



# Population Perspectives

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

While the alarm bells related to America's growing fiscal crisis have been constantly sounding in the background for years now, Americans are finally starting to hear them. Today's stagnant economy, debt limit crisis and unsteady stock market have combined to rivet the attention of the majority of Americans on a subject they have willingly ignored in recent decades – our nation's long-term future.

That's good news for those of us who have been sounding the alarm about population growth.

Because as our fellow citizens and elected leaders confront the reality of getting our nation's fiscal house in order, they must also come face-to-face with another truth – America cannot afford to continue its present free-wheeling immigration policy which will put huge new financial, social and environmental burdens on our nation in the decades ahead.

Think about it. In the next 20 years, U.S. population is projected to grow by an additional 45-50 million people. That's millions more people who will put more stress on our already-deteriorating national infrastructure, compete for our limited energy and water resources, and force us to pave over thousands of square miles of our precious farmlands and wetlands. It's also millions more people who will vie for the federal, state and local services that will already be strained to the limit as a result of Congressional actions to rein in the national debt.

Our nation's economic projections already show that it is going to be a huge financial burden for the federal government to meet the needs of America's current residents – especially tens of millions of aging baby boomers.

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## NPG SURVEY SEEKS TO BUILD STRONGER PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

In the past few weeks, 7,500 copies of our 2011 NPG Survey of State Legislators were mailed to lawmakers in all 50 states and we anxiously await hearing from scores of elected leaders who have recently become an important and influential force in driving America's population and immigration debate.

Though these state office holders have always played a key role in confronting fiscal and policy challenges related to population growth in their home states, the failure of Congress to tackle America's ever growing – and extremely costly – immigration crisis has forced them to play a much more active and critical role in how we deal with millions of illegal aliens now living within our nation's borders.

NPG's goal in reaching out to State Senators and Assemblymen in statehouses across the nation is driven by our interest in building an even stronger partnership with these important decision makers.

It is important to remember that these are the men and women who address such critical population-driven issues as spending and taxes, transportation, infrastructure, building more schools and hospitals, business and job growth, crime, air and water quality, open spaces and protection of farmland, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

On the immigration front, all of the above issues are at play when it comes to accommodating more people within their state as well as newer and more diverse topics such as in-state tuition, mandatory E-verify for jobs, sanctuary cities, carrying legal ID, and voter fraud.

In our letter to the nation's state legislators requesting them to complete

and return their personalized 43-question survey that covers a wide array of issues, we make the point that:

*"Now, eleven years into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it falls to you and other far-sighted state leaders to define and implement new, more responsible policies that will bring some sense of order to planning for the future so that we can protect our quality of life, create more livable communities and preserve our fragile environment.*

*We see this in-depth survey as an opportunity for NPG to gain a better perspective on emerging population problems from YOUR point of view. That's important. Because you are the leaders who are presently entrusted by the people to make sure we follow a responsible – not devastating – population and immigration path."*

We also make it very clear to the legislators that as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization, NPG has served as America's premier population-focused organization for 39 years and has no intent on using the results of our survey for any purposes other than to compile important information that can better assess today's population and immigration problems and focus on solutions.

To help finance this important effort we put out an appeal to some of our most loyal supporters in mid-August. We are very much indebted to them for coming through with the special contributions that helped get it underway.

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And it doesn't take a college degree in sociology to understand that our economic troubles and federal debt will only continue to spin out of control if we accept a destructive population policy where countless millions more immigrants, both legal and illegal, are permitted to enter our country and add to our population each year.

Confronting and resolving America's population crisis is going to take some tough choices in the coming years but it can be done. And the sooner we can move to halt and eventually reverse the startling projections that have America on track to add 130 million people by mid-century, the sooner we can also reduce the pressure on the federal debt. That is why we must remain ever-vigilant in our efforts to advance key legislation in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress that, if enacted, will immediately cut our nation's population growth by hundreds of thousands of people per year (see accompanying article).

