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NPG's "WAKE UP AMERICA!" CAMPAIGN300 MILLION AND COUNTING!

NPG takes great pride in the fact that we are the foremost grassroots organization in America dedicated to informing and educating students, citizens and elected officials about population issues.

That is why we have launched our "Wake Up America!" broad-based national information campaign designed to ensure that NPG plays a prominent role in the national discussion as to what it means for our country – both today and in the long run – to reach and cross over the 300 million population mark. This costly, but very necessary campaign entails a wide variety of activities that include:

- Putting pressure on Congress to focus on the growing population crisis through NPG member-endorsed ads and an increased effort to get members to directly contact their Senators and Congressional Representative;
- Carrying our arguments for a smaller population to a national audience through press releases and expanded radio appearances by NPG spokesmen;
- Building grassroots national support on the need for a National Population Policy via direct mail and creative ads placed in national newspapers and magazines;
- Bringing us into thousands of the nation's classrooms with our new "It's Your Future" Population poster; and
- Reaching millions of Americans concerned about our nation's runaway population growth through our expanded website.

In the coming months, look for NPG to be cited frequently in the media as the source for accurate and respected population information. The costs for carrying out these multi-faceted projects will put a severe strain on our limited financial resources and we are actively seeking contributions from NPG members and friends to help us raise the funds to make these expanded programs as effective as possible. Members willing to help underwrite the cost of our "Wake Up America!" campaign are encouraged to use the enclosed response to return the most generous contribution possible to help us meet our budget goals.



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Message from NPG President Donald Mann

For more than 200 years Americans have built their lives on the belief that tomorrow will be better.

As our nation reaches the milestone of being home to 300 million people, the question must be asked: What does the future hold if our nation's leaders continue to ignore the consequences of "too many people?"

Considering the enormous population problems we face today, it doesn't take much to conjure up what our country will look like in 50 or 60 years if we let population and immigration run rampant and permit America's population to soar past 450 million people. Yet if we, as a nation, face up to reality and start today to protect our quality of life for future generations, the outlook does not have to be as bleak.

Without question, America reaching a population of 300 million is not a reason to celebrate. However, this momentous occasion does offer us a tremendous opportunity to greatly expand our mission and our message. And the more we can ignite and stoke a national conversation on population – and get more people to start discussing the serious threats we face with open borders and unlimited population growth – the better chance we have of rallying more citizens to join forces with NPG to help us turn things around.

That is why I am especially excited about our extensive, multi-faceted "Wake Up America!" campaign (outlined on page 1). With millions of Americans more alert to population issues in the coming months we must be even more aggressive in sounding the alarm that Washington's indifference to the growing population crisis cannot be allowed to continue. I urge all NPG members to work with us to make this program a huge success.

In addition, I am looking forward to taking NPG's educational efforts up another major notch as we also launch our brand new *NPG Journal*. Our objective with this project is to carry on a continuing stream of timely commentary on local, state and national population-related issues which, in the long-term, are all interconnected. In

doing so, we can keep thousands of NPG activists more focused on what we can all do, individually or together. We must force our leaders to address these problems and take action to redirect policies that are taking our country in the wrong direction when it comes to population and immigration. You won't want to miss receiving your *NPG Journal* which is why we need your current e-mail address. That is why I urge you to fill out the accompanying card and send it to us today.

The worst choice our leaders can make is to ignore America's mounting population and immigration problems and simply hope that they can be resolved sometime in the future. It is sad that when it comes to forcefully confronting today's immigration crisis we have to sacrifice our country's future to Washington's inertia, denial, cowardice and political correctness. What's even worse is the prospect that whatever immigration reform legislation results from the ongoing Capitol Hill debate will fall victim to these same forces when the newly created immigration programs are handed over to the blundering bureaucracy within the Department of Homeland Security to administer.

As we head into the final months of 2006 we can only hope that Congress has gained a valuable education this year on the immigration issue. Certainly tens of millions of Americans have made it clear that they demand secure borders and are vehemently against amnesty for illegal immigrants. NPG's goal is to also keep the pressure on Congress to make sure they also place realistic limits on how many people can enter our country in the next few years and in the decades to come. Without such limits on immigration we may well see our population number zoom past 400 million far sooner than expected.

In closing, I can't help but remind one and all that going to the polls and casting your ballot is one of the greatest ways we have to change the future and make our nation better. Please don't forget to vote on November 7th.

Honald mann

POPULATION EXPERTS SPEAK OUT ON 300 MILLION AMERICANS:

NPG will celebrate its 35th Anniversary in 2007. During that period a number of extraordinarily talented population experts and researchers have published their findings in NPG Forum Papers. These serve to better educate the American people and our local, state, and national policymakers about the devastating effects of overpopulation on our resources, environment and quality of life. Today, as our nation reaches a level of 300 million people, we asked some of these friends to succinctly share their thoughts on this notable milestone.

CONDOLENCES ON 300 MILLION

If any fraction of the observed global warming can be attributed to the activities of humans, then this constitutes positive proof that the human population, living as we do, has exceeded the carrying capacity of the Earth.

