



Perspectives

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

When it comes to deciding who should set our nation's immigration policies, most Americans would surely agree that our elected leaders – and not the courts – must play the principal role.

Today, unfortunately, with countless immigration issues being advanced in Congress and in the states, America's courts are gaining a much more dominant role. Unaccountable, unelected federal judges far too often interject their own personal politics into legal disputes and in doing so create new "rights" for illegal aliens. And sadly, their rulings go unchallenged by political leaders who cower to the political clout of the Hispanic lobby and are more than willing to get the issue off their desks and tell the voters that "we'll have to wait for the courts to act before we can do anything else on this matter."

Their lack of courage does not bode well for a strong, responsible immigration policy coming to the fore anytime in the near future.

The three pieces of important legislation now pending on Capitol Hill that are highlighted in this newsletter are perfect examples of how the courts stand ready to derail progress on legislation related to sanctuary cities, nuclear families and anchor babies. Even if the 112th Congress passed legislation responsibly resolving all three of these major issues, we will surely see opponents cry foul, and go rushing to the courts to get them to declare that the new laws are unconstitutional. Then, major court challenges will ensue that will permit the current problems to fester for years on end as the cases move through the federal court system until finally the U.S. Supreme Court decides the issues.

Rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court in recent decades have helped to create

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PETITIONING AMERICA'S GOVERNORS

"SAY 'NO' TO THE IMMIGRATION LOBBY"

That's the title of the new NPG petitions arriving in Governors' offices around the country these days and we urge all of our members to join in this new effort.

As statehouses across America become a new frontier for immigration-related legislation, it's crucial that NPG members get more involved in state legislative battles, the results of which can have a huge impact in how our federal leaders eventually forge future immigration policy.

In many states this year, the battle for stronger Arizona-type law enforcement measures has dominated



the news. Yet another issue, in-state tuition for illegal immigrants, which was quite dominant in the headlines and debated in many states a few years ago, has been resurrected. It is once again getting a full-scale push by the open border lobby as a wedge to establish

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THE IMMIGRATION BATTLE IN THE STATES

It was once inconceivable in our nation that we would confront a time when the individual states, impatient about the failure of the federal government to enforce America's immigration laws, would take the matter into their own hands.

Yet, last spring, Arizona's Governor Jan Brewer ignited a national immigration firestorm when she signed legislation that gave state law enforcement officials strong authority to enforce federal immigration laws. Her action unleashed howls of protests against the tough new measure from pro-immigration leaders and groups and ignited a call for a national boycott on doing business with or in Arizona. Only a few months later the Obama Administration sued the state.

Governor Brewer defended her actions by saying that if the federal government isn't going to get serious about fixing the nation's dysfunctional immigration system, Arizona was ready to step up to the task. Her message and

actions resonated throughout the land and today, elected leaders in states across America are looking to follow her lead – some have been successful, others not.

Thus far, during the 2011 legislative sessions, Arizona-type immigration laws were considered and shelved or defeated early in California, Colorado, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire and South Dakota.

The Georgia General Assembly stood strong and embraced the concept of getting that state to crack down on illegal immigration. And legislatures in Alabama, Florida, Indiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee and South Carolina may well join them.

Despite efforts to bring the immigration issue to the forefront of state debate, the question must be asked: Is the political activism in all of these states going to translate into anything meaningful? That depends on who you ask.

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today's controversial debate on anchor babies. The overly-broad reading of the 14th Amendment which was meant to reaffirm the rights of children of newly-freed slaves has mushroomed into a new international business where pregnant women from throughout the world rush to the U.S. in the final months of pregnancy to give birth in our country and gain U.S. citizenship for their newborns. Recognizing the fact that the courts are going to possibly continue to make the same mistake and not permit the current anchor baby policies to be reined in, NPG is all for initiating a concurrent effort for a new Constitutional Amendment that could formally set a new policy once and for all.

The threat of court action should not hamper progress by legislators who seek to enact controversial immigration enforcement laws. But it is doing just that. Just look at Arizona where the Obama Administration brought the full brunt of a federal lawsuit to punish the action of that state's elected leaders who simply wanted to strengthen federal immigration laws already on the books.

Threats by the ACLU to challenge state laws related to immigration that it considers the sole purview of the federal government have led to some states backing away from these issues as they do not want to tap into their already cash-strapped treasuries to fund a multi-million dollar, multi-year lawsuit.

As with so many immigration-related issues, there is no easy solution to the problem of too much intervention by the courts. That's the way our democratic form of government is set up and it would be hypocritical for those of us who are working to reaffirm the rule of law to advocate for an end-run around our legal system.

What can help resolve this problem is for our legislators on both the federal and state level to be extra-diligent in working to enact clean, clear-cut legislation that can stand up to scrutiny by the most aggressive judges.

As Alabama's Governor Robert Bentley recently noted in pushing for stronger immigration enforcement legislation in his state: "We need a bill that's not only strong but one that's defendable."