The majority of the American people are strongly behind efforts to get both our spiraling federal debt and our soaring population growth under control and there is no real mystery as to how we can – and must – meet these twin goals. What we need is for Congress to put their political games aside and for the sake of our children and grandchildren, act today to protect our future quality of life.

As NPG prepares to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year we must all redouble our efforts to find responsible solutions to the crisis of "too many people." With an out-of-control federal debt, it is becoming more and more clear that we simply won't be able to afford them.

## NPG 2011 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

There is nothing more rewarding than being able to inform a few students that as a reward for their interest in population issues, a check from NPG is coming their way to help with their tuition for the coming school year.

**Last month, the following students accepted \$5,500 in NPG scholarships:**

- \$2,000: Tyler Vunk – The University of New England
- \$1,000: Anne Montalban – The University of New Orleans
- \$1,000: Aeisha Reese – Wayne State University
- \$500: Erin Hanrahan – Loyola University
- \$500: Hannah Manning – Western Washington University
- \$500: Parker Powell – Boston University

This year, more than 2,500 students competed in our contest. We also received a number of very appreciative letters including one from our top prize winner, Tyler Vunk, who noted: "Placing first in your contest has made such an impact on my life. Although I have a long way to go before I am in medical school, I want you to know that I truly appreciate the role that your organization has played in helping me achieve my goal of becoming a doctor."

We are very grateful to all NPG members who answered our appeal earlier this year to help fund this important educational effort. The next NPG Scholarship Contest will be launched in January 2012. If you would like to review winning essays, they are available on our website at [www.npg.org](http://www.npg.org).

## TALLYING THE 2010 CENSUS COSTS

The numbers are in and they are somewhat shocking. Not the population numbers released by the 2010 U.S. Census but rather the overall dollar cost of what America's taxpayers paid to gather the nationwide data.

As tallied, the cost of the 2010 Census came in at \$14.7 billion. The cost for counting each U.S. resident last year in comparison to other years is as follows:  
*(Note: The costs are in 2010 dollars.)*

**1940: \$7.96                    1980: \$12.87                    2010: \$47.57**

The massive spending produced a 72% response rate – approximately the same as the 2000 Census despite a \$340 million ad campaign. According to the US Government Info page on About.Com, the projected 2020 Census costs could balloon to at least \$22 billion which prompted the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Inspector General Office to note that: "Such costs are unsustainable" and the "Census must make fundamental changes to the design, implementation and management of the decennial census in order to obtain a quality count for a reasonable cost." And we wonder why we are running such a huge federal deficit.

## DO YOUR PART TO HELP SCALE BACK CURRENT IMMIGRATION NUMBERS

NPG has given top priority to helping to pass critical immigration-related legislation now pending on Capitol Hill. If you have not already done so, please contact your Congressional Representative and ask him/her to support **H.R. 140**, "The Birthright Citizenship Act of 2011" which would revise current "anchor baby" laws; **H.R. 692**, "The Nuclear Family Act" which would severely cut the current number of family members permitted to enter our country via chain migration; **H.R. 704**, "The SAFE Act" aimed at eliminating the present visa lottery that permits 50,000 people to enter America each year; and **H.R. 2497**, "The Legal Workforce Act" which would mandate that all employers use the Federal E-Verify system to confirm job eligibility status for new employees. Every call that comes from concerned citizens like you will help to advance these bills in committee and move them along to a final floor vote. Thank you.

## FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE

Residents of Maryland were quite dismayed earlier this year when after a fierce debate their state legislature passed and Governor O'Malley signed a bill called the "Maryland DREAM Act" to grant in-state tuition to illegal immigrants attending state colleges. However, one diligent State Assemblyman, Delegate Neil Parrott, determined to repeal the new law and prove that the legislature went against the will of Maryland voters, launched and led a statewide effort to put the issue on the ballot in November 2012. Many in power in Annapolis mocked his effort until he submitted over 110,000 petitions (legally gathered through use of a system he personally designed for the Internet),

far in excess of the 56,000 needed to block implementation of the new law and secure a popular vote. Political analysts note that if a mix of support from Republicans, Independents, and Democrats carries over to the ballot box next year, the new in-state tuition law could be in big trouble. Rather than let Assemblyman Parrott prevail, CASA de Maryland has launched a lawsuit against the voter referendum citing problems with the validity of petitions gathered by computer. They are also challenging the validity of holding a referendum on an appropriations measure. Whatever the outcome of the court cases, NPG salutes Delegate Parrott for standing up for the will of the people on this critical issue.

## RECOMMENDED READING: *A Man With A Plan*

In the Spanish language, CASA is the word for "house." And individuals who reside in the state of Maryland are learning fast that CASA of Maryland is synonymous with the term "political powerhouse."

A recent six-page story (*Head of CASA is a man with a plan*) from *The Washington Post Magazine* focused on the life of one of the Free State's most influential power brokers, Gustavo Torres. In doing so, it provides an invaluable insight into the funding and activities of one of the most successful Hispanic organizations in the country. It should be required reading for all citizens concerned about illegal immigration who aren't totally familiar with what we are up against when it comes to trying to address and correct this critical problem.

The *Post* article begins by introducing readers to the new \$13.8 million (partly funded by government money) "casa" for the organization which turns out to be a restored three-story brick Georgian Revival home in Langley Park, MD, not far from the state capital of Annapolis. It goes on to relate how CASA has an

annual budget of \$6 million, much of it provided by local, state and federal taxpayer dollars as well as by corporate and non-profit foundations. And through an extensive interview with Torres and others we learn of CASA's mission and long-term agenda. Perhaps one of the most telling lines about CASA of Maryland's political clout is a quote by Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot who states: "...when Gustavo Torres calls, I generally get in my car and go over to ask him what he wants." You can access the story by searching for the title (listed above) on [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

**NOTE:** The fast-growing clout of major Hispanic organizations throughout America was also underscored in a recent *op-ed* authored by former Congressman Tom Tancredo, president of the Rocky Mountain Foundation, and a strong advocate for reforming our nation's broken immigration laws. He directed readers' attention to the fact that under the Obama Administration, the National Council of LaRaza has seen their [taxpayer] funding skyrocket, nearly tripling from \$4.5 million to \$11 million in 2010.

## USE THE ENCLOSED RESPONSE TO URGE YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS TO RESPOND TO NPG'S 2011 SURVEY OF STATE LEGISLATORS!

Few things gain the attention of an elected official more than a personal appeal from one of their constituents.

That is why we are calling on all NPG members to help us boost the number of surveys returned to us by busy legislators. The process is simple – you give us the authority to contact your State Legislators in your name and we'll do all the work. NPG has invested thousands of dollars in this special effort and your assistance will hopefully get many more legislators to participate in, rather than ignore, this important project.

Simply read and sign the authorization on the enclosed reply and send it in today. Thank you.

## AMERICA'S FASTEST GROWING STATES

Source: 2010 U.S. Census

STATE NAME	GROWTH RATE IN PAST DECADE
1. Nevada	35.1%
2. Arizona	24.6%
3. Utah	23.8%
4. Idaho	21.1%
5. Texas	20.6%
6. North Carolina	18.5%
7. Georgia	18.3%
8. Florida	17.6%
9. Colorado	16.9%
10. South Carolina	15.3%

## EXPANDING OUR NPG WEBSITE

As the U.S. Census Bureau releases more of its fact-rich data from the 2010 U.S. Census, NPG is working to update our website, especially our state pages. Already posted are new figures that show the current population levels, growth rate, unemployment rate and other key

information for all 50 states. Our next step will be to add news articles to the individual state pages so that NPG members, students and outside researchers can keep up-to-date on population-related topics such as transportation, schools, healthcare, immigration, the environment

and other critical issues that impact their state and their lives. If you have any recommendations for how NPG can make our website more user-friendly, or if you notice a news article that would enhance our site, please contact NPG's webmaster, Deborah Miller, at [dmiller@npg.org](mailto:dmiller@npg.org).

