



Perspectives

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I have spent a great deal of my life working to sound the alarm on the critical need to slow, halt, and eventually reverse our nation's – and the world's – growing population numbers. After a lifelong commitment to that critical cause, I'm at a loss as to how dire warnings about climate change took center stage in recent years as "the most formidable problem" humanity currently faces.

Don't get me wrong, I'm *not* a climate change denier. I fully recognize that scores of scientists agree – rising temperatures pose a very real peril to our planet. I can also understand why many political leaders find climate change to be a critical issue that demands our attention now, before it's too late.

Yet, after four decades of NPG (and other well-respected national organizations) working to focus Americans on population growth with the same "before it's too late" immediacy, why do our pleas continue to fall on deaf ears?

It can't be due to a lack of facts. Since 1972, NPG has compiled scores of well-documented Forum papers and other research highlighting how ever-growing population numbers are creating dire problems for our economy, our society, and our environment.

We have real numbers of people to lend credence to our concerns – numbers which are growing way too fast. We can point to real environmental tragedies related to our air, water, and land – all due to more and more humans who champion non-stop growth over protecting our natural resources. In a world speeding toward a population of as many as 11 billion people by 2100, our predictions of clean water scarcity and major food shortages are real – not far-fetched.

Doing all we can today to prevent the future ravages of climate change is a worthy goal. However, there are many who contend that mankind's attempts to prevent climate change will be of little use – and the chance to see any real, measurable results is a long way off. In terms of climate change, they have a point.

But that's not the case when it comes to fighting population growth. *Numbers don't lie*. If Congress took action **today** to stop the current entry of nearly 1 million immigrants into our country *each year*, it would translate into tangible reports of slower growth in the next Census. That's real progress, not conjecture. For that reason alone, taking action to slow, halt, and eventually reverse population growth should be our nation's top priority. If nothing else, our leaders should put

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A Majority of Americans Agree with NPG:

NPG has long held that the federal government must resolve the crisis of illegal immigration – but it must also dramatically reduce legal immigration rates. A recent *Gallup* poll affirmed that *60% of Americans are unhappy* with the current level of immigration in the country – an increase of 6 percentage points since 2014.

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Awards Offered for Both Essay and Photography Contests

If you know a senior in high school – or a current college freshman, sophomore or junior – enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program for 2015, you should urge them to take part in this year's NPG Scholarship Contests.

This year, NPG will host both an Essay and Photography competition. Both contests will run concurrently between now and April.

To compete for NPG's **2015 Photography Scholarship**, students are asked to submit an original photo that shows how population growth is negatively impacting their community. With the photo, they must include a 40-50 word description of why we need U.S. policies that work to slow, halt, and eventually reverse population growth. Entries may be used to create future NPG promotions and advertisements. Multiple scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 will be awarded. Photos must be received at NPG by April 11, 2015.

Students who opt for the **2015 Essay Scholarship** must submit an original essay of 500 to 750 words which address the question: "Should the U.S. pursue population policies to protect our quality of life for future generations?" Essay scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Essays are due at NPG by April 23, 2015.

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population growth on equal footing with climate change and alert Americans to how inaction today will have huge consequences for future generations.

At a time when our world is faced with myriad threats, no one benefits when our current leaders only rally the American people to see climate change as the greatest threat to future generations. The population crisis – which silently builds every day – must get more, or at least equal, time.

QUOTABLES:

“...if we can't unite around border security what can we unite around?”

Representative Michael McCaul (R, TX)
Source: FoxNews.com (1/26/2015)

“The White House has failed most miserably to produce a viable solution to the crisis of illegal immigration. Amnesty is not the answer. And immigration laws aren't effective if we continue to dodge or ignore them. Furthermore, globalization efforts have only confused security matters, further endangering our borders, as well as our national identity – our sovereignty.”

Chuck Norris
Townhall.com (1/20/15)

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NPG launched our first Scholarship Contest in 2008. This popular program has attracted thousands of competitors over the past 7 years. Each topic we put forth has been designed to focus young minds on the dangerous consequences of population growth. It is our hope that we will recruit lifelong NPG advocates who will work toward our shared goal of a livable world – an issue so important to their generation.

Rules for this year's Essay and Photography contests – and all information related to NPG's Scholarship Program – are available at www.NPG.org.

A White House on the wrong track:

A recent AP/GFK poll of 1,045 adults found that 56% of Americans disapprove of the way President Obama is handling immigration; 42% approve.

MORE ILLEGAL ALIENS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR BILLIONS IN TAX REFUNDS

Not many Americans are happy on April 15th each year – it is the day Uncle Sam demands that you pay your fair share of taxes to keep the country running. However, we dutifully comply because it's the law. For many citizens, it's also a time to claim refunds on any taxes they overpaid.

The key word here is “citizens.” Recent revelations by the IRS that illegal aliens will soon be given official Social Security numbers – which will allow them to collect extra Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) – have raised the ire of a number of U.S. Senators.

According to a recent article in *The Washington Times* by Stephen Dinan, the new IRS policy will open the door for these unlawful residents to “go back and amend up to three years of previous tax forms to claim the [EITC], potentially claiming billions of dollars in additional payments they were ineligible for before the amnesty.”

In a recent Senate hearing, Sen. Charles Grassley (R – IA) chastised IRS Commissioner John Koskinen by stating:

“This is the problem you get into. The IRS's interpretation of the EITC eligibility requirements undermines congressional policy for not rewarding those working illegally in the United States.”

