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Where are My Elected Leaders?

Where are my elected leaders when the sovereignty of our country is encroached upon?

Judicial Watch has obtained a federal document revealing that there has been dozens of armed incursions by Mexican soldiers and police into the United States during Fiscal Year 2007. Yet, has there been one word from our leaders decrying these invasions?

I have written my elected leaders asking them why they have not spoken, but so far no answer. This is one time "Silence is not Golden!"

According to the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection Office of Border Patrol, there has been a staggering 278 incursions into the United States by Mexican government personnel since 1996. In 2007, the Office of Border Patrol Field Intelligence Center noted 25 incursions, 4 by Mexican military personnel and 21 by Mexican police officials.

Where are my elected leaders when a foreign government continually meddles in our affairs?

Over and over we are subjected to seeing in print the words of the Mexican Consulate in Dallas crying about how illegal aliens are subjected to our laws.

A magazine called Consultanos has been delivered to an Oak Cliff neighborhood that states it is a Bimonthly Publication in Cooperation with the (official office of the) Consulate General of Mexico in Dallas and where he extends "cordial felicitations" to the Hispanic community of the Metroplex." On page 6 there is an article about the Matricula Consular card. Evidently, the Consulate assumes that everyone who lives in that neighborhood is a Mexican citizen and has no loyalty to the United States. The person who sent me this magazine via email lives in that neighborhood and he is not a Mexican citizen.

We read that a group of officials from Sonora have traveled to Tucson blasting the employer sanctions law that has gone into effect in Arizona as if they have a say in what laws are passed in that state. They wail that they can't handle those who are returning as a result of this legislation. This shows that Mexico looks at us as a safety valve for their own failures. Oh and by the way, the Sonora officials have asked their government for help in handling Mexican citizens coming back home. How novel!

Then coming in February, President Calderon is coming to America for a public relations campaign to rally *his citizens* and for what? To present to the Mexican

communities an active strategy for the defense of their rights.

Then we have the formation of the Mexican Anti-Defamation League who will label CFIR and other groups like ours as hate groups. But then we shouldn't be too concerned about this. We are already being called unfair names.

The federal government is missing in action.

Let's remind them what the Constitution says:

Article IV Section 4

*The United States shall guarantee every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, **and shall protect each of them against Invasion.***

Article II, Section 1, Clause 10:

*The Presidential oath ends with . . . **preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."***

Article VI - Section 1 - Clause 4

"Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, **shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution...***

Will the words they repeat be just hot air or will they repeat those words with passion, conviction and determination to act out their meaning?

* Note that being bound to support the U.S. Constitution is also directed to state legislators.

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Change in Newsletter Distribution

In order to be able to be good stewards of our money, the board has decided that it would be prudent to send our newsletter electronically. Those members who do not have email and elected officials will continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail.

Each month you will receive an email, with a link, that will connect you to the newsletter.

It is hoped that by delivering the newsletter this way, it will not only result in being cost effective, but also will afford you the opportunity to print out the newsletter and use it to educate and introduce CFIR to others.

If you have any questions or wish to talk about this decision, please feel free to call me at 972.239.6279.

Jean Towell, President

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Federal Government's New Real ID Program



Intended to create uniform anti-counterfeit measures for state-issued driver's licenses.

Dallas Morning News - Q&A with Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff

DMN: Is this program optional and can participating states retain the option of issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants?

Chertoff: A state can choose not to do it. But (the nonparticipating) state would not be able to issue driver's licenses for federal ID purposes, such as in getting onto an airplane or coming into a federal building,....The law, says that a compliant license must validate that a person is lawfully present in the U.S. That means if a state were to decide to issue licenses to illegal immigrants, or illegal workers, it would have to clearly mark the licenses as not valid for ID purposes, which would, in effect, mark it as a license for undocumented workers.

DMN: Do you expect all states to adopt Real ID?

