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The Effects of Illegal Immigration on US Public Health, Safety and Welfare.

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Immigration Can Be Beneficial

a. It is first of all –from early man to today - an economic issue.
   i. Mankind's spread across the globe, in search of a more secure and prosperous future for its family.
   ii. Seen in archeology, Biblical stories, European exploration and expansion, US expansion, the pre- and post WW2 war diaspora, and today.
b. It may replace the hosts country's populations depleted by war with new workers and needed skills.
c. It provides needed or new skills, tools, foods, culture and customs and intellectual capital which may enrich the host country.
   a. German immigrant scientist before WW2 effect on Nobel Science awards.
d. It may rescue populations from societies and geographic areas in stress to more comfortable places where they can contribute in safety and prosperity.
e. Immigrants can contribute to economic growth by being the generators and consumers of goods and services.
f. Immigrants are frequently generators of new businesses serving first their ethnic communities and then the public at large.
g. It may provide workers whose taxes support the modern social states.
h. It may help to bolster the birthrate of modern social states.

Costs of Unmanaged Immigration

a. It can strain the modern social states financial resources – both locally and nationally if the immigrants are not actively engaged in generating national wealth beyond the costs of their support.

b. It can create an "open door" to the host nation's enemies.

c. It can enable "bad actors" to prey upon its citizens through various crimes.

d. It can lead to job insecurity for host country workers as they compete for jobs which historically ignites prejudice and social conflicts both individually and through legislative measures.

e. It can introduce new or re-introduce old diseases and health issues into the host country.

f. Assimilation of the new immigrants into the hosts county's culture can be difficult and take time which creates cultural conflicts due to language, customs and religious differences.

g. Dissolution of citizen voting power as noncitizens and ineligible citizens use lax enforcement to vote in elections.

Current Immigration Law

- Legally regulated with country quotas.
  - US Has largest annual Immigration Quota – Cap of 1,000,000/yr.
  - Must apply in home country until case can be reviewed and approved.
- Current Enforcement and Deportation.
  - Diminished deportation of alien workers with expired work visas.
  - Diminished deportation of foreign students whose visas have expired.
  - Many who have overstayed their visas dodge deportation by violating federal laws that require them to inform the US government of their current address so that they cannot be located.
  - CBP staff is overwhelmed by the sheer volume of illegal immigrants, status hearings, processing deportation and implementing them are extending the stays of non-compliant immigrants.
- Compliance with International Asylum Policies.
  - Current international law only provides for asylum in next neighboring country. But the UN is pushing for international mobility without restrictions to redistribute populations and wealth.

Current Immigration Law Enforcement

- The US is still officially providing immigration access under statutory immigration law. However:

    - The US Customs and Border Protection has reported 8.5 million encounters nationwide since Jan 2021 with over 7 million encounters at the southwest border.

    - The US Customs and Border Protection has reported 371,036 encounters nationwide in December 2023. with over 302,034 encounters at the southwest border.

    - According to the DHS, an estimated 1.8 million known getaways have evaded the US Border Control. These unaccounted for immigrants are not monitored for their health, criminal records or ties to international terrorism.

    - The new CMP One policies require persons to apply for entry from their home countries 413,300 individuals have scheduled appointments since its inception and 45,770 inadmissible applicants were processed with appointment sin December '23.

    - Abuses of this policy led to the suspension of immigration applicants from Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti and Nicaragua. i

- While current deportation numbers for those are consistent with previous years, their share as a percentage of those entering the country illegally. 58% of these removals are for criminal immigration , drug or assault offenses

- Less than 35% of immigrants granted temporary asylum on a condition that they report doe a review at a future scheduled date do so. Frequently the CBP cannot contact those that do not do so due to false addresses.

Who Supports Unregulated Immigration – Why?

- The US Chamber of Commerce - supports illegal immigration in order to provide low cost labor – frequently with reduced payroll tax expenses or none at all.

- The US Construction and Agricultural industries to provide workers to fill labor worker shortages and keep payroll costs down.

- Labor Unions – looking to expand into new labor areas to increase revenues and political funding to preferred candidates and parties.

- Progressive politicians who are pushing to grant to the right to vote to non-citizens and accelerate citizenship in order to replace lost demographics, expand demographics and maintain or increase political clout.

  - In recent vote to deport illegal immigrants arrested for committing crimes including sexual assault, 158 democratic congressmen voted against the proposed bill.