PETITIONING AMERICA'S GOVERNORS

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a claim for young people to eventually gain full American citizenship. In April, Maryland became the latest state to succumb to such propaganda and it joins at least 10 states which now offer that highly-valuable reward.

Today, we must all work to vigorously push back in other states to keep them from passing similar legislation.

The victory in each state for in-state tuition for illegals was won through the efforts of such increasingly powerful political groups such as The National Council of LaRaza, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and others. These groups are intense in their efforts to wear down state legislators with ongoing rallies attended by thousands of students who beg them not to "punish" young

people for the sins of their illegal parents who brought them to this country.

What they don't focus on is the tens of millions of dollars in added costs that come with newly-established "rights" that must be borne by already overburdened taxpayers – and must fit into state budgets that are already pushed to the limit.

With their ability to veto controversial legislation, our nation's Governors hold the decisive card on deciding whether pro-illegal immigrant legislation gets the green light in their respective states. Your cooperation in signing and returning your "SAY 'NO' TO THE IMMIGRATION LOBBY" petition when it arrives in your mailbox will help us get the message across that we expect our Governors to stand up for the rule of law and not trade our nation's future for their personal political security.

NPG'S 2011 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION: NOW IT'S UP TO THE JUDGES

We are pleased to report that we have once again received hundreds of entries for our annual NPG Scholarship Contest and are finding a treasure trove of creative ideas generated by America's youth who understand the critical need to get our elected leaders involved in the population and immigration battle. The contest, which was launched in January and closed in mid-April, is open to high school seniors and current undergraduates in American colleges. The students compete for six prizes ranging from \$2,000 to \$500. This year's entrants were asked to address the following topic:

The 112th Congress includes over 100 members who are new to Capitol Hill and must be educated about the critical issues of population growth and illegal immigration. Students are requested to provide NPG with a proposal which includes a three- to five-point plan that outlines how we can best convince these freshmen legislators to slow, halt and reverse today's out-of-control population growth. Submissions should be between 500 and 750 words.

Scholarship winners will be announced in mid-July. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the winning essays, please check the appropriate box on the enclosed response form. The next contest will begin in January 2012 and its topic and format will be revealed at that time.



IMMIGRATION BATTLE (Continued from page 1)

In state after state, the powerful and vocal open-borders lobby typically leads the way to stopping any immigration enforcement legislation dead in its tracks. They are usually backed by the labor unions (who see illegal immigrants as future members) and at times, leading corporations either openly or surreptitiously join in the battle.

President Obama has gone on record on this topic by recently stating: “I think it’s a mistake for states to try to do this piecemeal. We can’t have 50 different immigration laws around the country.” He makes a valid point. Yet, he is the one who holds the power to bring an immediate end to this hodgepodge of laws and instruct his own Justice Department to dedicate their energies to fully enforcing the nation’s immigration laws – rather than force the states to take this responsibility.

A recent article in *USA Today* quoted Angela Kelly of the Center for American

Progress, a group that opposes state action: “It just speaks to the complexity of the issues and the folly of single states thinking they can take it on alone.”

In the same article, Rep. Matt Ramsey, the Georgia legislator who sponsored that state’s bill, claimed that “the bill was necessary since the roughly 425,000 illegal immigrants in the state are taking advantage of public services when the state must cut spending.”

Arizona’s actions still have strong support according to national polls. And with the state having raised nearly \$4 million in private funds to fight the Obama Administration’s lawsuit, Governor Brewer would likely do it all again. She was recently quoted as saying: “After decades of federal inaction and misguided policy, I and the Legislature had no choice but to stand up for the rule of law and the citizens of this great country. Arizona is willing to do the job the federal government won’t do.”

UTAH GOES FOR THE BOLD!

As various states take up the immigration enforcement issue, only Utah legislators have been bold enough to write their own immigration laws that totally conflict with federal policies. H.B. 116, which follows Arizona’s example in getting tougher on immigration enforcement and employee verification provisions, also takes one step backwards. It usurps federal law and sets new policies in giving undocumented immigrants a permit to work and live in Utah without the fear of being deported. Without question, the Utah business community is driving this legislation. It’s impossible to make progress in the war on illegal immigration if the special interests who benefit from it write the laws. What we are dealing with here are political leaders who want to go both ways. On one hand they claim to promote stricter enforcement while at the same time they are hanging out a sign that says “Welcome” to illegal immigrants.

Yes, it sounds unconstitutional, but it’s going to take a long and costly court fight to decide that question (or a convoluted ruling by the U.S. Justice Dept. to let the law stand) – and the Obama Administration is not rushing to the courthouse to sue this state, as it did Arizona.

Utah’s Republican-controlled state House and Senate gave solid backing to this radical measure which has been named *The Utah Compact* and Republican Governor Gary Herbert is on board as well. As reported in *Politico*, state leaders strongly embrace a free-market philosophy and “saw that they had to take action to ensure that Utah maintains a pro-business environment, welcoming to the foreign workers who the state needs to strengthen its economy.”

