

NPG MEMBERS PRESS CONGRESS FOR A NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY

NPG once again made its voice heard on Capitol Hill in mid-September when more than 650 members joined in co-sponsoring a prominent newspaper ad demanding that Congress act immediately to adopt a National Population Policy.

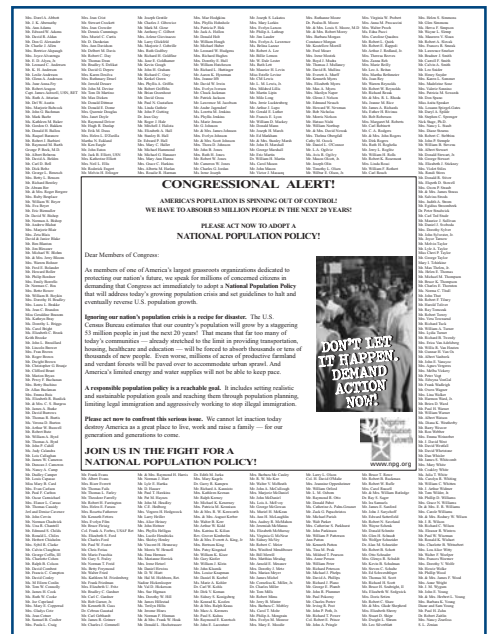
By adding their names to a full-page ad in *The Hill* newspaper, the impressive list of NPG members from all across the nation underscored the vital need for our nation's legislators to act now on this issue before our country is forced to absorb more than 53 million more people in the next 20 years. *The Hill* is a prominent bi-weekly paper in our nation's capital that is a "must read" for Senators, Congressional Representatives, lobbyists and national policymakers – all of whom play a crucial role in setting the legislative agenda.

NPG's "Congressional Alert" ad made clear that ignoring America's population crisis is a recipe for disaster. The issue of unchecked population growth goes far beyond tackling today's out-of-control immigration crisis and has economic, social and environmental repercussions for every state and every community in the nation.

Indeed, setting a National Population Policy is the very first step that Congress must take if it is ever going to be successful in solving the growing transportation, housing, education and healthcare crises that so threaten our future. In addition, it is up to Congress to stop talking

about preserving our environment and take the lead to ensure that millions of acres of productive farmland, verdant forest and essential wetlands don't fall victim to urban sprawl – and that our nation's limited energy and water supplies are there for future generations.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our NPG members who participated in this important educational project and hope that you and others will continue to keep the pressure on your home state U.S. Senators and Congressional Representative to take a leadership role on critical population and immigration issues.



CONGRESSIONAL ALERT!
AMERICA'S POPULATION IS WINNING OUT OF CONTROL!
WE HAVE TO ADOPT 53 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS!
PLEASE ACT NOW TO ADOPT A NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY!

Dear Members of Congress:

As members of one of America's largest grassroots organizations dedicated to protecting our nation's future, we speak for millions of concerned citizens in demanding that Congress act immediately to adopt a National Population Policy that will address today's growing population crisis and our position to hold and eventually reverse U.S. population growth.

Ignoring our nation's population crisis is a recipe for disaster. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that our country's population will grow by a staggering 53 million people in just the next 20 years! That means that for too many of today's communities – already stretched to the limit in providing transportation, housing, healthcare and education – will be forced to absorb thousands or tens of thousands of new people. Even worse, millions of acres of productive farmland and verdant forests will be paved over to accommodate urban sprawl. And America's limited energy and water supplies will not be able to keep pace.

A responsible population policy is a reachable goal. It includes setting realistic and sustainable population goals and reaching them through population planning, limiting legal immigration and aggressively working to stop illegal immigration.

Please act now to combat this serious issue. We cannot let inaction today deny America as a great place to live, work and raise a family – for our generation and generations to come.

JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR A NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY!

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN. DEMAND ACTION NOW!

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NEW INTERNET FORUM SERIES

To fully understand the ongoing population crisis one must go far beyond looking at numbers on a chart. That is why we created the NPG Forum series years ago and turned to some of the nation's leading scholars to share their perspectives concerning the connection between population growth and other national issues. Approximately four times a year, NPG members along with Members of Congress and the national media, receive Forum papers in the mail, with recent issues covering such far-ranging topics as environmental degradation, Social Security reform and a sustainable economy.

In order to be able to provide an even greater number of quality papers on key topics, NPG has turned to the Internet and opted to create a totally new program – *The NPG Internet Forum Series*. The value of this program is twofold: first, NPG will be able to add more timely and useful information to the population and immigration debate. And secondly, thanks to the easily accessible, ever-expanding Internet we will be able to quickly and economically reach millions more members, political leaders, students and other interested parties – both here at home and around the world – who turn to NPG as a definitive source of population information.



