6.

God points out, below, a wonderful benefit of population growth: security. On the individual level, a large family has greater resources to defend itself against outside threats, from common thieves to petty bureaucrats. On the national level, a larger population has an advantage, militarily, over a small population, all other factors being equal. But all other factors are not equal. The United States, as was Israel under Moses, 1 Samuel 8, is free, giving us the technological and motivational edge over tyranny. The larger a free population, the greater its security.

Security and influence, whether individually or nationally, is what God promises when He speaks of "enemies in the gate". The ancient City Gate, through which everyone in the city had to pass to go in and out, was a crowded, natural place to find jurors for on-the-spot trials, voters to hear politicians' speeches, and audiences for community announcements such as new laws.

Psalms 127:4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

God has never repealed His command to "be fruitful and multiply and [fill] the earth", Gen 1:28, 8:17, 9:1, 7. Gen 1:28 calls this command a "blessing". In God's view, vasectomies and tube tying are a curse diminishing capacity for serving God, Deuteronomy 23:1. Fruitful wombs are blessings. *Ps 113:9, Deut 28:4.*

Deuteronomy 7:13-14 ...Thou shalt be

blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you,....

Abraham is made an example of faith in the book of Romans to all Christians, for what? For tithing 50%? For calling down fire from Heaven? For walking on water? No: for believing God's promise to heal his wife's womb!

Samson's mother experienced a similar miracle; also John the Baptist's mother. Rachel once told her husband Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die." Genesis 30:1.

At the individual level, God is talking about children born to our immediate families. At the national level, God is talking about a population increase of more distant relatives. But all humans are related. The unfortunate fact that people of different colors and languages often kill each other only proves they are just as related as knee-high siblings who try to do the same thing.

POPULATION PARANOIA. Two factors would still limit immigration if we repealed Numerical Limitations:

First, when enough people are troubled enough by their oppression to face the dangers and costs of leaving their homeland, there comes a critical point where it is easier to reform their own government. When that point is finally reached, earlier emigrants will return.

Second, repeal would also shorten our generation-long processing of

citizenship applications. I interviewed a Texas man who lived illegally for 31 years, and now, 14 years later, 45 years after coming here, is still not a citizen. He is not the exception. If we processed citizenship papers in two years instead of 30, our new citizens would be able to export political experience, along with their money, to their families back home. Political information, combined with cash, are powerful tools for reforming a corrupt government into a system that will no longer export its citizens. Under our current system, by the time our new citizens finally qualify to acquire political experience, the families back home to whom they have been sending their cash are all dead.

For calculations about two population increase scenarios: (1) a 60% increase in 20 years, and (2) literally the whole world population moving to our land area, see www.Saltshaker.US/HispanicHope/Population.htm

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much Big Brother such goals require. I know that because his own press secretary attacked me for saying Tancredo supports a "national ID card". He didn't know Tancredo cosponsored and voted for the Real ID Act, and wants biometric scanning of citizens at the border.²

To the extent we place obstacles before our "line" to "get in", making DUN's hide from us in order to live with us, we won't find them without hiring Big Brother. And Big Bro isn't cheap.

The U.S. Senate rejected enough national tracking to reduce DUN population even 1.3 million.³ It approved an amendment offered by Grassley to not require citizens to show Real ID Cards in order to work. (The Real ID combines Social Security, FBI, and state driver's license databases, and requires digital photos which can be processed by facial recognition software.)

With even less Mark of the Beast prep, with no way to reduce DUN's, the bill was abandoned by its supporters.⁴

As for Real ID itself, later the Senate unanimously refused to fund it.⁵ The Senate isn't alone in its concern. 17 states have actually enacted laws against it, and 20 more are in various stages of doing so.⁶

Anti-immigrants have great expectations for HR 4088, introduced December 6 with 112 cosponsors. But without the Real ID, it has an even weaker Employment Verification system than the Immigration Compromise bill which would barely reduce the DUN population, and which was easy for phony ID's to trick, as Senator Sessions explained.⁷

Can a watered down HR 4088 succeed, when the much stronger S 1934 was pronounced such a failure?

