

WHY CAN'T SOME UNDERSTAND ILLEGAL MEANS ILLEGAL?

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This is a belated thanks and response to Terry Yardley of Sherrill, for his comments on my 10/21/03 *Express* and referred to my views on illegal immigration.

The gist of his letter primarily dealt with the troubles encountered by early legal immigrants to this country. He suggested that I was somehow unaware of those problems and that they in some way legitimized and validate the present situation, a situation that is totally out of control and an imminent threat to our security, culture, economy and sovereignty.

I was born in 1927 and learned first hand in a practical manner of earlier immigrants' problems. We were also given an unabridged and honest history of our nation's evolution, including the troubles he outlined. I totally agree and share his empathy for earlier immigrants. I also share his sympathy and concern for the present influx of illegals. I totally disagree with his endorsement of the policy and his admitted lack of courage in addressing the situation.

It's a situation that contributed to the attack on 9/11, which cost our economy \$180 billion and the lives of over 3,000 people. His attitude serves to prove that for some people this is not a wake-up call and they learn little from history. Subsequent strengthening of security measures has proven to mitigate the danger, but refusal to seriously address illegal immigration compromises those measures.

Diversity is the most highly touted password trumpeted by the left in its headlong quest for votes. Diversity only works when we all share the same work ethic, cultural values and language – which early immigrants embraced. They did so while still maintaining their ethnicity. The bulk of today's newcomers do not. They insist on bilingual services and education as well as priorities in all governmental services. Phyllis Schlafly sums it up when she says, "The question one should ask of their Mexican immigrant friends is, are you assimilating or invading?"

One cannot be too critical of the attitude we see described above. It is encouraged and promoted by politicians on both sides of the aisle. I vividly recall the statement made by Senator Clinton to our cheering special interest group, "We will give you anything you want." One must remember that to do that, something must be taken away from someone else. It may be you.

The present crisis Californians face, along with the border states of New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, is primarily due to illegal immigration. They face crushing financial burdens that have an impact on social programs that dictate services to illegals, services that are routinely denied to citizens and legal aliens. These problems are highlighted in those states but impact several other states whose illegal representation is proportionally high.

In the first week of November 2003, Mexico's Vicente Fox visited New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Samuel Frances reported he actively lobbied state officials to grant amnesty to illegal Mexican aliens. These coincidentally are all states considered by most Mexicans to have been illegally seized by the U.S. One can easily imagine the repercussions such illusions may have when very shortly those harboring those assumptions control the vote. It may well pose a real threat to our sovereign rights.

The above are by no means the extent of the problems encountered by illegal immigration. It has been encouraged by some countries as a means to divest themselves of pressing social issues. This by its very nature literally ensures we are likely to attract those that cause much of theirs.

To make a long story short, I just do not understand what part of “illegal” some people fail to understand? The late Sonny Bono said it all when asked for his comment on it. “It’s illegal.”