THIS SITUATION IS NOT SUSTAINABLE!

As a consequence, it is AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH that all proposals or efforts to slow global warming or to move toward sustainability are serious intellectual frauds if they do not advocate reducing population to a sustainable level at the local, national and global scales.

-Albert Bartlett, Ph.D.

As we reach 300 million, why is the media so enthusiastic about it? Why don't they ever point out that population growth is one of the root causes of so many of our problems: pollution; traffic; overcrowded schools; crime the list goes on. When will they ever learn?

- Leon Bouvier, Ph.D.

That is a non-event, the product of the Census Bureau's estimating processes. We probably crossed 300 million some time ago. Recent decennial Census counts have shown that the Bureau regularly underestimates growth, and the counts themselves are undercounts, judging by the Bureau's own sampling.

Nevertheless, the fact that we are somewhere above 300 million, and growing faster than the experts guess, tells us something important. At a time when we are on the way

to double again in this century, largely because of immigration and immigrants' fertility, U.S. population growth should be at the center of the present debate about immigration policies. It has hardly been mentioned.

- Lindsey Grant

With the US population increasing per person twice as fast as China, we can expect intense pressure on all our vital resources. These include fertile cropland, freshwater, food, and energy resources. Our personal freedoms will also suffer.

- Professors David and Marcia Pimentel

This nation has added 100 million people since 1967, 53 million of them through immigration – nearly one-third of it illegal – and births to immigrants. Immigration has even greater momentum now, and population growth cannot be stopped without halting all illegal immigration and reducing snowballing legal immigration by four-fifths.

- David Simcox

If only 300 million were the stopping point! My question for the enthusiasts for more population growth: Where will we get the petroleum needed for the additional people? And: In a hydrogen or ethanol based energy economy, with what will we pave the roads?

- John Tanton, M.D.



ATTENTION FEDERAL EMPLOYEES — DON'T FORGET TO DESIGNATE NPG IN THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN!

If you participate in the Combined Federal Campaign we urge you to direct your donation to us so that we can strengthen our programs and meet our mission to fight for a responsible National Population Policy. You will find us listed under our full name, Negative Population Growth.

THE CBO's SHOCKING IMMIGRATION COSTS

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) is recognized as a non-partisan group that simply crunches the numbers and puts a price tag on what Congress proposes and passes.

So when the CBO came out in late August with an estimate that the Senate-passed immigration bill would <u>cost American taxpayers \$126 billion – not million</u>, <u>BILLION</u> – over the next ten years, it raised quite a few eyebrows in Washington and added a

new monetary dimension to the already roiling debate on immigration reform legislation.

In reporting on the CBO's report, the *Washington Post* noted

that it was the "most detailed analysis to date" of this legislation that is sure to "offer fuel for that fight." For groups like NPG and others who are fighting against the broad guest-worker and amnesty provisions of the Senate bill and working hard to spread the news about its costly and very destructive long-term consequences, it is good that we now have solid dollar estimates to bolster our arguments against this costly legislation.

Certainly, had the CBO not released these startling figures on a Friday evening when Congress, national policymakers and top news writers are all absent from the

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT THIS NOVEMBER

In our quest to get control of America's borders and put realistic limits on future immigration we are fighting a battle that is important to all Americans – but especially to future generations who will have to live with the dire consequences of uncontrolled population growth. We owe it to them to elect leaders today who will provide responsible leadership in reforming our immigration laws.

Toward this end, we urge all NPG members to access the *NumbersUSA* website to review the "Americans for Better Immigration – Immigration Reduction Report Card" that they have posted for every current member of the U.S.

received much more attention in the media.

Lost in the news stories on the CBO report was their enumeration of the plan's impact on the population. The *Post* story noted: "By 2016, CBO researchers estimate, more than 16 million people would either become legal permanent residents under the bill or obtain some other legal status. That total would include 4.4 million undocumented workers, 3.3 million guest workers and 2.6 million family members brought in through new programs. By 2026, the addition to the U.S. population would jump to 24.4 million."

nation's capital during the August recess, they would have

These CBO population numbers are amazingly small and only add more confusion to the immigrant numbers game that has been going on for months. The Heritage Foundation put

forth a respected research study in May that put the long range estimate of new immigrants over 20 years as high as 106 million. And Senator Jeff Sessions' well-researched analysis of new immigrants during debate on the Senate bill estimated the number of new people over the next two decades as high as 66 million. The task of NPG members is to work extra hard to ensure that future immigration numbers are as minimal as possible.

As it stands, the CBO numbers on both the costs of increased immigration and the total number of new arrivals have to be taken with a grain of salt as official numbers all too often fall far short of real numbers.

Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Incumbent legislators are rated "A" through "D-" on the votes they have cast on individual issues such as chain migration, visa lottery, foreign workers, refugee and asylum, anchor baby citizenship, border control, interior enforcement and benefits for illegal aliens. They are then given an overall grade. Challengers are rated on their responses to questionnaires on the immigration issue.