If God did not offer such an obviously feasible solution,

we would say that even if current immigration strategies "aren't perfect, they are the best we have, so we should do something rather than nothing." But since God offers an alternative, we should not feel so desperate to barter our freedoms for a bowl of refried beans. Hebrews 12:16.

The fundamental obstacle to denying liberty to our 11 million DUN's is that we can't tell them from citizens without liberty-robbing national tracking of both.

HR 4088 can't get around this barrier by doing more weakly what failed before, and what is currently tied up in courts.

That's right. The Immigration Compromise was euthanized June 28. The Real ID was denied funds July 26. So on August 10, DHS Secretary Chertoff decided to do what he could without a law, so he implemented almost the same Employment Verification system we read about in HR 4088, and the plan was promptly overturned in court.⁸

One of many problems is so many SSA database errors that possibly 10% of citizens would have to wrestle with bureaucrats to prove they are citizens so they can keep their jobs. During the wrestling, many would be denied work.

As the Cato Institute's Jim Harper testified before the House committee on immigration April 26, "There is probably no way to change the current system so that it prevents more ineligible people from working without also preventing more citizens and eligible people from working." He believes "It is more important that American citizens should be able to work than it is to exclude illegal aliens from working."

But aside from citizens losing freedom, one reason not even a secure border would stop DN's from arriving is that many "overstay" their tourist visas and temporary work programs.⁹ And even with a foolproof employment verification system, many will still work for themselves, and as Senator Sessions explained, will still get phony ID's.¹⁰

Deporting illegals undermines prosperity as much as freedom. Over \$20 billion just for Real ID, and \$11.7 billion per year to expand Real ID into the EEVS, counting the cost to business.¹¹ The cost of the next logical step, linking the EEVS to hidden cameras all across once-free America, fulfilling the dreadful warning of "1984" by George Orwell, has not been estimated.

That's just to *find* our unwelcome neighbors. *Jailing, processing, and deporting* them is estimated by ICE at \$94 billion.¹²

FOOTNOTES

1. 2007 GOP debate at Saint Anselm College Jun 3, 2007, reported at www.ontheissues.org

2. See his press release on the 9/11 commission report.

3. Congressional Budget Office June 4 analysis of SA 1150, p. 8. Summarized by Sen. Sessions June 27, Cong. Record page S8638.

4. Kennedy said right after the vote "unless you...have a tamper proof card, you might as well forget it." S 8597. Specter accused vote-switchers of betrayal. DHS secretary Chertoff had written the week before that Grassley's bill would make the bill worse than no bill at all. S8594.

5. SA 2406, by Baucus.

6. www.RealNightmare.org

7. Cong. Record page S8590.

8. *AFL-CIO v. Chertoff*, N.D. Cal. No. 07-4472-CRB, filed 8/29. The Court ruled against the DHS 10/10/7.

9. CBO, SA 1150, June 4, p. 8.

10. See note 5.

11. www.reason.com/news/show/117343.html "Worse Than a Wall"

12. <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/author/mnizza/>

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stran-ger in our midst, we commit ourselves to support laws that affirm their dignity, preserve their families, and acknowledge the value of their presence among us.” (A “*Creating a Welcoming State*” petition signed by 3,600 Iowans, presented at a 12/4 press conference. Endorsements came from Catholics, Methodists, ELCA, UCC, Disciples of Christ, Presbytery, AFSC, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Christian service organizations.)

No passage is cited, but “stranger” shows up, in the KJV, 116 times in the OT and 8 times in the NT. 35 times the Greek NT uses words meaning “immigrant”. (With Strong’s numbers: 3941 παροικος, 4 times; 245 αλλοτριος 14x; 3939 παροικεω 2x; 241 αλλογενης 1x; 3581 ξενος 14x.) In every instance, God longs for hospitality towards immigrants.

Lutherans, Missouri Synod, “The Lord Himself set the standard for responding to ‘the stranger in our midst.’ Jesus Christ sought out, welcomed, and cared for people in need....without respect to ethnicity, religion, or nationality. ‘Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another’ (1 John 4:11).