Dinan notes: “The EITC isn't the only tax credit to be ensnared in the immigration debate. The IRS already pays out billions of dollars a year to illegal immigrants under a program known as the additional child tax credit.” The IRS's inspector general recently found that in 2010, the government paid out **\$4.2 billion** to illegal aliens who claimed the child tax credit.

This very costly fiasco, perpetrated by a White House that has traditionally sided with illegal immigrants, only adds to the anger of hard-working, law-abiding citizens. It is Congress' duty to step in, take action, and aggressively rid our nation of such inane, irresponsible policies.

THE CHALLENGE TO END THE “ANCHOR BABY” PROBLEM

We continue to need your help to get Congress to act!

A number of years ago, NPG recognized and called attention to our nation’s “anchor baby” problem. Based on a misguided interpretation of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, any child born on U.S. soil is currently granted automatic American citizenship – regardless of the citizenship or legal residency status of either parent. With this dangerous legal precedent paving the way, an increasing number of foreign women are entering the U.S. each year to deliver their babies – who, as citizens, can later sponsor multiple relatives to come to America through chain migration.

By making birthright citizenship one of our major priorities, NPG helped give this issue greater national exposure. In recent years, we have continued to highlight the dangers of this policy – and have received tens of thousands of petitions urging Members of Congress to address this critical issue. As many as 400,000 anchor babies are born **each year** to illegal aliens in the U.S. – which translates into 15% of our nation’s annual population growth. Today, as more Americans learn of the negative impact that millions of anchor babies will have on our nation in the long-term, the pressure is building for Congress to address this growing crisis.

The good news is that Congressman Steve King (R – IA), a powerful advocate for responsible immigration policies, has once again introduced **H.R. 140 – The Birthright Citizenship Act of 2015** – in the 114th Congress. This legislation is designed to restore the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to its original intent, clarifying that birthright citizenship is granted only if at least one parent is a U.S. citizen, lawfully-admitted permanent resident alien, or alien on active service in the military.

Congressman King is actively seeking co-sponsors among his House colleagues to help boost the chances for this bill to make it on the House calendar for an up or down vote. Senator David Vitter (R – LA) has introduced a companion bill (**S. 45**) in the U.S. Senate, and is eager to gain more supporters for his legislation as well.

With our nation’s immigration problems so prominent in the news, the coming months offer a great opportunity for us to use the collective power of thousands of NPG members and supporters to help advance this long-overdue legislation. Please act soon to contact your representatives in Congress and ask them to sign on as a formal co-sponsor of **H.R. 140** or **S. 45**. Working together, we can make a difference!

THE PRICE AMERICA WILL PAY FOR FAILING TO ADOPT A NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY

The old adage that “actions have consequences” works just the same when it comes to inaction.

The 2014 year-end data released by the U.S. Census Bureau had nothing but bad news for NPG members – and millions of other concerned Americans who understand the vital need to slow, halt, and eventually reverse our nation’s ever-soaring population numbers.

The Census projections show that U.S. population will grow from today’s 320 million to **over 416 million people by 2060**. That’s an increase of more than 30%.

The need for drastic action now to limit immigration – both legal and illegal – is underscored by this additional prediction: America’s foreign-born

population will rise from today’s nearly 43.3 million to 78.2 million in 2060 – an increase of nearly 81%.

The bottom line is that as a nation we cannot – and must not – accept these numbers as inevitable. With the help of a growing membership, NPG is committed to intensifying our efforts to put America back on a sustainable population path. We must take action now to preserve an enjoyable quality of life for our children and grandchildren – rather than leave them an America fraught with crises brought on by population growth.

MAKE SURE AMERICA WINS ON IMMIGRATION!

NPG Members Sign on to a Powerful Message

Since President Obama stretched his constitutional authority last November and decided to rewrite our nation's immigration laws, poll after poll shows that the majority of the American people agree with NPG members. We don't like the President's efforts to unilaterally use his executive powers – especially not when it paves the way for millions of illegal aliens to remain in our country, get jobs, and eventually earn American citizenship. The very same national polls indicate a strong desire for immediate immigration reform, and the pressure is now on Congress to deliver.

To ensure the voice of NPG members is heard loud and clear on this critical issue, we asked them to add their names to a full-page **MAKE SURE AMERICA WINS ON IMMIGRATION** ad in *The Washington Times*.

True to form, hundreds of NPG members lived up to their reputation as vocal activists – always ready to lead

the charge for responsible immigration policies. The advertisement is set to run right before Congress votes on any comprehensive immigration bill.

Our collective message to Congress is simple: To save our nation from the devastating consequences of lax immigration policies – which greatly contribute to our soaring population numbers, we must put the brakes on both illegal and legal immigration, strengthen America's borders, and strictly enforce existing immigration laws. (The full text of the ad can be viewed at www.NPG.org.)

We send our sincere thanks to all NPG members who participated in this important and powerful project. With your help we can counter the open-border lobby's massive propaganda effort – which is designed to convince Congress to follow the White House and reward those who broke our laws with the benefits of American citizenship.

CONSIDER A BEQUEST TO NPG

As we celebrate NPG's 43rd Anniversary in 2015, we very much owe our success to the dedication of hundreds of thousands of members and supporters working with us through the years. We are especially indebted to those friends who have opted to include a bequest to NPG in their Will.

These special NPG friends help us meet the increasing financial burdens we face as we continue to strengthen and expand our mission. Large or small, these gifts are essential to keeping NPG in the forefront of the battle against the open-border advocates and pro-population interests – lobbies that promote growth at any cost.

If you are interested in learning more about a bequest to NPG, please check the appropriate box on the enclosed response. We will forward you a copy of our informative booklet ***Leave a Lasting Legacy: Things to Consider as You Draft Your Will.***

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