  - 2,621,998 noncitizens of voting age reside in the swing states of GA, NC, AZ and PA. A recent study suggest that if non-citizens vote at the same rate as 20008, an estimated 1.5 million non-citizens could vote in the coming election, many of them in swing states.

  - Progressive politicians repeatedly push back against any efforts to clean up voting rolls or provide proof of identity in order to vote.

- Immigration Advocacy Groups – aligned with liberal politicians to change local demographics to expand political clout, transfer wealth and push for socialism.

- Charities – support immigration as a humanitarian policy. However they seek and acquire federal funding without transparency on how the funds are spent and evidence exist that they are using funds to guide illegal immigrants on how to avoid US law.

Current Immigration Inflows 2008-2024

▶ Expanded illegal immigration from across the globe – not just Mexicans and South Americans as many would want you to believe.

▶ An expanded 10 fold entry of Chinese nationals, many of military age. So far in 2024 15, 038 Chinese nationals were encountered at the southwest border. Dec '23 had already set a new monthly record.

▶ Expanded entry of single, military aged men from across the globe including the Middle east and China.

▶ Expanded entry of unaccompanied minors.

  ▶ Data collected between February of 2021 and January of 2024 revealed "464,922 [unaccompanied] children have been encountered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection police nationwide.."The DHS admits that it cannot locate over 85,000 of these unaccompanied minors or their sponsors.

▶ Dumping of criminals and dissidents from Venezuela and other countries such as Cuba did under Carter.

Economic Effects

- Employment Demographics
  - The US Bureau of Labor reports that foreign born workers gained 1.3 million jobs while native born lost 1.2 million.
  - Newsweek says" " Illegal immigrants compete with these less skilled Americans including people of color, these workers are also the ones who suffer most when public health, transportation, education and social services are strained by an influx of illegal migrants who never paid taxes.
- How do you compute the financial costs?
  - While most states' accounts of migrant expenses focus on emergency housing and aid, an honest assessment factors in the full breadth of state services they draw on while in the US. Services like education, medical expenses, law enforcement, legal costs and welfare are prominent factors. Those, coupled with the differences in tax revenue compared to expenses, helped contribute to the discrepancies between state reporting and the estimated true cost of hosting migrants.
- Local government are absorbing the costs without Federal aid, requiring local governments to raise taxes, cut services, and look for external revenue sources.

Economic Effects - Continued

▶ Tourism is a vital contributor to local business and local tax revenues to many cities, because they provide economic benefits and taxes without increasing costs, but it is declining in many cities due to growing crime and sanitation issues.

▶ The alternative is expanded federal funding which will require more taxes and public debt. Some politically connected communities in primarily Blue states like California and New York are able to get Federal assistance due to their political affiliation while others cannot.

▶ Growth of public debt drives up costs of annual debt service which drives up inflation and impacts family costs of living with the greatest impact on low to middle class families.

▶ Many local and state governments are not being transparent to the public about the true costs of their lax immigration policies on the public. They frequently only report direct costs of providing housing and food without adding in the costs to of strained public health, education and safety lest they expose the true costs of their political policies.

▶ These economic shortfalls increase long term public debt which has a negative impact on the local and federal deficits.

Economic Effects - Examples

- Total estimate by FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) is $ 150 Billion for 2017 through 2023.

- California led the country with expenses of nearly $31 billion to take care of illegal immigrants and their children, according to FAIR's study. Texas followed at more than $13 billion; Florida clocked in at more than $8 billion; then New York and New Jersey. Bottom of Form The total outlay by American taxpayers was even higher, according to estimates from FAIR, at $182 billion.

- However, illegal migrants do pay taxes — and FAIR estimated their contributions to local, state and federal treasuries came to about $32 billion. However, that still left $150 billion in costs that American taxpayers were saddled with.

- In Massachusetts, Republican leaders say there's a $1 billion hole in state coffers — and they're accusing the Democrat-controlled government of quietly siphoning off tax dollars to deal with the migrant crisis. "The Healey-Driscoll Administration has shrouded nearly $1 billion spent in secrecy, leaving Massachusetts residents in the dark," Estimates are that in 2023 alone, the cost in state services for the illegal migrants and their children in the Bay State was closer to $3 billion.