NumbersUSA makes it clear that their grading contains no bias toward or against any political party or any politician – a computer calculates the grades based on the effect of each action for either increasing or reducing immigration numbers (legal and illegal). A quick review of

The Senate immigration bill would cost \$126 BILLION.

THE NEW NPG JOURNAL – SIGN UP TODAY!

The ongoing immigration debate, combined with the imminent media focus on our nation surpassing the 300 million population mark, is a tremendous boon to NPG's mission. It will greatly heighten interest in our expert research and longstanding efforts to advance a sound population policy that will address and solve America's problems related to population growth. The increasing number of "hits" each month on our popular website reaffirm the fact that people across the nation and around the globe have a tremendous interest in this issue.

To take advantage of this new-found popularity and expand our educational influence even more, NPG recently launched, via the internet, the *NPG Journal*, a bi-weekly, timely commentary on population issues and articles that appear in the media. Our *NPG Journal* will go far beyond our current practice of disseminating population-related news. It will give NPG President Donald Mann an internet-wide forum to expand on the news stories, call attention to how they confirm or complement our NPG Research and Forum Papers and other activities. It will also remind NPG members and other readers of the need for all of us to continue to speak up on population issues to ensure that today's out-of-control immigration and population problems are addressed in a responsible and realistic manner. We're excited about building the *NPG Journal* into a powerful vehicle that can impact population issues on every level – local, state, national and even worldwide. Whether simply keeping NPG members informed about the need for us to work together to advance our mission or helping to use the combined clout of NPG members to influence debate in Congress, the *NPG Journal* heralds a new day of NPG activism.

Key to making the *NPG Journal* a huge success is the vital need for members to provide us with their e-mail address. We have included a special card along with this newsletter and we ask you to please fill out and return it as soon as possible in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Thank you.

NPG's website is one of America's premier sources for population information. Now it has a brand new look! Check it out today at www.npg.org.

THOUSANDS OF NPG PETITIONS DELIVERED TO CONGRESS

In recent months we've delivered thousands of petitions to U.S. Senate and House offices all over Capitol Hill and want to take this opportunity to thank all of our NPG members – including hundreds of new members – who participated in this highly successful project to tell our elected officials to "Say "NO" to America accepting 30 million new immigrants in the next 10 years."

The tremendous citizen grassroots response to this effort underscores how concerned all Americans are about Congress passing an open-ended, ill-conceived immigration reform bill that will put America on the path to catastrophic population levels.

The goal of our nationwide petition drive was to make sure that each member of Congress heard directly from the "people at home" who understand that our nation's population is already "stretched to the max" and it is crucial to stop the present "open door" policy that has brought on today's immigration crisis and put strict limits on the number of new immigrants permitted into our country in the coming decades.

NPG SCHOOL POSTERS SEND A POWERFUL MESSAGE... "IT'S YOUR FUTURE!"

NPG's new fact-filled educational posters started arriving in teacher's mailboxes in thousands of junior high schools all over America just a few days ago and they're sure to be a big hit when it comes to discussing the implications of our nation's population reaching 300 million people.

We're excited about this special educational project because the target audience is one of the key groups who will be forced to live with the consequences of soaring population numbers. That is why we filled our "It's Your Future" posters with both national and state population facts that young people can relate to and included comparative pictures of their world today and what the future may look like in an America of 450 million or 500 million people that could become a reality in their lifetime. Printed in full color on a large 25" x 38" sheet, our new NPG teaching aid addresses the core issues of energy, water, farmland and forests, urban sprawl, air pollution, and wildlife habitat. We also included such fun-filled facts as: If you lined up all 300 million people in America today (with each person taking up 12 inches) the line would stretch for over 49,800 miles - almost 20 round trips between New York City and Los Angeles.

There is little question that today's young students will see our country grow quite differently in the next 50 years than we did in the past 50 unless we find an acceptable way to stop, and eventually reverse, our country's rapid, out-ofcontrol growth. This 300 million population milestone is a great time to make sure today's youth understand that the population problem will not solve itself. Hopefully, many of this new and upcoming generation will opt to work with us in the coming years for a sustainable population policy.

While we have already sent thousands of our "It's Your Future" posters to schools we have held a few hundred back to share with NPG members who wish to make a contribution to NPG and get one for a local school or the school your child or grandchild attends. To request your copy, please use the accompanying Special Contribution form, or for a faster response call or email us directly.



Our large (25'' x 38'') educational poster is printed in full color for display in classrooms to enliven student discussions about future population growth and policy.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT (Continued from page 4)

the grade of those Members of Congress who will be on the ballot this November will ensure you don't cast a vote for someone on the wrong side of this issue.

NPG has made it clear to members of Congress that the votes they cast on the immigration issue will rank among the most important of their career because they will have such a lasting impact on our nation. It's important that we have men and women representing us on Capitol Hill who will study the facts, go beyond political pandering and cast immigration-related votes that are in the best interests of our country's future.

NumbersUSA Report Card's can be accessed at <u>www.numbersusa.com</u>. Click on Immigration Report Cards on the right side of the home page.

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