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Message from NPG President Donald Mann

Is it really true? Is Congress really getting serious about immigration reform? Listening to news from Washington these days it sounds like the growing chorus of Americans who are demanding action on the immigration issue has finally caught the President's ear and that pressure from a very irritated electorate is finally forcing Congress to act. It helped that the Governors of both Arizona and New Mexico finally had to declare a "state of emergency" to get a reaction from Washington, D.C.

Surely, this should be a time of celebration for all of us who have worked so hard to force the immigration issue to the top of the Congressional agenda. Yet right now, I am extremely nervous about what kind of national immigration policy we will end up with once the members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives – pressured by hundreds of rich and powerful special interest groups – open this "Pandora's box" and start writing new legislation.

In recent years, NPG has made it quite clear what our "dream" legislation would contain: no guest-worker/amnesty program, deportation for illegal aliens already in our country, tighter border controls, strict limits on new immigrants, mandatory annual registration of all foreign nationals within our borders, heavy penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegals...the list goes on.

But what really worries me right now is how much Congress will compromise on many of these issues in their rush to find a "quick fix" that is also "politically correct." In doing so, they could very easily set our nation on a terribly destructive course that will only feed the flow of more and more immigrants in the coming years. As noted historian Otis L. Graham, Jr. makes clear in the accompanying NPG Forum Paper, Congress had the best of intentions in passing the Immigration Act of 1965. However, what they really did was set the stage for four decades of mass immigration.

With several immigration bills up for debate in Congress, NPG has yet to formally endorse one single measure. We are encouraged that more and more members of Congress, including House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, are taking their cues from Congressman Tom

Tancredo who has been at the forefront of the immigration battle for many years and will hopefully guide many of his colleagues to enact a far-reaching reform bill with real teeth. In addition, Congressman James Sensenbrenner, the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, should prove to be a key ally in this battle. Unfortunately, we have yet to see a real champion of forceful and meaningful immigration reform emerge in the Senate.

The message that NPG members and other concerned citizens must send to Congress in the coming months is that this is a time for real leadership – not a time for political grandstanding or selling out America's future to the open-borders movement, the "cheap labor" lobby or the fastest-growing political group.

America is at a crucial turning point. What we need Congress to deliver is a strong immigration policy that puts our national interest first, seriously addresses today's immigration chaos and ensures that we are not putting America on a course to increased immigration and population problems that will only haunt future generations.

I urge all NPG members to speak out on this critical issue and make your views known to your Senators and Congressional Representative in the coming weeks and months.

Donald Mann

POPULATION PROJECTIONS HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE IN YOUR STATE IN 2030?

Those who take population numbers seriously can always find a treasure trove of information on NPG's website www.npg.org which gets tens of thousands of hits every month.

We are pleased to announce that we have recently completed our newest update on all 50 State Fact pages to reflect U.S. Census Bureau projections through 2030. For many states, the new information (complete with a multi-colored graph for each state) is both educational – and alarming.

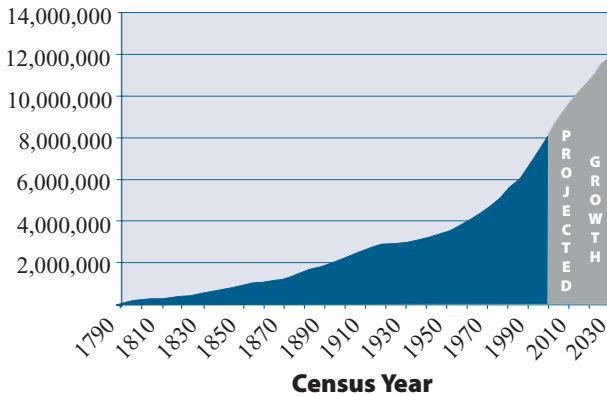
NPG's new graphs serve as a shocking reminder that growth in most border and sunbelt states is totally out of control. Any reasonable person can easily understand that the already limited supply of

water available to these states cannot be stretched much farther. Population growth must be reined in now or there will be terrible consequences to pay in the very near future.

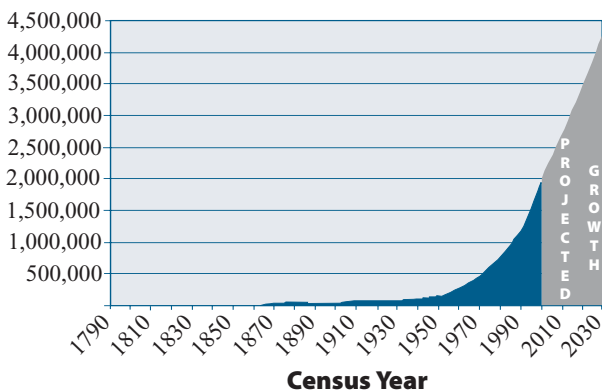
Where is your state's population headed? Visit www.npg.org today, click on *Overpopulation in Your State* on our main page, and take a look!