Not all of Utah’s elected officials are on board regarding their state going outside the norm and setting its own immigration laws. U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) and Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) have gone on record against it, with Senator Lee going so far as to say: “It’s just not going to happen.”

CLAIM YOUR COPY OF OUR UPDATED 2011 NPG STUDENT POSTER

Our brand-new, full-color 2011 NPG Student Poster, which measures 25 x 38 inches, was delivered to hundreds of classrooms across America in time for Earth Day this year and it is sure to have a powerful impact in taking our message to the nation’s youth.

We first printed a similar poster in the fall of 2008 when U.S. population went over the 300 million mark, and it proved to be a huge hit! Today, we’ve kept the same poster design but updated all of the information so that it reflects the just-released 2010 U.S. Census numbers as well as new population facts and graphs.

Our powerful headline “**311 MILLION PEOPLE TODAY: Tens of millions more in your lifetime**” drives home the point that the population issue is one that young people definitely can’t afford to ignore. The accompanying color photos and text present a concise, yet instructional contrast between our current world and what tomorrow may look like if we fail to slow, halt and reverse today’s



soaring population numbers. Pictures of state flags and updates on 2010’s state population figures, along with population projections for 2030, fill the poster’s border.

If you would like us to send you a poster(s) – limit 3 – for a student to take to his or her classroom or school or for you to give to the local library or post at a local community center, please check the appropriate box on the enclosed response form.

SPEAK UP ON THESE IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION ISSUES

NPG is proud to be one of many organizations nationwide to put the full clout of our operations and our thousands of members behind legislation in the 112th Congress that can have a profound impact on bringing long-needed, responsible reform to America's current immigration policies and help lessen our future population growth. We urge you to contact your U.S. Senators and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to register your support for the following important bills.

✓ H.R. 692 – DEFINE NUCLEAR FAMILIES

Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA) is working to pass H.R. 692, the “Nuclear Family Priority Act.” This legislation is designed to end the present policy of chain migration which entitles newly-enfranchised citizens to bring a swarm of adult relatives to the U.S. It is focused solely on expediting the reunification of married couples and parents with their young children and would eliminate the categories of adult siblings and adult children, and also adult immigrants from bringing in their elder parents. It is estimated that passage of this legislation would lead to an annual decrease in immigration of over 200,000 people per year. The effect would compound over time as there will be fewer new immigrants gaining citizenship who could then sponsor additional relatives.

✓ H.R. 1134 – PUNISH SANCTUARY CITIES

Introduced in Congress by Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA), H.R. 1134 will go a long way toward knocking down some of the current political barriers that work in favor of illegal immigrants and impede federal authorities in their efforts to follow through on enforcing our nation's immigration laws. Titled the “Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act,” it would cut off some federal law enforcement funding to those cities and counties with “sanctuary” policies that restrict communication by local law enforcement with federal agents about an individual's immigration status or that prohibit state or local officials from gathering information regarding an individual's immigration status.

✓ H.R. 140 – STOP “ANCHOR BABIES”

One of the most popular new pieces of legislation in the 112th Congress, H.R. 140, being advanced by Congressman Steve King (R-IA) and dozens of additional co-sponsors, will essentially prevent children born in the U.S. from automatically becoming citizens unless one of their parents is already a citizen. With the number of anchor babies running into the hundreds of thousands annually, passage of this legislation would go a long way to control future U.S. population growth.

THE “BOOM” BEGINS...

The numbers are starting to add up. The oldest baby boomers are starting to gray and in keeping with their recognition of the month of May as Older Americans Month, the U.S. Census Bureau recently issued the following information: (Note: The 2010 Census data covering this subject have not yet been released.)

- **39.6 million** – The number of people 65 and older in the U.S. on July 1, 2009. This age group accounted for 13 percent of the total population.
- **88.5 million** – Projected population of people 65 and older in U.S. in 2050. At that time they will comprise 20 percent of the population.
- **6.5 million** – Number of people 65 and older who were in the labor force in 2009. Projections indicate that by 2018, the number will reach 11.1 million.
- **77 percent** – Proportion of people 65 and older who had completed high school or higher education. 20% had earned a bachelor's degree or higher.
- **66 percent** – Percentage of people 65 and older in households in 2009 who lived with relatives.
- **5.6 million** – The number of people 85 and older in the U.S. on July 1, 2009.

LEARNING FROM OUR FRIENDS DOWN UNDER

Australia is physically a very large nation but it has a population of only 23 million people. Yet, unlike America, it has a new Ministry of Sustainable Population. What can we learn from their foresight? Take a few minutes to read our newest NPG Forum Paper by Senior Advisor Dave Simcox. It will give you a valuable insight into what our nation should be doing about population stability.



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