

The following article was published in March 2015, in the Southern Arizona newspaper *Connection* based in Arivaca, Arizona. I wrote this in response to an article that was published in the previous edition of *Connection* from a group called People Helping People in the Border Zone. This is an organization that advocates on behalf of illegal immigrants.

Foresight

Foresight: noun, fore sight. The ability to see what will or might happen in the future. 1. An act or the power of foreseeing 2. Provident care. John had the foresight to invest wisely.

The 1965 Buffy Sainte-Marie album *Many a Mile* includes the song, *Welcome, Welcome Emigrante* in which Buffy welcomes immigrants to America which was easy for her since she was an immigrant from Canada herself. That was fifty years ago when the population of America was 194 million compared with today's 320 million which makes America the third most populous country in the world. America's population has almost doubled in the past fifty years and it continues to increase by about a million people a year. This can't be good. Adding more people to an already over-populated country will not increase the quality of life for the people living here.

Advocates for continued population growth often have their hearts in the right place, they want people from third-world countries to be able to come to America and realize their dreams. They want people from less fortunate countries to be able to enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that America offers. They are good-hearted people concerned about the welfare of their fellow man. However, they lack foresight. America cannot continue to take in the world's starving masses. We are already experiencing a lower standard of living and a declining quality of life. Because they lack foresight, they cannot see a few decades into the future when America will descend to the level of China or India, the only two countries with more people than America.

As well-meaning as they are, the pro-immigration, open-borders advocates are on the wrong side of the numbers. For example, they claim that in the past ten years Border Patrol agents have killed 48 people. However, at www.illegalimmigrationcosts.com there is a list of each state and what illegal immigration costs where it is documented that there are about 4,380 Americans murdered annually by illegal immigrants.

At www.ojjpac.org/index.asp, a "memorial in honor of the thousands of American citizens killed each year by Illegal Aliens" can be found complete with pictures and detailed articles.

There are many similar sites, including www.constitutionparty.com/illegal-alien-crime-and-violence-by-the-numbers-were-all-victims, where there are even more damning statistics. Google "Illegal alien statistics" or anything similar, and you will quickly realize the folly of allowing continued immigration.

Some pro-immigration zealots say that border deaths are the result of border enforcement. That's just silly. Border deaths are the result of immigrants trying to cross illegally into this country.

They are the result of ignorant people thinking they can walk across that desert. The immigrant defenders will claim that an illegal alien who dies 20 miles north of Phoenix a year after entering the country illegally was a “border death”.

Anyone who aids and abets an illegal immigrant by putting out water or offering a ride should be charged with aiding and abetting an illegal immigrant in the commission of a felony, and they should be arrested. These poor misguided souls in an effort to feel good about themselves are contributing to the deaths of innocent native born Americans. They are helping to fill America’s prisons, provide America with illegal drugs, and are a kind of unwitting domestic terrorist.

The illegal immigrant lovers will sometimes bring out that old saw, “But who will pick the vegetables?” The same people who picked them for hundreds of years before the immigrants came here. Yes, farmers may have to pay a little more for labor, but most people won’t mind paying a nickel more for a head of lettuce or a quart of strawberries. The Berrieaires (strawberry millionaires) can take a hit and still manage to keep farming.

The groups with the highest unemployment in America are African Americans and White teenagers because illegal immigrants have taken their jobs. They have taken their jobs and are sending the money back to their countries of origin.

Other clichés used by immigrant defenders are, “We are a nation of immigrants” and “America was founded on diversity.” Actually, we were a nation of immigrants from *Northern Europe* until 1965 when in an effort to honor the memory of John Kennedy congress passed the Immigration Act of 1964 which eliminated quotas based on national origin. Until then, American immigration law explicitly protected America from diversity.

Another faction that encourages continued growth is aware of the future consequences, but they don’t care; they are motivated by greed. Many business people use willful ignorance to deny that their pro-growth actions have detrimental effects now and in the future. Debating with people who are motivated by greed does not usually prove to be fruitful.

Immigration reform should mean border enforcement and a moratorium on any immigration until a new population policy can be implemented. This is what the people at NPG, Negative Population Growth (npg.org) are working toward. By taking a long view the citizens of Southern Arizona are in a unique position to help save America by working with the brave men and women who defend our borders. By cooperating with the Border Patrol and being its forward scouts, its eyes and ears on the scene, the citizens of Southern Arizona can contribute to solving the border problem. All it takes is a little foresight.

