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Hijacking Immigration?

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“Lopez provides the results of a painstaking investigation into the unsettling connections between the population-control movement—including pro-abortion and euthanasia advocates—and the anti-immigration movement. His research is reminiscent of the important work done for us by Mary Meehan (“The Road to Abortion: How Eugenics Birthed Population Control,” Fall 1998) and Rebecca Messall (“The Long Road of Eugenics: From Rockefeller to Roe,” Fall 2004) tracing the history of eugenics in America. As Lopez observes, disagreement about immigration by social conservatives is natural; however, it seems that good pro-life persons, concerned about illegal immigration, are unknowingly joining forces with those whose basic aims are widely opposed to the sanctity and protection of human life.” (Introduction by Maria McFadden Maffucci, Editor)

<http://www.humanlifereview.com/index.php/component/content/article/68-2012-fall/205-hijacking-immigration> Please read the full article, excerpts follow:

The myth that human beings are “overpopulating” the earth, which has persisted for centuries, is rooted in a fundamental misunderstanding of human activity, economics, and natural science. Numerous political elites have promulgated the overpopulation myth in pursuit of various big-government policies both in their home countries and around the world. People like Thomas Malthus, Paul Ehrlich, and Margaret Sanger have sought various “remedies” for this false crisis, “solutions” which devalue human life—abortion, sterilization, and euthanasia—and promote government control of economic activity.

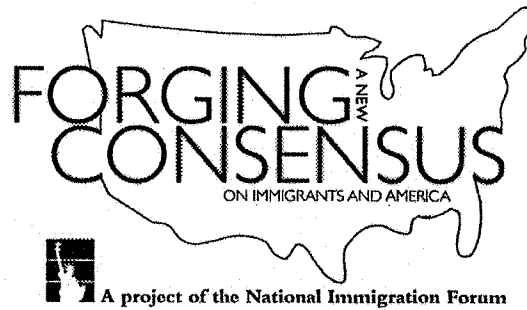
Often the radical nature of these proposed “solutions” has led advocates of such policies to couch their ideas in terms of helping the world’s poor and concern for the environment. But a lesser-known story is that over the last 40 years in the United States, many leaders of this movement have hijacked concerns over immigration to advance their agenda. Population-control advocates have built, operated, and funded much of the anti-immigration movement in the United States. What follows helps explain how this has happened and sheds light on the pervasive connections between the population-control movement and the principal proponents of immigration restrictions.

Hijacking the Immigration Issue: There is much disagreement among social conservatives on the issue of immigration—which is natural. Many are alarmed about the flouting of American laws and the other negative aspects of illegal immigration. The modern American population-control movement is dominated by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Center for Immigration Studies (CIS), and NumbersUSA. These population-control groups have wisely sought to appeal to American conservatives in pursuit of one of their stated policy goals: To limit all immigration into the United States. They have been so successful that many columnists and editorials refer to them as some derivative of “quintessentially American.” In reality, however, they reflect a very dark side of American history.

Of course, not everyone concerned about immigration advocates population control, abortion, or sterilization. However, the evidence shows that the primary leaders and funders of the anti-immigration movement were drawn to it because they were also active organizers and supporters of, and contributors to, the population-control movement in the United States. This should give pause to pro-life advocates who might consider collaborating with groups such as FAIR, CIS, and NumbersUSA on the issue of immigration.

Once one scratches the surface, the whitewashing, rebranding, and slight refocusing of the most radical side of the green movement—advocates of population control, abortion, and family planning—is striking, and stands diametrically opposed to the pro-life cause.

Conclusion: Those who seek to advance the pro-life cause should not allow themselves to be fooled by those whose work is ultimately diametrically opposed to the right to life—the most fundamental of all rights. Regardless of one’s particular views on immigration, pro-life leaders in particular should denounce CIS, FAIR, NumbersUSA, and any other entities that advance the dark cause of population control.



Selected statements from faith, law enforcement and business leaders this week

Leith Anderson, President, National Association of Evangelicals (on Senate principles):

"Now is the time for immigration reform. We've settled too long for a broken system, and now the nation is ready for changes that are just, reasonable and compassionate. Let's make immigration the issue where our political parties can come together and do what is right."

Stephan Bauman, President and CEO, World Relief (on President's principles):

"We commend the president for taking a courageous step to outline his vision for reform of our immigration laws. For too long, a broken immigration system has led to broken people. We encourage the president to work with Congress in bipartisan fashion to ensure basic fairness and decency in any legislation put forward, including an earned pathway to eventual citizenship, strong support for family unity, and provisions that would facilitate the integration of immigrants into our society in partnership with the faith-based community. We look forward to working with the White House and Congress in coming months to ensure that immigration reform is passed."

Randel K. Johnson, Senior Vice President for Labor, Immigration and Employee Benefits, U.S. Chamber of Commerce (on Senate principles):

"We are very pleased with these principles — they align with much of what the Chamber has supported in the past, and we will work with all parties on a bipartisan basis to flesh out the detail and achieve passage in the Senate."

Dr. Richard Land, President, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (on Senate principles):

"Congress does not often exceed my expectations. But these principles, and this demonstration of bipartisanship by our leaders, certainly have. The senators have introduced principles for a bill that has a true chance of passing. I think they sense this is a real opportunity. Not only should we be encouraged but we should understand that this is truly what St. Paul would call a 'kairos,' or propitious, moment to be seized. The momentum needs to be used to pass significant and helpful immigration reform."

Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform (on Senate principles):

"Immigration reform is one of the most important steps our country can take to grow America's economy and preserve our leadership status in the world. I believe this plan is a meaningful step toward fixing our broken immigration system, and I urge Congress to consider the positive economic ramifications of a vibrant guest worker program, more high-skilled visas, and a pathway to earned legal status and citizenship for those already in the country."

Mark Shurtleff, Member of the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Forum and former Attorney General (R-Utah) (on President's principles):

"Today President Obama laid out his vision for broad immigration reform. It was an honor to be there with him to share this historic moment and tell him that those who hold a Bible, wear a badge or own a business stand ready to encourage Democrats and Republicans in Congress to pass commonsense immigration reform."

Dr. Warren Stewart, Senior Pastor at First Institutional Baptist Church in Phoenix and Board Chair of the National Immigration Forum (on President's principles):

"This is an awesome day for justice. The leader of the free world is leading the charge to free millions of our brothers and sisters in America with commonsense immigration reform which offers a roadmap to citizenship. Thank God, delay is not denial for our nation's immigrants."

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