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New NPG Forum Paper Explores the U.S. Immigration System After Title 42

Current Immigration Policy is Not Sustainable Long Term

Alexandria, VA, (June 29, 2023): Following President Joe Biden's executive orders that effectively eliminated immigration enforcement measures along the southern border, a new era of sustained mass migration has been rolling unimpeded across the American frontier. According to *The Point of No Return*, a Forum paper written by Mark Cromer and published by Negative Population Growth, Inc., this migratory wave has been funneled into a national network of NGOs, religious organizations, and other groups that facilitate their dispersal and settlement across the country. Some analysts suggest that the actual number of migrants entering the U.S. is likely to be even more staggering than what is being officially reported. Cromer looks into the issue in-depth and reveals how a system ostensibly created to control immigration has been reconfigured – or corrupted – into one that facilitates a flood of humanity.

Cromer asserts that leadership from both parties in Congress generally share an almost neutral "It's not as bad as it looks" approach to immigration. Meanwhile, he points to the reality that while Americans are watching media coverage of migrants arriving in new cities, this is a very small percentage of the number of immigrants entering the country by crossing the border, sharing: "As social and emergency services in three of the largest cities in the nation buckle under the weight of less than 100,000 migrants arriving in waves over the past two years, their high-profile mayors have declared emergencies and demanded resources. Yet the migrants arriving in Washington, D.C., New York, and Chicago represent little more than 1% of the more than 7 million who have arrived in the United States since the dawn of 2021." He then asks readers to consider: "If America's Great Cities cannot bear the burden, then what of its smaller cities, towns, and rural areas that millions of migrants are making their way to as well?"

Referencing a conversation about the American immigration system with Thomas D. Homan, a former acting Director of ICE who worked in immigration enforcement for thirty years and is currently a fellow at The Heritage Foundation and the Immigration Reform Law Institute, Cromer noted that when asked about interior enforcement, Homan remarked: "They have taken that whole population off the table." Homan then shared that during the fiscal year 2012, President Obama's administration arrested more than 409,000 immigrants for removal and deportation. During the Biden administration, that number has fallen to just 59,000.

Looking at working-class American culture, Cromer explores commentary that has cynically cast mass immigration as a necessity stemming from Americans' refusal to work. He also notes the prevalence of cartels

that are reaping the benefits of the country's turmoil through human trafficking, drug running, and extortion. Transitioning to commentary on U.S.-based organizations, Cromer says: "If facilitating mass immigration is big business for clandestine networks of human traffickers – and it is – business is also a' booming for the legitimate domestic organizations in the United States that operate legally... (and) play a critical role in providing the support networks that disperse and settle migrants all over the country."

In the end, we must take a close look at the issue of illegal immigration in our society because this continued mass migration will almost certainly have long-term, irreversible consequences on our country's future sustainability. As Cromer points out, we need to recognize the economic and population pressures that mass migration brings – in waves – across the southern border. Negative Population Growth, Inc. advocates for Americans to work together to slow, halt, and eventually reverse population growth, which is impossible without taking a serious look at the U.S. immigration policy.

Founded in 1972, NPG is a national nonprofit membership organization dedicated to educating the American public and political leaders regarding the damaging effects of population growth. We believe that our nation is already vastly overpopulated in terms of the long-range carrying capacity of its resources and environment. NPG advocates the adoption of its Proposed National Population Policy, with the goal of eventually stabilizing U.S. population at a sustainable level – far lower than today's. We do not simply identify the problems – we propose solutions. For more information, visit our website at NPG.org, follow us on Facebook @NegativePopulationGrowth or follow us on Twitter @npg_org.