Chertoff: Most of the big states are either signed up or are getting signed up. ...Given all the attention that's been paid to licenses for illegals, not having a Real ID compliant license is basically having a license that an illegal can exploit. ...Just as I think that the public has spoken on the issue of overt driver's licenses for illegals, I've got to believe that if you asked the public --do they believe that illegals should be able to get driver's licenses so that they can impersonate American citizens? --I'm willing to bet that that's not really going to be popular with [them].

DMN: How, exactly, would this prevent identity theft by illegal immigrants?

Chertoff: In that big Swift [meat packing] raid, we discovered a number of [Americans] who not only had their identities used for driver's licenses for illegals, but then the illegals were using the licenses for other reasons like renting apartments, cashing checks. And sometimes it was adversely affecting the credit rating of the real individuals. Although driver's licenses aren't the only way to steal identity, they are certainly tied to ways to steal identity.

Note: The implementation of the REAL ID Act has been delayed. Schedule follows:

From FAIR's Legislative Update

- ◆ By May 2011, states must begin offering REAL ID driver's licenses.

- ◆ By December 2014, federal agencies will not accept non-REAL ID driver's licenses for official purposes (including boarding aircraft) from individuals under the age of 50.
- ◆ By December 2017, federal agencies will not accept non-REAL ID driver's licenses for official purposes from all individuals, including those over 50.

(Final Rule on Minimum Standards for Driver's Licenses and Identification Cards Acceptable by Federal Agencies for Official Purposes, January 11, 2008).

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement to Prioritize Deportation of Incarcerated Aliens

... Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security Julie Myers announced an effort to increase the number and rate at which criminal aliens in the nation's jails and prisons are deported. Speaking to the New York Times, Myers said that she expects Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to identify and deport more than 200,000 criminal aliens in 2008. This number would be an increase from the 164,000 jailed criminal aliens identified in 2007 and the 64,000 identified the year before.

New York Times, January 15, 2008

In addition, ICE intends to speed up the deportation process through a program under which states would grant early parole to aliens imprisoned for non-violent crimes in exchange for immediate deportation upon release. Aliens who participate in this program, termed the Rapid Removal of Eligible Parolees Accepted for Transfer (REPAT) program, would waive any right to appeal their conviction and would be required to serve the remainder of their prison term if they are caught attempting to re-enter the United States illegally.

Washington Times, January 16, 2008

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Rising Health Care Costs put Focus on Illegal Immigrants

Richard Wolf USA Today, January 22, 2008.

As the debate over the residency status of the nation's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants boils, another battle is simmering over what -- if any -- benefits they deserve while they're here, says USA Today.

Some of the most heated arguments on the issue focus on health care, where one thing is clear -- undocumented immigrants are driving up the number of people without health insurance:

The Pew Hispanic Center estimates:

- ◆ that 59 percent of the nation's illegal immigrants are uninsured, compared with 25 percent of legal immigrants and 14 percent of U.S. citizens.
- ◆ Illegal immigrants represent about 15 percent of the nation's 47 million uninsured people -- and about 30 percent of the increase since 1980

Opponents of illegal immigration see health care as a benefit that illegal immigrants don't deserve -- and that taxpayers can't afford. Consider:

- ◆ Illegal immigrants make up less than 5 percent of the cost in most states, but closer to 10 percent in some California counties.
- ◆ In 2000, counties along the Mexican border lost more than \$800 million in health care services for which they were not paid; about 25 percent of that went to care for illegal immigrants.
- ◆ From 2001 to 2004, spending for emergency Medicaid for illegal immigrants rose by 28 percent in North Carolina.
- ◆ Some states, including New York, Illinois and Washington, as well as several California counties, cover illegal immigrant children with state tax dollars.

For hospitals, "the burden of the uninsured immigrant is huge," says Jeff Spade, vice president of the North Carolina Hospital Association. "It's exploded the amount of work that they have to do."

http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2008-01-21-immigrant-healthcare_N.htm

In Texas, where the state comptroller estimates illegal immigrants cost hospitals \$1.3 billion in 2006, the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston is considering denying cancer care to such immigrants.

