

Population

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Perspectives

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

How much progress can we make toward immigration reform when we are up against a government that we can't trust?

That's an important question and it holds the key to making real "nation-changing" decisions in the months and years ahead.

In recent years we have seen the Obama administration totally fail in its obligation to secure our nation's southern border, unilaterally open the prisons to free thousands of illegals back into our country, and mislead Congress and the American people on the numbers of illegal immigrants being detained and deported. Most disturbing is President Obama's repeated insistence that "all is fine" regarding our nation's immigration policies — when it becomes more clear every day that the entire system is in chaos.

With our nation now presented with a new deluge of illegal immigrants from Central America, the Obama administration has opted to totally slam the door on transparency. It is purposely working to address this problem (which has exploded into a political nightmare for the president) far from the eyes of the American public and our elected leaders who should definitely be in the information loop.

The confrontation that erupted in Oklahoma in July, when a U.S. Congressman who appeared at a newly-organized HHS detention center was denied entrance, has heightened concerns of all Americans about the size and scope of this crisis. Such actions only serve to raise the question: "What is the government hiding?"

As federal officials search for places to house the newest arrivals, they are using stealth tactics, moving illegals into facilities under the dark of night, and purposely not telling governors, mayors, and local elected leaders of their arrival. When elected officials have requested information regarding the number of illegals and the length of their stay, they've been stonewalled by government bureaucrats at every turn. No one, from the White House on down, is willing to explain the need for such extreme deception.

Citizens who live near these new "pop-up" detention centers are rightly concerned. It's only a matter of weeks before these illegal children will be placed in America's classrooms. In the long term, they could be overtaxing resources related to jobs, housing, and healthcare.

Americans are right to condemn how the Obama administration is handling this entire situation. They definitely don't want to foot the \$3.7 billion bill for this self-made "crisis"

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NPG'S 10 PRINCIPLES FOR A RESPONSIBLE POPULATION POLICY

With all of the turmoil surrounding the immigration issue it is easy for the American people to get distracted from all of the critical problems in this area which need fixing. Toward that end, NPG has recently set forth the following as our priority goals:

- Secure U.S. Borders
- Strict Enforcement of Current Immigration Laws
- Significantly Reduce Annual Legal Immigration Levels
- An End to Current Chain Migration Policies
- Mandatory Participation in E-Verify for All U.S. Employers
- Clarification of Birthright Citizenship
- An End to Sanctuary Cities
- Revise Federal Tax Credits Related to Number of Dependents
- Enlist America's Young People in the Fight for Their Future
- Create a National Population Policy

NPG CALLS ON WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION

The administration's release of a *National Climate Assessment* in June prompted NPG President Donald Mann to call on the Obama White House to devote similar zeal and resources to studying the consequences of an ever-increasing population and its threat to America's future.

In a letter sent to Dr. John P. Holdren, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology, Mann pushed for the government to act promptly to create a Presidential Commission on Population following the format of the distinguished Rockefeller Commission on Population and the American Future which was created in the early 1970s and headed

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that can only be laid at the feet of President Obama who is using these children and their families as pawns in a political game of tug-of-war with Congress.

What's even more troubling about this crisis is that President Obama is now crisscrossing the country telling us that he is the only one who has a solution. He actually stated, "...it only underscores the need to drop the politics and fix our immigration system once and for all."

Since October 1 more than 57.000 children have crossed the border alone. Current forecasts hold that, in the months ahead, the number of Central American families and unaccompanied youth we may have to accommodate could skyrocket to as many as 150,000. If the Obama administration really wanted to severely cut that number they could have started months ago — but they didn't. It didn't fit their plans.

NPG is committed to doing all in its power to fight Barack Obama's disastrous nation-changing agenda and work for responsible, common sense immigration policies. To get to that goal all Americans must first and foremost demand the truth from their government!

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by David Rockefeller. Unfortunately, the findings of that Commission were derailed by President Richard Nixon who feared political repercussions going into the 1972 election. Had many of those findings been embraced at the time (when our nation's population was just over 200 million) we would definitely be closer to our goal of a smaller, truly sustainable population.

In making his argument to revive the idea for a Population Commission that would bring government, academic, and private representatives together to help shape America's population future, Mann noted: "I am convinced that as Americans face critical population-related issues every day — including urban sprawl, widespread environmental damage, a shortage of affordable housing, spiraling social costs, dwindling water supplies, and a deteriorating national infrastructure - there will be an increasing need for this valuable commission and its recommendations."