	1970	2000	2030 (projected)
Arizona	1.7 mil	5.1 mil	10.7 mil
California	19.9 mil	33.8 mil	46.4 mil
Florida	6.7 mil	15.9 mil	28.6 mil
Georgia	4.5 mil	8.1 mil	12.0 mil
Nevada	.4 mil	1.9 mil	4.2 mil
North Carolina	5.0 mil	8.0 mil	12.2 mil
Texas	11.1 mil	20.8 mil	33.3 mil

Georgia Population



Nevada Population



LISTEN UP AMERICA!

Through the years, NPG has found radio to be a very effective method of spreading our message to millions of Americans. That is why we have recently launched a new 60-second radio ad that is being tested in Loudoun County, Virginia – one of America's fastest growing counties. The ad focuses on the key issues of traffic, overcrowded classrooms and unrestricted development and is aimed at encouraging the local population to get involved with NPG to stop the disastrous population growth that is changing our once-liveable communities right before our eyes. Following a 3 month run, we will make the decision as to whether or not to roll-out this ad to other targeted markets that are falling victim to population growth.

Also, at a time when the immigration issue is very much in the news, we are pleased to report that talk radio hosts remain eager to invite our population and immigration expert Dave Simcox to be part of their programs. In recent months Dave has appeared on more than 15 local, statewide and national radio stations spreading the word about the vital need for people to pressure their elected officials to forcefully address the immigration crisis. In addition, he constantly educates his audience about the severe price our nation will pay if we fail to adopt a sustainable national population policy. A recent expansion of our radio target list gave NPG a voice in states where we have not had much of a recent presence – including Michigan, Washington and Mississippi.

NPG'S NEW SCHOLARSHIPS...

We are pleased to announce that NPG has recently authorized the creation of a brand new Scholarship Program for college students. Aimed at expanding our educational mission, three scholarships in the amounts of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 will be offered. Students will be asked to compete for the scholarships by writing a 500-word essay covering a posted topic related to population growth. Checks will be sent to the winning students by August 1st each year. Competition will be open to high school seniors as well as college freshman, sophomores and juniors and we hope that NPG members encourage their children and grandchildren to participate. More extensive information about our new scholarship program will be included in the NPG Winter Newsletter. If you would like to be put on the list to receive detailed information about the scholarships when

it becomes available, please indicate that on the enclosed "Special Contribution" form.

COMING SOON TO A LIBRARY NEAR YOU...

The newest book to be included in NPG's Library Project is *UNGUARDED GATES: A History of America's Immigration Crisis* by noted historian Otis L. Graham, Jr., who is recognized as one of America's leading immigration scholars. (See the enclosed chapter reprinted as an NPG Forum Paper – *A VAST SOCIAL EXPERIMENT: THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1965*).

In the past month, more than 800 copies of this fascinating 235-page book were sent to local and school libraries nationwide as part of NPG's ongoing educational mission. With the issue of our nation's porous bor-

ders dominating the national headlines, this book could not come along at a more appropriate time. It presents a thorough perspective on how America's policy debates and choices regarding immigration have brought us to the current crisis. It also shows that the failure to control the influx of foreigners today will have lasting ramifications – especially when it comes to national security, population growth, labor and wages, and social fragmentation.

If you cannot find *UNGUARDED GATES* in your local library it is available at Amazon.com where it has received a five-star customer rating. Also, we will gladly send a complimentary copy to NPG members and friends who forward a tax-deductible donation of at least \$40 at this time. Your gift will help underwrite the massive costs of purchasing and distributing this and other books in our ongoing Library Project.

IN MEMORY OF SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON

All of us concerned with the environment and population growth lost a true friend in July when former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day and one of America's premier conservationists, passed away at his home in Wisconsin at the age of 89. Senator Nelson served three terms in the U.S. Senate from 1963 to 1981 and most of the major environmental legislation of that golden era bore his mark. Upon stepping down from elected office he stayed very involved in population and environmental issues and served as a counselor to the Wilderness Society until his death. A 2000 NPG Forum Paper, *The Environmental Future: How Do We Get There From Here?*, summarizes his thoughts as to how to create a sustainable future. It is accessible in the Library at our website, www.npg.org, or by contacting our office. Gaylord Nelson was a true visionary who not only understood the vital need for America to focus on preserving our natural treasures for future generations but also rallied them to action. He was truly a man of astonishing energy and enthusiasm, and totally without rancor. We will miss him a very great deal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND TO CONGRESS

As the debate heats up in Washington, D.C. and Congress finally starts to address the crucial immigration issue, it is very important that NPG members and their friends keep the pressure on their Senators and Congressional Representative to pass constructive legislation that brings forth effective, long-term solutions. Please don't let your individual legislators vote on this very important issue without hearing from you. A phone call or short personal letter can truly make a difference – even a quick e-mail can put you on record in favor of tough immigration reform legislation. Go to www.npg.org if you need ideas on structuring your message or to find out how to reach your Senator or Congressional Representative. If possible, also take a moment to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper regarding the immigration issue to help spark even more citizen activism.

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