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On Illegal Immigration and Border Security

"We have security issues at home and our resources are running thin. Our education system is stretched, and immigration accounts for virtually all the national increase in public school enrollment in the last 2 decades. There is a worker present in 78% of immigrant households using at least one major welfare program, according to the same study. It's no surprise then that often times these immigrants can afford to work for lower wages. They are subsidized by our government to do so."

Rep. Ron Paul

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**Or in Spanish: *Doble los idiomas, el doble de residuos*
 Maybe Italian? *Il doppio lingue, il doppio dei rifiuti*
 French? *Double les langues, soit le double du gaspillage***

A neat trick is to be able to have demonstrably wasted money in the past, and then with a straight face propose wasting even more in the future on the very same thing. Such is the case in the Austin Independent School District.

Several years ago the district spent tax dollars on the latest fad: teaching in two languages. This means all kids would have all their classes one day in English, and then the next day in Spanish, with the goal of making all kids "bilingual." Unfortunately, the program succeeded only making the kids dumber, and AISD scrapped the whole deal.

But like bell-bottom jeans and Mohawks, the fad is resurfacing. Apparently some 300 school districts around the country (don't be impressed; there are 1,035 in Texas alone) are giving this bad idea another whirl. According to the Austin American Statesman, it's "gaining in popularity" with all the best money-wasting institutions.

Too bad "popular" isn't academically synonymous with "successful" or "effective."

The executive director of bilingual education for Austin schools defended the program: "It becomes a situation where, if I'm a Spanish speaker, I can help my English speaking classmates as much as they can help me. There's more of an equality, and kids feel more empowered."

Ah, so this is about making the kids "feel more empowered." Yep, that's much more important (and expensive) than, say, making them better educated.

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State Legislatures are Considering and Enacting more Immigration Bills

The National Conference of State Legislatures in November 2007 reported that 1,562 bills related to immigrants and immigration were introduced in 2007, three times more than in 2006, and 244 were signed into law, up from 84 in 2006.

Opinion polls suggest that at least two-thirds of Americans want more federal enforcement at the border and in work places to reduce unauthorized migration, and a majority oppose giving driver's licenses to unauthorized

foreigners. In 2007, eight states did not require drivers to prove legal status to obtain driver's licenses: Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

New York. After an outcry, Governor Eliot Spitzer withdrew a proposal to give regular driver's licenses to unauthorized foreigners in October 2007. Instead, New York will issue three types of driver's licenses beginning in 2008: a Real ID-compatible license to legal residents; an even more secure license also suitable as a border-crossing card; and a driver's license available without proof of legal residency that includes a label "not valid for federal purposes."

Oklahoma. Parts of Oklahoma's new immigration law, including state penalties on employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens, went into effect on November 1, 2007. The Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2007 (HB1804) requires state, county, and municipal governments to use the federal government's E-Verify or another approved verification system to check the legal status of all new hires; private employers must use E-Verify beginning July 1, 2008. US workers will be able to sue their employers if they are fired or laid off while unauthorized workers keep their jobs.

The new law denies bail to unauthorized foreigners and restricts their access to state-issued IDs.

Arizona. Arizona's Legal Arizona Workers Act (HB2779) went into effect January 1, 2008. Approved by wide margins in the Arizona Legislature, 47 to 11 in the House and 20 to 4 in the Senate, it requires Arizona employers to use E-Verify (which Congress must renew before November 2008) to check on the legal status of new hires, denies state and local business licenses to employers who knowingly or intentionally hire unauthorized foreigners, and gives the state's 15 county district attorneys the authority to enforce the law.

Florida. In the two years since immigration reform legislation stalled in Congress, many states have passed their own laws targeting illegal immigrants. And soon Florida could join them. Legislators have filed six bills that would, among other things, penalize farms and government contractors that hire undocumented immigrants or require local officials to report their arrests to federal authorities. Come spring, legislators could debate whether to make it harder for an estimated 850,000 undocumented immigrants to live and work in Florida.