“[But] government...act[s] as God’s agent...(Romans 13:1-7) .

“Millions...have come to flee oppression of many sorts....They have come illegally because they have deemed that the legal route is nearly impossible to maneuver....

“God, in His Word, consistently shows His loving concern for ‘the stranger in our midst’ and directs His people to do the same. The Children of Israel were told, ‘He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt’ (Deuteronomy 10:18-19). God told Moses to tell the people, ‘When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God’ (Leviticus 19:33-34). Jesus said, ‘Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for me’ (Matthew 25:40). We are reminded in

Hebrews 13:2, ‘Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.’

“... it is not the role of the church to specify particular civil legislation.... We do, however, pray... Meanwhile, in order to fulfill our Christian obligation, we also request that the charitable act of providing assistance to undocumented aliens not otherwise engaged in illegal activity not be criminalized ipso facto....” Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick, President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; Rev. Matthew Harrison, Executive Director, LCMS World Relief/Human Care. Posted at <http://www>

[.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=10023](http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=10023)

Also on the LCMS website is a resolution posted 12/12/7, which passed by 1078 to 52, stating that “WHEREAS, Holy Scripture directs Christians to show love, care, hospitality, and assistance toward the strangers and foreigners in our lands....”, and since LIRS “is the second largest agency” authorized to process refugee admissions, Lutherans should “petition” government to continue funding such agencies, and should work with their agencies to “resettle at least one refugee or immigrant or asylee family as soon as possible.”

Assemblies of God: “It is appropriate for the borders of the United States to be secure in order for immigration to conform to the laws of the United States. As people of faith we support comprehensive immigration reform that reflects human dignity, compassion, and justice integral to a ‘nation under God.’ Apart from issues related to governmental jurisdiction, we believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ compels us to minister to all who live or work within our country. Adopted by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God General Council September 20, 2006. www.ag.org/top/about/immigration.cfm

Christianity Today, September, 2007, surveyed 15 “evangelical thought leaders” and concluded that only 82% agreed that “Bible verses on ‘welcoming the stranger’ apply to the U.S. immigration debate”! 18% said God’s advice is “Too simplistic. Personal moral exhortations often prove inadequate for complex social dilemmas”! Most of the 18% want to “enforce current laws”, quoting “Rep. Tom Tancredo” as the man with the right ideas.

Even the 82% qualified Scriptural application to the immigration debate into nonexistence by adding that “verses on welcoming the stranger apply at the level of the local church”. However, they thought government should follow verses about not oppressing immigrants. No one suggested that God may not want immigrants deported, Mat 25:41-45. 54% thought government should do something like repealing quotas, so that citizenship can be offered to *all* unauthorized residents; and require immigrants to meet criteria such as learning English. They added, “Immediately deport any illegal immigrant who refuses to cooperate.”

Interfaith Alliance Caucus Resolutions

The United States Congress [should] pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform legislation to expand legal channels to enter the United States and create avenues of earned legalization for law-abiding people who migrate to the United States of America.

All immigration laws and policies must uphold the dignity of all people, preserve families, and acknowledge the value of their presence in the United States, regardless of immigration status.

God's Immigration Plan: Clues from the Bible

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of the least of these, ye did it not to me. Mat 25:41-45

Is it indeed unrealistic to repeal Numerical Limitations as Mat 25 requires, thus creating a "line" for our DUN's (Disenfranchised, Unloved Neighbors) to "get in", so that when we yell "get in line like everybody else", we will actually let them? Wouldn't it be good to let them come legally, so we will not have millions trying to cross the border not 12, not 20. points and hiding "in the shadows" after they come? Is it so dumb to have agents hunting for thousands of terrorists and violent criminals, instead of millions whose worst crime is gambling their lives for a chance to work hard? Doesn't national security matter?

Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. Luke 11:46

Don't we shoot ourselves in the foot, with numerical limitations that feed a 11 million haystack in which thousands of criminals and terrorists safely hide? Talk about "a path to citizenship" to reduce that haystack is an empty promise without repealing Numerical Limitations that allow fewer than 1% of the haystack to get in line. And we want that promised short line at the end of a gauntlet of "fines", "admissions of guilt", "touchbacks", and mind-numbing bureaucracy threatening anyone thinking of leaving the haystack. Does that seem more practical than treating our DUN's the way we want God to treat us? Luke 6:31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

50 years ago J.B. Phillips asked students to answer quickly: "Do you think God understands radar?" The spontaneous answer: "no". Today our question is: "Do you think God understands immigration?"

"No State shall ...deny to any person within its jurisdiction [whom the state can arrest] the equal protection of the laws." The 14th Amendment, which applies to undocumented immigrants according to Plyler v. Doe, 1982

"One [the same] law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger [immigrant] that sojourneth [resides] among you." Exodus 12:49 (also Lev 24:22, Num 15:16, 29)

FENCES. God does not suggest we should let everyone from the world come here and be citizens, without any restrictions. We can still build a fence, like Ezra and Nehemiah, with terrorist and criminal watch lists at border checkpoints, just like citizens endure at airports. But with an actual line for everyone, only a few violent criminals, terrorists, and drug runners will want to cross illegally. So a cheaper fence, which we can build quickly, will be enough to stop them. God smiles upon a secure border that keeps out those which citizens obey.

CRITERIA. God gives an example of criteria which citizens already meet naturally, which immigrants should meet before enjoying the full rights of citizenship, such as, in our case, learning English, or learning how our freedom and service-based economy work. Verses 43-48 of Exodus 12 (compare with v. 49) say that before an immigrant may share the ultimate privilege of citizenship, he must be circumcised.

In those days circumcision was more than a day of pain. In those days of toilet transparency, circumcision made it harder to live among pagans who hated anything Jewish.

LOYALTY OATH. Circumcision, then, was like a loyalty oath today. Wouldn't you say our 11 million DUN's, by risking their lives to come here and risking their liberties to stay here, have shown real commitment to our country? But when we repeal Numerical Limitations, eliminating the risk from coming here, we will need a better loyalty oath.

How about: "I renounce all

loyalty to any political theory or religious theology that calls for the overthrow, involving the use of any violence whatsoever, of the United States, its Constitution, its liberties, its rights to due process of law, or its Freedoms of Speech and Religion." Saying those words would make terrorists so mad, that they wouldn't be able to choke them down without giving themselves away. Especially if we use lie detectors.

LEARN ENGLISH. Immigrants already want to learn, without us "making" them! But speeding up their legalization for points earned will inspire them, reversing the *disincentive* provided now by Numerical Limitations which leave 12 million DUN's afraid to socialize with the most fluent English speakers.

God implies this criteria through his requirement that everyone learn laws, Ex 13:16, De 6:8 & 11:18, which requires the ability to read them.

LEARN HOW FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY WORK. Natural born citizens grow up with rights so ingrained in them that any future tyrant will have his work cut out for him. Like freedom of speech, religion, trial by jury, bearing arms.

But we hesitate to teach our new citizens what keeps us free and prosperous, if we even remember, and our behavior towards immigrants threatens our freedom and prosperity.

"...whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:27

This explains American freedom and prosperity. We honor businessmen who provide services beyond what can be accounted for by the quest for profit, not businessmen who are rich. We honor "quality", which we define as the usefulness, of our products and services, to others. Service orientation even

jump starts a sluggish economy, because even when capital is in short supply people are more likely to still meet each other's needs, doing the things that keep civilization moving.

No other world religion values self sacrificial service to others. **John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**

No other world religion features an economy based on selfless service.

Acts 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Lu 6:34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil..

It is no coincidence that America is first in the world in exporting peace, freedom, charity, and the Gospel that uplifts them.

For more, see www.Saltshaker.US/HispanicHope/AmericanFreedom.htm

No doubt a few oppose solutions because then the fighting would stop, and they like to watch a good fight. They like to sit down with beer and popcorn and yell for their favorite team, their faces painted the appropriate colors, their voices parroting the slogans of cheerleaders.