He added, "Unlike the climate issue — where 'deniers' openly challenge scientific findings — it is hard for anyone to ignore that our nation is already vastly overpopulated. The evidence is all around us."

A full copy of the letter to Dr. Holdren can be found at www.NPG.org.

QUOTABLES:

"The number of non-detained backlog cases is going to rise from overwhelming to overwhelming times ten. Until we enlarge the court system, we should brace ourselves for a bloody mess."

> Bruce Einhorn Retired Immigration Judge

"So why are Obama, Sen. Harry Reid, Sen. Jeff Flake, MSNBC and The New York Times editorial page all telling us that if only we'd passed 'comprehensive immigration reform' — which would grant amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants — this never would have happened? That's the reason it's happening!"

Ann Coulter, National Columnist

"Obama is justifying his DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program, and all of his many refusals to enforce immigration law, on his inherent presidential 'prosecutorial discretion' power to pick and choose how federal law is implemented. Under this theory. Obama could functionally legalize every illegal immigrant in the country and not a single word in federal law could stop him. The only check on this power is political, not legal."

Conn Carroll, National Columnist

EDITORIAL: DON'T COWER TO THE OPEN-BORDER LOBBY

More often than not individuals who find themselves on the wrong side of an issue resort to name-calling.

That has certainly been the case when it comes to immigration reform. As the national debate on this critical issue has intensified, the radical elements of the open-border lobby - including many of our nation's top leaders and much of the national media — have taken to slandering those who won't accept unrestricted immigration as "racists" and/or "xenophobes." In doing so they are castigating countless concerned Americans who are fighting for common sense immigration policies and against amnesty/citizenship for millions of illegal aliens.

At NPG, we stand by the principle that while it is compassionate for the U.S. to accept huge numbers of people from around the world, it is dangerous to do so with no limits. Unchecked immigration will only send our already dangerous population numbers soaring. In addition, such a perilous policy destroys any chance for a decent future for our own children and grandchildren. We simply can't have emotion override logic on this critical issue.

For the sake of our nation and future generations, it is vital that all NPG members stand together and refuse to let the proimmigration lobby gain any ground with their scurrilous namecalling and intimidating tactics. Please continue to speak up for what you believe in — and keep working with us to fight for a livable future. Thank you.



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



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 a country that is even more crowded than today. They'll face dwindling natural resources and massive urban spraw. And they'll see continued destruction of forests and deterioration 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 273 million to over 400 million in just fifty years. And here's the surprise for most people: mass immigration will account for over 60% of the growth. But we can do something about our children's future if we all get involved now. Call NPG to find out how you can help.

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For more than 42 years, NPG has built our organization and advanced our mission regarding the need for a smaller, truly sustainable population. Placing a wide variety of advertisements has always been an integral part of these efforts.

In the earliest days, we ran small "clip out" ads in targeted publications seeking like-minded friends to work with us toward a sustainable future. As we grew, we were able to expand our direct mail efforts and raise the funds needed to place more powerful, educational, thought-provoking ads in national magazines to educate Americans about the dangers of population growth.

Through the years, as the immigration crisis has mushroomed and become such a powerful factor in driving America's population growth, our message has become

IT'S TIME FOR CONGRESS TO RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON IMMIGRATION!

A new Gallup Poll released in January reveals that a majority of Americans are dissatisfied with the current level of immigration.

This latest data reaffirms what we have all known for years – our nation's present immigration numbers are too high and our entire immigration system is in dire need of immediate reform.

Congressional procrastination on this critical issue has permitted the Obama Administration to accede to the demands of the open-border lobby. In recent months, the White House has worked to abolish or difluie immigration laws and policies that have existed for years.

We cannot let this unilateral decision making via Executive Order continue. The 112th Congress must lead the way to address and resolve America's immigration problems.

Our elected leaders must demand that the Obama White House enforce current deportation laws. In addition, Congress must pass legislation that will mandate E-verify for all new hires; change present laws related to anchor babies and chain migration; halt federal funding for "sanctuary" cities; severely cut back the current 1,000,000 new immigrants that legally arrive in our country annually; and halt any effort to back away from strone border enforcement.