Kansas. To keep Kansas from becoming a "sanctuary

state," [Rep. Brenda Landwehr], R-Wichita, plans to introduce an illegal immigration reform package modeled on laws in Oklahoma, Colorado and Arizona.

At least two other proposals aimed at toughening immigration laws are expected to surface during the 2008 session, which begins Jan. 14. The proposals range from making it illegal to rent or give rides to illegal immigrants to cracking down on employers who hire undocumented workers.

Tennessee. Tennessee's 110,000 employers became subject to loss of their business licenses January 1, 2008 if they knowingly hire unauthorized workers at least twice in three years. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development will enforce the Illegal Alien Employment Act (HB 729) with 12 inspectors who also enforce child labor and other labor laws. It says that employers who complete the I-9 process, as currently required, or participate in E-Verify, which is voluntary, will not be prosecuted (www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/faq_illegal_alien.htm).

The **Georgia** Immigration and Compliance Act went into effect in July 2007, but it has been hard to gauge its effects after six months. Most reports agreed there were fewer unauthorized Hispanics, but there was disagreement over whether the reduction was due to the new law or a severe drought that reduced the number of landscaping and farming jobs. The Georgia law requires employers with government contracts and those with more than 500 employees to use the federal government's E-Verify system to check the legal status of their employees.

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty by executive order 08-01 in January 2008 required state agencies and contractors doing business with the state to verify the legal status of their newly hired workers. Pawlenty also asked the legislature to enact a series of measures aimed at cracking down on unauthorized migration.

Virginia. Virginia's Illegal Immigration Task Force considered and rejected a proposal to create a state-funded detention center to hold unauthorized foreigners in October 2007. Instead, the Task Force recommended that the state provide funds so that local governments can hold unauthorized foreigners until DHS takes them into custody. The state notified DHS of 12,000 unauthorized foreigners in its jails in 2006, but DHS took custody of only 690.

Supervisors in Prince William County, Virginia in October 2007 voted 8-0 to deny certain county services to illegal migrants, including business licenses, and to train the 537 local police to enforce immigration laws.

Florida, Arizona and New York are discussing proposals to offer nonviolent prisoners early release and plane tickets home if they promise not to re-enter the US. Noting that Florida spends about \$20,000 a year to incarcerate prisoners, several representatives say that spending \$1,000 on a plane ticket saves taxpayer funds and avoids the need for more prison beds.

Most non-US citizens sentenced to "a year and a day" are deportable after they have served their sentences. Governors often commute sentences after six months under the return programs.

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A European Sends a Warning About Granting Amnesty to Illegal Immigrants

New American Sept. 3, 2007

"The European experience teaches us that governments always underestimate the number of people who can apply for an amnesty, and that amnesties do not close the floodgates, they open them." *Paul Belien - Editor of the outspokenly anti-European Union Brussels Journal*

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Naturalization Trends in Advance of 2008 Elections **Migration Policy Institute**

- ◆ Between 1997 and 2006, over 6.3 million people became naturalized citizens, more than one-and-a-half times the 3.8 million who naturalized between 1987 and 1996.
- ◆ **The increased number of naturalizations since 1994 is partly a result of the legalization of unauthorized immigrants under the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA). [emphasis editor]**
- ◆ There were nearly 15.2 million naturalized citizens eligible to vote in the United States in 2006.
- ◆ Hispanics accounted for almost a third of all naturalized citizens.
- ◆ In California, 19 percent of citizens age 18 and older were foreign born.