But if your heart is broken, like mine, for every bone broken down on the field, help me blow a Referee's Whistle able to stop the "game". It is a big whistle, requiring several of us blowing it.

The War of Words

"Amnesty", "Rule of Law", "Get in line like everybody else", "illegals on welfare", "no special pathway for illegals to jump to the head of the line" "sanctuary cities"

Amnesty, which we are told should never be done, has a new definition that overlaps that of "fixing a stupid law", a thing which really ought to be done.

It now means "rewarding the innocent victims of a 5 mph immigration speed limit, by fixing the law." Since raising the limit would only "reward lawbreakers", we make the law more stupid, by lowering it to 2 mph. Changing laws is *what law-makers do*, continually changing who we define as lawbreakers, without fear that declaring innocent those who never should have been defined as guilty will "undermine the rule of law".

"Amnesty" once meant to forgive wartime "treason, sedition, and rebellion" without changing laws. (Black's Law Dictionary, 4th Edition, 1967). Reagan used it as a metaphor for his immigration plan. Lesser politicians mistook the metaphor for a definition, which became so vague that all are able to claim to be against it, while accusing each other of being for it, and who is to say?

Rule of Law is defined upside down from the way our Founders meant it. They applied "law" equally to everybody, so

that majorities are not "above the law" which they impose on minorities. But we draw a line around the rights of others where God has not. We apply harsh laws and insufferable bureaucracy upon those born on the other side of our line, which we would never tolerate upon ourselves. Luke 11:46. We call "rule of law" what our founders called "rule of tyrants". They understood that the "higher authorities", *plural*, which Romans 13:1 tells us to obey, *presumes higher authorities in agreement*; so when they conflict, we are to obey the highest authority: "we ought to obey God rather than men", Acts 5:29.

Jesus said any law which does not do good is not a legitimate law. Mark 3:4. He reasoned that to the extent lawmakers defy the Laws of God, they should not be taken too seriously when they enact laws of their own. Mark 7:5-9.

American Rule of Law will be restored, not destroyed, by recognizing the unalienable, God-given rights of our Disenfranchised Neighbors.

"Get in Line like Everybody Else" Go to YouTube. com, and search with that phrase, for a great song. Numerical Limitations only let in about 100,000 from Mexico. There is no line for the remaining 12 million, largely Mexican, not to mention those applying from abroad. The USCIS fills slots years into the future, which is why applicants must often wait a generation once they find a line to get in. Several candidates, and most Americans, want:

"No Special Pathway

for Illegals to Jump to the Head of the Line", but yet want all DUN's to have "a path to citizenship".

Without repealing Numerical Limitations, with no "pathway" beyond what we have now, 10 million, even at the head of the line, would need 100 years to squeeze in a line 100,000 long per year.

Sanctuary Cities? A school bus driver has jurisdiction over unruly kids on his bus. But suppose he has such a warm spot in his heart for the IRS that he begins helping the IRS collect income taxes from parents. Do you see a problem?

Well, for one thing, he isn't trained in the IRS code. He will unwittingly violate civil rights, and be sued. But suppose Congress is so anxious for his help that it grants him immunity. Just like Congress granted cities immunity from lawsuits, if they conduct raids and investigations for ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). And suppose ICE provides a weekend workshop (425g agreement) in how to do it.

Great. Our civil rights are still violated by amateurs enforcing laws they barely understand, but now we can't sue to stop them.

