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*Our mission is to educate the public, seek reform of the immigration policies, insist that all immigration laws be enforced and our borders be secured.*

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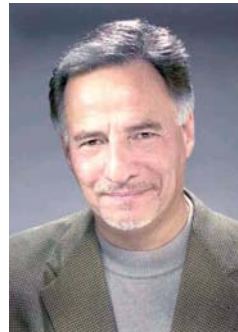
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**Thursday, October 15th Meeting**

6:45p.m. Meet and Greet – 7:00p.m. Meeting to begin promptly

**University Park City Hall****3800 University Parkway – Dallas TX 75205**Map on Website [www.CFIRusa.org](http://www.CFIRusa.org) – Mapsco 35 G**Speaker: Dr. Stephen Steinlight**

Dr. Steinlight is Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) in Washington D.C. He formulates thought on ascending trends in immigration policy and America's changing demography and culture as well as reviews immigration legislation at the Center.

Prior to joining CIS, he was Executive Director of the American Anti-Slavery Group to inform the public about the persistence of chattel slavery in such countries as Sudan and Mauritania as well as global trafficking.

For eight years he was National Affairs Director and Senior Fellow at the American Jewish Committee. (AJC) Before then, he was V.P. for Program at the National Conference of Christians and Jews. (NCCJ)

As Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Immigration Studies, he has written on the impact of mass immigration on the status and political power of American Jewry, and his articles have appeared in publications as the Forward, the New York Jewish Week and Boston's Jewish Advocate.

Dr. Steinlight is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Columbia College, Columbia University. He has co-authored two books *Fractional Nation? Unity and Division in Contemporary American Life* and *Children of Abraham*. He has two daughters Emily, 28 and Alexandra, 23. Dr. Steinlight lives in New York City

**TELL OTHERS ABOUT THIS MEETING!**

## The Future and Direction of CFIR

As your President, I want to tell you of a very important decision concerning the future and direction of our organization, Citizens for Immigration Reform.

Since our beginning in 2003, CFIR's leadership has striven to bring to its members excellent speakers who could inform, encourage and motivate us to take action against the harm illegal immigration has done to our state and country and is still doing. We listened and we learned from these speakers, but we did more than that, we also took action.

Thanks to your support,

- ◆ We have rented billboards and aired radio ads calling the public's attention to illegal immigration.
- ◆ We have testified before Texas Legislative hearings.
- ◆ We have made trips to Austin to meet with legislators personally.
- ◆ When hearings were brought to the area, several attended those and spoke up.
- ◆ During the years we have held rallies to bring attention to the problem of this issue.
- ◆ Groups went together to the local offices of our Senators, our Congressmen and state legislators.
- ◆ We have kept you up-to-date with newsletters and email digests.
- ◆ Because we raised our voices, along with Americans all over the nation, with our emails and faxes, we helped to scuttle President Bush's desire for an amnesty bill and in 2007 – who can forget the massive outpouring of Americans shutting down the Senate phone lines that stopped that amnesty bill. I KNOW CFIR members were a big part in helping to accomplish this action.
- ◆ In the fall of 2008, thanks to the support many of you gave to this special project, we were able to have a booth at the Texas Strawpoll where we were given an excellent position by radio station KSKY to meet people and pass out literature to the delegates, bringing the issue of illegal immigration to their direct attention.

I have given this background to now turn your attention

to the future of CFIR. Over these last few months your board of directors has discussed ways in which we can be more successful and effective as an organization — how we can leverage our membership to attain bigger and better results and to have an organization that will be taken more seriously by our legislators in Austin.

A good example of this lack of respect is what happened during our latest legislative session in Austin. Many good bills were never brought to the floor because of backroom deals cut by both Democrats and Republicans prior to the vote on these matters. The voter I. D. bill is just one example.