- In New York, the comptroller estimated that the migrant crisis will cost state taxpayers $4.3 billion through 2025, and New York City taxpayers $3 billion in fiscal year 2024 alone. However, according to FAIR's estimates, the estimated 1.45 million illegal migrants and children in the state already cost taxpayers nearly $10 billion in 2023.

Healthcare Effects

- The Fentanyl Epidemic is associated with an estimated 560,000 overdose deaths in the US.
  - Dec 2023- CBP seized 1,147 lbs at the SW border – part of fiscal year 24's 4,324 lbs.
  - The primary source of Fentanyl is China and its believed primary port of entry into the US is the southwestern border via cartels.
- Virulent diseases such a tuberculosis, measles which had all but disappeared in the US are increasing. The WHO attributes their global rise due to a global reduction in immunizations. The US is vulnerable to theses diseases without the healthcare checks on illegal immigrants of the 1800s and 1900s.
  - 9,600 tuberculosis cases were reported in the US in 2023 , a decade high with a 16% increase over '22. Experts say that most detected tuberculosis cases are diagnosed in people born in other countries.
- Strain on local healthcare resources.
  - Federal law requires that hospitals provide healthcare benefits regardless of ability to pay or immigration status.
  - Immigrants without a healthcare provider relationship frequently use emergency rooms for even simple issues which clogs up emergency rooms and puts pressure on healthcare providers – frequently without reimbursement.

Crime Effects: General

▶ Former Border Patrol Chief for the Yuma, AZ sector : Its an atrocity to spend taxpayer money to support and help people that don't even have the lawful right to be here …This is another factor because all they have to do is get arrested, turn themselves in and get released. They are getting opportunities that you and I don't get.

▶ International gangs from China, Russia, Mexico, Venezuela and former Soviet nations are expanding their operations and network in the US, often into areas where their presence had not been significant. In the first half of the 22-23 fiscal year, CBP arrested 9,052 aliens with criminal convictions nationwide.

    i. The Venezuelan Tren de Aragua took over a hotel and terrorized residents in El Paso and took over apartment complexes in Aurora, CO.

    ii. This summer, gang members who took advantage of immigration loopholes are now connected to two high profile brutal rapes and murders of Linken Riley and Jocelyn Nungaray.

▶ Immigrant violent crimes are increasing as these gangs fight each other and US gang turf wars.

▶ Although reported violent and property crimes are declining in many large cities, they are becoming more organized an more costly. Retailers, homeowners, drivers and other citizens in large cities are becoming victims of organized flash mobs and car jackings. But smaller cities are not immune.

Crime Effects

- After received an influx of Haitian migrants equal to 35% of its native population in the period of 2021 through 2023 Springfield Ohio reports a 51.5% jump in motor vehicle thefts and a 112.8% jump in shoplifting reports.
- The FBI reports that sophisticated drug manufacturing and distribution has been discovered in parts of the country where it had not been detected before.
  - Chinese operators have purchased land and set up legal marijuana growing operations in states such as Oklahoma, California, Oregon and New Mexico.
  - Chinese organized crime groups are reportedly bringing a new wave of violent crime to Oklahoma by taking advantage of cheap land and lax growing requirements for marijuana. Chinese owners and workers have become a larger presence at illegal grows in Oklahoma, California and Oregon**2**. Nearly half of the 6,300 licensed marijuana grow farms in Oklahoma are under investigation by the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics.
  - Law enforcement in southern Oregon in 2021 reported as many as 20 different nationalities linked to illegal grows. But the increasing amount of Chinese funding — and what lawmakers and some experts say is the potential influence of the Chinese Communist Party — has caught the attention of legislators and law enforcement alike. Much is still unknown about Chinese-funded cannabis cultivation — including whether the money is coming from groups with connections to the Communist Party, and how much of the cannabis produced through Chinese-funded grows stays within the U.S. or leaves the country. It's also not clear how deeply involved Chinese organized crime syndicates are in American cannabis cultivation.

Crime Effects

- Recent FBI reports for 2023 suggest that homicides (-12.9%) , rape (-9%), aggravated assault (-3%), overall property crime (-2%) all decreased while motor vehicle theft in increased (+13%).

  - But many are suggestuing that the FBI reports are riddled with errors.

  - The new NIBRS requires multiple data points and it is onerous to report into. IN 2021, 40% of US law enforcement failed to submit data.