If a city realizes these facts, and officially decides to continue enforcing only those laws over which it has jurisdiction, can you see that doesn't make it some kind of different city we may meaningfully label a "Sanctuary City"? Romney's vision of penalizing cities who decline to enforce federal law would be a federalization of cities un-

Majority Vision

Several positions on immigration are shared by an overwhelming majority, not just of Republicans, or Democrats, or Independents, but of all three. Here are the positions, followed by the percent for and against. *(Summarized from The Platform of the American People, a Red, White and Blue platform to replace the red versus blue partisan split. A project of American Solutions, founded by Newt Gingrich.)*

More visas for educated immigrants, (63 to 29)

Deport DN's who commit felonies. (88 to 10)

No advertising just to illegals. (78 to 18)

Heavy fines for hiring illegals. (78 to 20)

IRS audits of employers of illegals. (83 to 15) *[This requires audits of everyone, to see who hires illegals.]*

An instantaneous employment verification system should be outsourced to credit card companies. (73 to 20) *[Visa knows your balance, not your immigration status, and they don't always get your balance right, much less know your real identity. See "Stumbling in the Dark". The Senate and 17 states have rejected enough Mark of the Beast Prep to make this system really work. Such a system entangles not just DN's, but citizens.]*

Worker Visa programs (also called Temporary Work, or Guest Worker programs):

... should make it easier to work legally. (83 to 16)

Workers must apply (for the temporary visa) from their own country, not from here, to restore respect for law. (69 to 27) *[What about those not recognized as citizens by any*

The War of Words

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precedented in American law.

Besides constitutional reasons, cities have selfish reasons not to exceed their jurisdiction. They want their own laws obeyed. They don't want residents afraid to get their dogs licensed, take out a building permit to fix their plumbing, or report crimes, for fear that residents (citizens too) will be asked to first produce their proof of citizenship.

Cities know feds have no way to reduce their undocumented population; they see no benefit to law and order in motivating their DUN's to violate city and state laws too.

other country?]

Each worker will get a job at immigration centers in their home country so they apply for a visa with a job in hand. (84 to 14) *[Only the largest employers of the most menial labor who are able to schedule their needs months in advance can hire without job interviews, without even knowing if the applicant's visa will be approved.]*

Each worker should take an oath to obey the law (93 to 8)

Tamper-proof ID's to allow the government to track workers. (89 to 11) *[This means citizens too.]*

Uncle Ed.'s Caucus Resolution

Restore border security by repealing Numerical Limitations so agents can cut red tape and focus on bad guys. Replace them with criteria: learn English and how our freedoms and prosperity work.

Calling undocumented immigrants "neighbors" is not some subtle, implied, between-the-lines teaching. It is Jesus' Second Greatest Commandment. The hero of the Good Samaritan story (Jesus' illustration of the Second Greatest Commandment, Luke 10:25-37 and Matthew 22:35-40) is the foreigner who, despite our dehumanization of him, still serves us patiently. Denying our fellowship to those whom God calls "neighbor" is something God takes very seriously. Matthew 25:41-45 tells us not only to refrain from deporting foreigners, but to "take them in" as if we were taking in God Himself. If our hearts are too cold for that, the verses suggest, maybe they will be too cold to get much out of Heaven. Maybe we would benefit from a place that can warm them up.

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I am a Bible-applying out-of-the-closet Christian "Moral Conservative": a loyal Republican only as far as they are loyal to God. On Immigration, I find both parties about equally all over the Biblical map. I am optimistic because: (1) the politicians most in the way are those who most intend to follow Scripture; and (2) God's plan is the only plan with a prayer of success. No other can achieve its own goals, even after paying unacceptable costs in freedom and finances. There has to come a day when Americans will tire of kicking thorns barefoot.



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Deut 23:15
Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee: 16 He shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress [deport] him.

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Lev 19:34
But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

city of 2 million. But these are not the hobos. These homes are working families with steady jobs that enable them purchase what building materials they n’t salvage from dumps. 250 ft. concrete block homes are going up a couple of courses of blocks) a year, as homeowners told us that the blocks. The missionary buy, often often build on land they cannot remain there le- gally. Such was not the case with these homes. We drove by again in November of 2005. They were ashes. The government had conducted “urban renewal”. You can see it isn’t just the grinding poverty that drives people North. It’s an often ruthless government that not only does not help, but cares no more than a bull does for china. Missionaries help, but relief supplies have to be smuggled, and the Constitution says the government can seize any church at any time.