- ◆ A July 2002 executive order made noncitizen members of the armed forces eligible for expedited US citizenship.
- ◆ **Asian and European immigrants have the highest naturalization rates while Mexican immigrants have one of the lowest. [emphasis editor]**
- ◆ More than 700,000 lawful permanent residents became US citizens in 2006.
- ◆ In 2006, US Citizenship and Immigration Services denied 120,722 naturalization petitions.
- ◆ In 2006, foreign born from Mexico, the Philippines, and India accounted for almost a quarter of all naturalizations.
- ◆ Almost half of those who naturalized in 2006 lived in three states: California, New York, and Florida.
- ◆ The state with the fewest naturalizations in 2006 was Wyoming.
- ◆ **Of the 84,000 Mexican foreign born naturalized in 2006, the largest groups resided in California, Texas, and Illinois. [emphasis editor]**
- ◆ The New York, Los Angeles, and Miami metropolitan areas were home to more than one-third of new US citizens.
- ◆ In 2004, an estimated 8 million lawful permanent residents were eligible for naturalization.
- ◆ For immigrants who naturalized in 2006, the median time between date of legal immigration to the United States and date of naturalization was seven years.

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Ultimately, It's the Rule of Law

"It is ultimately about the rule of law," Nancy Boyd of Kansas, a Democrat, told the Times. "We don't give driver's licenses to people who are here illegally. We do something about the fact that they are here illegally."

Candidates at Odds with Voters on Immigration - Chilton Williamson, Jr., Middle American News.

Editorial in the Chattanooga Times Free Press

"The most principled argument against permissiveness toward illegal immigration is that it robs the United States of the sovereign right to protect the integrity of

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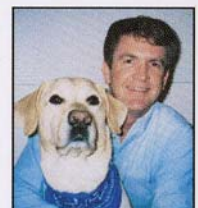
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our borders. That has long-term negative consequences that are not always easy to quantify.

Did you Know?

The identity document that our government issues to aliens who have acquired resident alien status used to be called the "Alien Registration Receipt Card." Under the Bush administration this vital document is referred to as being a "Green Card." The term "Green Card" used to be the slang name for that document because it had been green many years ago when that nick name for that card first came into use. It is obvious that the idea here is to stop using the term alien.

Michael Cutler, former INS special agent

Mexicans Will Resist

Several witnesses...emphasized that Mexicans will resist any hint of actions that undermine their sovereignty and the administration has offered assurances that U.S. troops won't be deployed as they have been under Plan Columbia.

Dallas Morning News article about the 1.4 million dollars to be given to Mexico to fight the drug cartels.

Is this THE Carlos Quintanilla?

"Our community has to accept some form of responsibility, and that's a change for us, when before we were saying our community is innocent of everything."

Dallas Morning News ICE still taking Class C suspects.

Flood of Immigrants Straining Canadian Cities

Canadians, according to surveys, think that there may be some major problems with immigration but they're constantly told that we need it anyway," said Martin Collacott, a former Canadian ambassador and now senior fellow with the Fraser Institute in Vancouver.

"You don't really question immigration because you'll be a racist if you do."

<http://www.immigrationwatchdog.com/?p=5266>

Recommended Reading

The following books have been recommended by CFIR members.

The Immigration Solution A Better Plan Than Today's

Heather Mac Donald, Victor Davis Hanson,
Steven Malanga with an introduction by Myron Magnet

The Late Great USA The Coming Merger with Mexico and Canada

Jerome R. Corsi, PH.D.
Co-author of the New York Times bestseller
"Unfit for Command"

The Deportee: One Agent's Struggle Against the U.S. Government's Refusal to Expel Criminal Aliens

Ames Holbrook


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Words to Heed
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No one elected or appointed to public office representing "we the people" has a right to ignore the Constitution, nor hold it hostage. It is our demand that the President and Congress will divest themselves of partisan and special interest, and that they will restore the trust and respect of the American people by securing our borders, by withdrawing from treaties and unconstitutional liaisons that undermine our nation & sovereignty, and that they will heed the wisdoms and warnings of our founding fathers.

A warning from Alexander Hamilton seems most applicable to this situation that America finds herself in. It reads:

"Foreign influence is truly the Grecian horse to a republic. We cannot be too careful to exclude its influence." - Alexander Hamilton, 1793



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