  - The FBI says that 73% of law enforcement agencies used NIBRS last year while 12% used older methods and the remaining 15% submitted nothing at all. In those cases, the FBI uses other estimation methods to fill in the gaps. The FBI says that its data covers 94.3% of the opoulation.a

  - A review of the data shows dozens of cities were off 20% from what the city itself reported.

    - Chicago reported 617 homicides, but the NIBRS report shows 499.

Crime : Sex Trafficing

a. Women and children have been brought into the country for Sex Trafficking and exploitation in the shadows where their abuse and possible murder is hidden from view.

    i. An NBC report quoted women who had escaped from Cartel supported sex trafficking. They reported how after paying the coyote their $ 4 to 9K fee to travel to the US, they were kidnapped, beaten and raped. Resistance led to beatings and killings.

    ii. A NY Times February 2023 article reported that130,000 unaccompanied minors had entered the US in 2022, 3X the number in 2017. The Office of Refugee Relocation admitted that it had been unable to contact the sponsors for 85,000 of these children. It cannot identify where they are or even if they are still alive.

    iii. A Newsweek Aug 21, 24 article reports that "ICE has no assurance UCs (unaccompanied migrant children) are safe from trafficking, exploitation, or forced labor," Inspector General Joseph Cuffari's report warned. The audit showed that between 2019 and 2023, ICE transferred over 448,000 unaccompanied children to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The agency struggled to monitor the whereabouts of many of these children after their release from HHS custody. More than 32,000 children failed to appear for scheduled immigration court hearings in the period, and ICE couldn't account for their location. The report also states that the number of missing children could be higher due to ICE's failure to serve Notices to Appear (NTAs) on 291,000 children, leaving them without scheduled court dates and outside the formal immigration process.

Public Education

- School districts are facing staffing shortages which are forcing staff reallocation and increased costs to acquire more bi-lingual teachers.

- The need to support an influx of new languages from across the globe is increasingly difficult due to limited resources and expensive training – often to support a small group of less frequently encountered foreign students.

- Class sizes are expanding beyond state mandated sizes and increasing teacher workload. In addition, Small school districts without large tax bases are facing increased infrastructure stress for classrooms and other facilities as an influx of migrants settle in their communities.

- School district resources in some states and cities are being reallocated by local government to provide housing for illegal migrants rather than serve local student needs.

- The costs of the Federal Meals Program is increasing as more low income immigrant students apply for funded meals.

  - Large School districts such as Chicago's are reportedly telling their teachers to automatically odvance low performing migrant students so that they can pass through and out of the system. This processing reduces their ability to be productive, law abiding citizens.

Crime - Difficulties in Enforcement

- Lack of Immigrant Documentation –
  - Immigrants with criminal records or gang affiliations are often not detected until they commit crimes and are caught here. Often their home countries actively support their immigration in order to send their problems to the US.
  - The FBI is warning that terrorist from unfriendly nations such as Iran, China, North Korea, Russia and groups like ISIS, Hamas and Hezbollah are crossing our borders undetected so we cannot identify their affiliation with terrorist groups for foreign bad actors. .
  - Wholescale granting of temporary asylum until future hearings is freeing undetected threats to take residence in the US.
- The deportation of illegal immigrants is being blocked by home nations such as China and Venezuela. They will not accept their return so their deportation is delayed and the costs of their presence in the US is handed off to US taxpayers.
- Local "progressive" DAs are releasing repeat offenders (including illegal immigrants) without bail.   These criminals frequently go underground to avoid prosecution and relocate elsewhere in the US to commit new crimes in their new location.
- Local government's failure to cooperate with ICE jeopardize the very communities that they are elected to protect.
- Lack of transparency by third parties and local governments hamper public awareness.

What Needs to Be Done?

- ▶ Enforce Current Immigration Laws as they are written.

- ▶ Stop automatic entry of immigrants and granting of temporary status.

- ▶ Re-establish cooperation between ICE and local law enforcement to detect and deport criminal immigrants and enforce local law enforcement checks of immigration status.

- ▶ Prosecute and fine those employers who employ persons without proper or questionable documentation.

- ▶ End the Expedited Asylum Program and its temporary visas.

- ▶ Stop providing asylum to those persons who cannot provide proper documentation.

- ▶ Vigorously enforce policies that end all efforts for provide the right to vote to non – eligible foreign nationals.

- ▶ Enforce the US Constitutions "Supremacy Clause" against sanctuary cities and states and financially penalize them.

- ▶ Provide funding for administrative staff to enforce and prosecute immigration laws.