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Fool Me Twice, Shame On Me!

...develop a national citizenship program, including no citizenship unless you speak English, obey our laws, learn our history and embrace our democratic values. --Gary Bauer, 6/8/2007

Ed Meese, former U.S. Attorney General under Ronald Reagan says that the *roadmap to citizenship* crafted by the Gang of Eight is quite close to the immigration overhaul his boss signed into law in 1986. Meese says that reform didn't work. Why not? For one reason, the promised essentials—from border security to law enforcement—were to come later. They never did. What did come, he says, were quadruple the number of illegal immigrants.¹

In 2007, Pres. G. W. Bush offered a hastily drawn “illegal immigration” fix, incorporating the same design flaws as its 1986 predecessor. Perceiving it to be another dose of “bait and switch,” we urged our supporters to contact their federal representatives. And they did.

Now comes the Gang of Eight plan offering the same hollow promises, but adding much federal pork for unrelated liberal causes. Thus follow the facts as we saw them in 2007:

“FOOL ME ONCE—SHAME ON YOU,” Christian Coalition newsletter, July 2007

According to Border Patrol Chief David Aguilar, our southern border is a war zone. Assaults against Border Patrol agents are up 100% in the past year and illegal aliens and smugglers are setting fires to our national forests in order to distract local authorities and to “burn agents out of observation posts and patrol routes.”² Due to damage to the Coronado National Forest and other sensitive sites, environmental groups are pursuing legal actions. It is their belief that eco damage is the fault of the U.S. Government for making it more difficult to sneak into the country.

Opponents say that is absurd, suggesting that possibly four million illegal aliens have poured across our southern border—just since 9/11. They believe the Bush-Kennedy-McCain immigration bill provides incentives for even more illegal migration to America.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he was persuaded in 1986 to vote for the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill. In return for amnesty for far fewer than three million illegal immigrants, Americans would get: 1) Control of the border; 2) Enforcement of laws requiring employers to know someone is here legally before hiring them; and 3) No more amnesty and no more tolerance of illegality. Gingrich says the government broke its word on every one of those provisions. “Now 20 years later,” says Newt, “we are told to trust Washington while we amnesty 12 to 20 million more people who have broken the law.”³

President Bush insists that won't happen again because certain security bench marks will be met before amnesty/guest-worker provisions of his bill go into effect. But Newt and others say when it comes to border security and enforcing laws already on the books, the President has demonstrated a serious case of the “slows.”

In 2005, for instance, the President signed a bill requiring 10,000 additional border patrol agents over a five-year period. But so far, only 210 new agents are in training. Where's the bench mark? And, on border fencing—Congress said yes last fall to 854 miles of fence, but only 12 miles have been erected. Again, where's the bench mark?

Other questions arise as to the President's commitment to secure borders. Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean violated a "no pursue" policy when they gave chase to a border intruder who ignored their orders to halt. The intruder turned out to be a well-known drug smuggler with nearly 800 lbs. of marijuana. Although he got away, the officers fired shots, wounding his ego and his gluteus maximus. The smuggler is suing Uncle Sam for five million and the officers are serving 12 years in a federal slammer for breach of protocol. [Note: Both officers received a presidential commutation on Jan 19, 2009]

The president [Bush] has said that conservatives are trying to "frighten people" into opposing his bill and that those who "want to kill the bill" are not concerned about "what's right for America."⁴ But political analyst Pat Buchanan believes it's the other way around. He thinks supporters of the immigration bill have a vision of a world where capital, goods and people move freely across borders—borders which disappear. "It is about the merger of nations into larger transnational entities and, ultimately, global governance," says Buchanan.⁵

The "acerbic" Ann Coulter complains that no one is trying to turn immigrants into Americans. Says she, "Americans—at least really stupid Americans... believe the natural state of the world is to have individual self-determination, human rights, the rule of law and a robust democratic economy. On this view, most of the existing world and almost all of world history is a freakish aberration."

"In fact," she continues, "the natural state of the world is Darfur. The freakish aberration is America and the rest of the Anglo-Saxon world." Coulter argues that "the British Empire once spread the culture of prosperity around the globe—Judeo-Christian values, tolerance, equality, private property and the rule of law... but the empire's most successful colony was the United States."⁶

"At the precise moment in history," says Coulter, "when the U.S. has abandoned any attempt to transmit Anglo-Saxon virtues to its own citizens... George Bush wants to grant citizenship to hordes of immigrants who are here precisely because they are fleeing cultures that are utterly dysfunctional and ruinous for the humans who live in them."

Coulter mentions Justice Louis Brandeis, immigrant and first Jewish member of the U.S. Supreme Court, who spoke to the Americanizing of immigrants in terms of clothing, manners, customs and English as the common medium of speech. Brandeis also said, "(W)e properly demand of the immigrant even more than this—he must be brought into complete harmony with our ideals and aspirations and cooperate with us for their attainment. Only when this has been done will he possess the national consciousness of an American."

Regarding the socio-economic impact of the amnesty bill, *The Heritage Foundation* estimates an outlay of 2.5 trillion dollars and an influx of 66 million immigrants during the next 20 years. Columnist Tony Beam opposes the measure, and writes, "No culture, no matter how open to diversity, can absorb that kind of population and societal shift in such a short period of time."

Although he supports immigration and naturalization, noting that God ... *loves the foreign resident, giving him food and clothing* (Deut 10:18-19), Beam warns that the biblical quid pro quo is that the foreigner in the land is to be obedient to the same laws as the native—including laws that regulate their entrance into the country.

Newt Gingrich says, "Show us the controlled border, show us the law enforced on American employers, show us the shift back to English as the official language of government and show us the end of sanctuary cities that refuse to identify those here illegally. Then we will begin to think about a new bill."

Have concerns? Call your representative at: [\(202\) 224-3121](tel:2022243121). HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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¹ Ed Meese, <http://blog.heritage.org/2013/05/17/morning-bell-weve-seen-the-effect-of-amnesty-before/>

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⁴ Tony Beam, *Why, Mr. President*, 6/8/2007, crosswalk.com/blogs/beam/11543284

⁵ Patrick J. Buchanan, *The Regime Against the Nation*, 6/12/2007 humanevents.com

⁶ Ann Coulter, *A Green Card in Every Pot*, 5/30/2007, humanevents.com