So the question we asked ourselves was how can we become a stronger organization? Do we want to continue doing things the same way with limited resources and outreach or should we look to be more effective by helping IRCOT to become a stronger group? Many times people have asked me why we have so many organizations – why can't we be one large organization where resources and times don't compete. We feel that helping IRCOT become stronger is the answer.

What this will look like has not been completely defined at this time. However, we see the use of the internet and the monetary support of CFIR members to be key ingredients in making a difference in forging a newer arrangement with IRCOT. We know that a large number of the citizens of Texas and the US agree with our stance on immigration issues. Polls say this percentage is around 70 to 80%. We are on the right side of the issues but we need one voice and we need one 'pot of money' to get the right people into office and good immigration laws passed. This arrangement should make us stronger as an organization to make that happen.

From here on out, all funds received will be forwarded to IRCOT so that we can begin to build a stronger organization towards making a larger impact upon our state. Monies now in our bank account will be used to continue operation until December 31, 2009 when they will be transferred to IRCOT.



During this transition, the decision has been made not to have a meeting in November or December.

I hope you will make an effort to attend this last meeting of the year. We are fortunate to have a speaker such as Dr. Steinlight. His credentials are stellar. His experience in dealing with human slavery, communities of color while working with the American Jewish Committee, and his knowledge of the issues "within the overall problem of contemporary immigration" is extensive.

*Jean Towell*

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### **2010 Texas Legislative Candidate Watch**

Over the coming months, IRCOT representatives will visit with candidates who are running for office in Texas. While IRCOT cannot endorse candidates, we can grade them on their positions on immigration reform issues and pass that information on to our supporters.

We have visited in depth with James Bernsen and Wayne Richard, two candidates who have recently announced their intention to challenge incumbents in the 2010 Texas elections.

If we are to pass vital "true immigration reform legislation" in the upcoming 2011 Texas Legislative Session, we need new leadership in several key districts. STRONG "leaders" who will put the safety, security, & welfare of U.S. CITIZENS residing in Texas first and foremost when they vote on or introduce legislation affecting Texans.

**James Bernsen and Wayne Richard** receive an IRCOT A+ grade on "true immigration reform" issues. Please consider lending them a hand in their upcoming 2010 races.

**James Bernsen** -- Dist. 52  
Opposing Rep. Diane Maldonado  
(D-Round Rock)

District covers part Williamson Co.

**Wayne Richard** -- Dist. 66  
Opposing Rep. Brian McCall  
(R-Plano)

District covers part of Colin Co.

(NOTE: Rep. McCall served as Chairman of the powerful House Calendars Committee. Details concerning his lack of leadership last session will be featured in upcoming IRCOT newsletters.)

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### **Gov. Perry Announces Highly Skilled Ranger Recon Teams as Texas' Latest Efforts to Enhance Border Security September 10, 2009**



HOUSTON – In the absence of adequate federal resources to secure the state's southern border, Gov. Rick Perry today announced the state's latest border security enhancement using highly-skilled Ranger

Reconnaissance (Ranger Recon) Teams to address the ever evolving threat along the Texas-Mexico border.

He also repeated his call for Washington to approve the 1,000 Title 32 National Guard troops he has been requesting since January. Additionally, the governor announced the award of \$2 million in state criminal justice funds to the Border Sheriff's Coalition for continued utilization of video surveillance technology along the border.

"Texas' proven border security strategy is based on putting boots on the ground and equipping those personnel with the technology, training and funding they need to stem the flow of contraband across our border. Deploying Ranger Recon Teams to high-traffic, high-crime areas along the border will enhance our efforts," Gov. Perry said. "This is the latest in a series of aggressive actions we've taken to fill the gap left by the federal government's ongoing failure to adequately secure our international border."

Comprised of Texas Rangers and Texas National Guard Counterdrug forces, the Ranger Recon Teams are supported by the Operation Border Star Unified Command, including Texas sheriffs, Highway Patrol

strike teams and Department of Public Safety aviation resources. This effort was launched in early August to address the increased burglaries of rural homes, ranches and hunting camps in remote areas along the Texas-Mexico border.