## NPG CONDEMNS AMNESTY BY EXECUTIVE FIAT

In early July, NPG strongly denounced a new policy adopted by the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) which seriously dilutes our nation's immigration laws and dictates a "hands off" policy for potentially millions of illegal aliens when it comes to deportation.

The condemnation was sparked by a memo from ICE Director John Morton which mandates liberal use of the "prosecutorial discretion" of immigration enforcers to deter or cancel individual deportations.

The memo essentially puts in writing what can only be described as "amnesty by executive fiat." From here on it will fall to unelected ICE bureaucrats to decide which illegals qualify for priority deportation and who can breathe easier and not have to worry about ICE agents knocking at their door. According to Morton, the need to extend the power to agents in the field to essentially grant "stealth amnesty" to countless thousands of individuals is justified due to ICE's scarce fiscal resources.

NPG has condemned this action as a slap in the face to all Americans who demand stricter – not more lax – enforcement of our immigration laws. It reaffirms how much the Obama Administration is determined to do all in its power to win the loyalty of the politically-powerful Hispanic community.

Morton's memo defines 18 examples of illegal presence where "discretion" might be warranted. Some cases meriting consideration are illegal aliens who: are young or elderly; came as a

child; are high school grads or college students; have close community or family ties; have a clean rap sheet; are immediate relatives of a service man or veteran...the list goes on.

In response to the Morton memo, NPG issued a national press release wherein President Don Mann stated: "Those hoping to slow and eventually halt U.S. population growth expect that this extensive smorgasbord of ameliorating circumstances will give hard-pressed immigration agents ready justification for shelving an almost unlimited number of deportation cases – thus leaving these illegal aliens free to bask in all of the benefits afforded hard-working U.S. citizens and taxpayers."

In addition, he noted that: "Americans favoring population sanity are concerned that this new directive gives a green light to millions of prospective illegal entrants who can't wait to sneak into our country and to millions now here illegally who might otherwise be induced by enforcement risks to go home."

NPG's press release received national attention being quoted by such prominent news organizations as *ABC News*, *Bloomberg News*, *U.S. News and World Report* and *Yahoo News*.

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, along with 20 co-sponsors, has introduced H.R. 2497 which would temporarily freeze the Obama Administration's power to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants.

## ABSURDITY PERSONIFIED: NEW POLICY STOPS MEXICANS FROM RETURNING HOME

After spending hundreds of millions of dollars beefing up our nation's border patrol forces to keep illegal immigrants out, America has embarked on a new policy where migrants voluntarily leaving the U.S. are being challenged by Customs and Border Protection agents as they cross the border heading south whether by bus, private car, or on foot.

The new policy is supposedly designed to stem the flow of contraband and cash being smuggled out of the country but it also results in agents arresting immigrants with criminal records who are then processed so that they can be formally deported. This bizarre logic has many pundits and policymakers asking the logical question: "Who's in charge here?"

A story in *The New York Times* describes the incomprehensible policy by stating: "A raft of immigration laws in Arizona and other states is designed to make life so difficult for illegal immigrants that they pack their bags and head home. But the reality on the border is that departing the country has become more complicated than ever, leading some people to worry that the outbound checks could not only dissuade illegal immigrants from leaving the country but also place them in a kind of no-win limbo, reviled if they stay and potentially arrested if they try to leave."

NPG joins with other organizations in questioning the effectiveness of such an ill-conceived policy that is seemingly working at odds against a goal we are all working towards – getting as many illegals out of our country as possible.



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