Negative Population Growth is celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year. For decades we have been the voice of millions of concerned citizens who seek responsible and effective population and immigration policies.

We need you to join us today to prevent our nation from continuing down the road to unrestricted immigration which will send America's population soaring and create social, economic and environmental havoc for future generations.

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more direct and hard-hitting. Many of the ads we run today seek to rally Americans to pressure our elected leaders to stop dangerous legislation from getting through Congress. Others are directed specifically at Members of Congress and Washington's policymakers to ensure they understand the dire consequences of foolhardy actions.

All of these advertising activities are crucial to our continued growth and success and all consume a great deal of dollars — the vast majority of which must come from our members. In the coming months we will be setting our 2015 advertising budget. If we can meet our fundraising goals we hope to expand NPG's educational message on the Internet and reach millions more people. Please respond positively when you receive our NPG Media Appeal in the coming weeks.

IMMIGRATION FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

In mid-July the Center for Immigration Studies released a report titled *Central American Immigrants in the U.S. by the Numbers*. Their research turned up the following facts:

- There has been a 234% increase in the Guatemalan, Salvadoran and Honduran population in the U.S. since 1990;
- The ten most popular areas of settlement for this group are: California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

WATCH FOR YOUR NEW NPG CALENDAR

As part of our constantly-expanding educational efforts, our NPG 2014 Scholarships included a competition where students were asked to submit an original photo — taken by them — of a threatened environmental treasure that they believe is worth protecting, along with an explanation of 40 to 50 words of how population growth has put this treasure at risk. We have been so pleased with the entries received that we are now in the process of creating a beautiful, brand new, 15-month NPG Calendar that will highlight the winning entries. We will print and distribute this new publication in the coming months to current NPG members.

WATER IN THE WEST: Hoping for a Strong El Nino

USA TODAY recently ran a story highlighting the price America's "Golden State" may pay for the worst drought it has experienced in decades.

It reported that temperatures in California have been about five degrees above average for the first five months of this year and that "nearly one-third of the state is now in 'exceptional' drought." Hardest hit are the San Francisco Bay area, parts of Silicon Valley, and the farmlands of central California. The cost to the agriculture industry alone is expected to be more than \$1.7 billion.

Put into perspective against past droughts the article emphasizes "The drought is now comparable to the state's drought in the 1970s...Drought impacts are likely to eventually be much higher than 40 years ago, however. While about 20 million people lived in California in the 1970s, the state's population is now nearly 40 million."

Compounding concerns about California facing dire water shortages is the mid-July report by Arizona's Tucson News Now that Lake Mead — the largest man-made lake in America — is at its lowest level since the Hoover Dam was completed on the Colorado River in the 1930s. The

high water mark for the lake was reached in 2000 and has been declining for more than 13 years. News Now notes that "Large cities such as Phoenix, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and San Diego have sucked up vital water from the Colorado River allowing water levels along all lakes to be down from water highs."

Residents throughout California are hoping for a strong El Nino to develop later in the summer and continue into the fall and winter. Steve Baxter, a meteorologist with the Climate Prediction Center at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said there's an 82% chance that would happen.

In highlighting the California drought crisis, USA Today reporter Doyle Rice summed up his article by showcasing the quirks of recent weather patterns throughout the U.S. He wrote: "For the spring season, which climatologists define as March, April and May, California had its 5th-warmest spring on record, while both Wisconsin and Louisiana had their 11th-coldest spring." As for spring precipitation: Washington state had its fourth-wettest spring on record and Kansas had its third driest.

RECOMMENDED READING

Ducks and Wetlands

University of Missouri researchers recently monitored a group of mallard ducks during the entirety of their migration from Canada to the American Midwest and back. The research revealed a growing need to preserve national wetlands in order to foster a future healthy duck population. Researcher Dylan Kessler highlights how losing wetlands to population growth "will put dozens, if not hundreds, of wildlife species in danger." Visit http://bit.ly/CAFNRducks to review the press release on this valuable study.

Water for the Future

It is soon going to be almost impossible to read anything about population growth without a major focus on future water supplies. To address the question of how our nation — particularly the American West — should face up to this crisis, *The New York Times* invited six experts in the field to offer their own solutions. Their ideas are presented in *The Water Crisis in the West* at **www.nytimes.com**.

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