With nearly 73 percent of Texas' 1,254 mile border privately owned, landowners along the boundary often face extortion or threats from violent criminal organizations that smuggle drugs, people and weapons across the border. The Ranger Recon Teams will identify high-intensity smuggling routes in remote areas, and conduct operations to reduce border-related crime in these corridors. These activities are also an essential element of a proactive strategy to deter spillover violence.

In addition to drug and human smuggling, increasing violence in northern Mexico poses a significant threat to Texas communities. More than 5,700 homicides occurred in Mexico in 2008, with roughly 1,600 in Juárez alone, which borders El Paso on the southern side of the Rio Grande. Already in 2009, Juárez has seen more than 1,500 brutal homicides.

In order to maintain operational security, the specific number, composition and location of the Ranger Recon Teams will not be disclosed.

Additionally, since January Gov. Perry has repeatedly urged the federal government, through letters to President Barack Obama, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, to approve his request for 1,000 Title 32 National Guardsmen to support civilian law enforcement efforts to enhance border security in Texas.

<http://governor.state.tx.us:80/news/press-release/13577/>

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**Note:** In the last two legislative sessions, Texas has dedicated more than \$110 million to border security.

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***Amnesty Bill to be Introduced on October 13, 2009  
Press Release - September 17, 2009***

(Washington D.C.) Today, at a rally in Washington DC, advocacy groups from across the country called upon Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) to present a progressive, comprehensive immigration bill. Rep Gutierrez agreed that he will outline the fundamental principles of such legislation by October 13 and introduce a comprehensive bill soon thereafter.

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**FAIR Legislative Update - Sept. 21, 2009  
<http://www.fairus.org>**

***White House Endorses Closing Illegal Alien  
Health Care Loophole, Outrages  
Open Borders Lobby***

Last week, Finance Committee Chairman, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) released a thumbnail sketch of the Senate health care bill. While this document is merely a detailed outline, and the specifics have yet to be finalized, the Baucus outline does reference eligibility verification to prevent illegal aliens from accessing benefits, including the Senate bill's tax credits to help pay for health insurance.

Just three days after Rep. Joe Wilson's (R-SC) response to President Obama's address before Congress, the Obama Administration indicated "that verification of immigration status would be required for anyone seeking to purchase coverage" under their health care reform proposal. (The New York Times), September 11, 2009). Five days later, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) released a sketch of his proposal. The position taken by President Obama and Senator Baucus last week with respect to taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens is not materially different than the public position they took from May to July. (See CBSNews, July 21, 2009; Topix, July 27, 2009; Houston Chronicle, May 21, 2009).

Accordingly, the public statements made by the President and Senator Baucus beginning in May and

again last week, that illegal aliens will not receive benefits, have remained consistent. Despite this consistency, the Baucus document, coupled with the Obama Administration's announcement prompted outcry from open-borders lobbyists late last week.

The Baucus' outline prompted well known anti-enforcement, open borders advocates to criticize the plan because of its inclusion of an immigration status verification requirement. Frank Sharry, Executive Director of the pro-amnesty group America's Voice, stated: "Quite frankly, it seems now that the politics of health care reform is to dump on immigrants even if it means bad policy." Luis Cortés, chief executive officer of Esperanza USA, argued that the inclusion of the verification requirement indicated "that the U.S. Congress is losing its moral barometer." (*Congress Daily*, September 16, 2009). Furthermore, the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) has scheduled a "national call on the state of health care reform" to discuss what people "can do to ensure that health care reform is inclusive of all communities and that the President and Congress do not throw Latinos and immigrants under the bus." (NCLR).

These recent outbursts by the open-borders lobby has prompted true immigration reformers to wonder why — if the provisions of the House bill, including Section 246 which said "Nothing in this bill...shall allow Federal payments for affordability credits on behalf of individuals who are not lawfully present in the United States," was effective — were America's Voice and LaRaza so quiet about this issue in May and when the House bill was introduced in July? (See FAIR's House Health Care Bill Analysis.

The answer, of course, is obvious. The silence from the open-borders lobby proves how truly ineffective Section 246 would have been. The fact that these groups are so vocal today proves that the President's statements and the Senate outline represent a giant leap forward towards the inclusion of meaningful eligibility verification to prevent illegal aliens from accessing health benefits. While true immigration reformers still have a long way

to go to realize meaningful eligibility verification, there is no doubt that the voices of the American people are finally being heard on this issue. (To understand how FAIR and the American people made their voices heard, see *FAIR's Legislative Update*, August 17, 2009 and August 24, 2009.

It is also worth noting that the anti-enforcement lobby's opposition to any immigration status verification in a health care reform proposal is completely out-of-touch with the views of the average American and clearly outside the mainstream of public opinion.

According to Rasmussen Reports, an overwhelming 83% of U.S. voters "say that people should be required to prove they are a citizen of the United States before receiving government health care subsidies." (Rasmussen Reports, September 7, 2009). This may be because Americans understand the exorbitant health care-related costs that illegal aliens impose on American taxpayers. For example, a media report revealed earlier this month that taxpayers in California "contribute more than \$1 billion annually to cover the health care costs of illegal residents." (The Contra Cost Times, September 11, 2009

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***"It's not tyranny we desire; it's a just, limited, federal government."—Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804), former Secretary of the Treasury***

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### ***Pew Global Attitudes Project: 2009 Mexico Survey***

September 23, 2009

.(T)he Pew Global Attitudes Project which, like the Pew Hispanic Center is a part of the nonpartisan, non-advocacy Pew Research Center - have released a new report that examines Mexican attitudes toward a number of key issues.

Facing a variety of national problems, Mexicans are overwhelmingly dissatisfied with the direction of their country. Most describe crime, illegal drugs, economic issues,\* and political corruption as very big problems.

Nearly six-in-ten Mexicans say those who leave their country for the United States enjoy a better life there.

**One-in-three would move to the U.S. if they had the opportunity and most of those would do so without authorization. (emphasis: editor)**

Nonetheless, the U.S. Census Bureau reported yesterday that immigration from Mexico to the United States is on the decline. The current Pew Global Attitudes survey finds that four-in-ten Mexicans say they know someone who left for the U.S. but returned because they could not find a job. Even more (47%) report knowing someone who returned because they were turned back by the border patrol.

\*The Oil Crisis Slamming Mexico - Business Week, September 28, 2009 - Businessweek.com

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***Schools Look Abroad to Hire Teachers***  
**Sam Dillon New York Times September 15, 2009**



The top applicants for temporary visas for foreign teachers in 2007 were **Texas**, Georgia, New York, Maryland and California.

Some American school districts have turned increasingly to overseas recruiting to find teachers willing to work in their hard-to-staff schools, according to a new report by a national teachers union.

The report used government data to estimate that 19,000 foreign teachers were working in the United States on temporary visas in 2007, and that the number was rising steadily. There are more than three million teachers in American public schools.

“Overseas-trained teachers are being recruited from nearly all corners of the globe and are being placed primarily in hard-to-staff inner-city or very rural schools teaching the hard-to-fill disciplines of math, science and special education,” said the report, by the American

Federation of Teachers.

Foreign instructors usually must show English proficiency to be hired, but sometimes districts inadequately assess them, and in such cases should offer help in improving fluency, the report said.

The union published the report in the hope it would lead to heightened regulation, it said. ***The report cited the prosecution of several recruiting companies and three Texas school administrators on charges related to smuggling immigrants and visa fraud and other cases as examples of the dangers that can accompany the foreign recruiting of teachers. (emphasis - editor)***

**Full story at:**

**[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/15/education/15teach.html?\\_r=1&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/15/education/15teach.html?_r=1&pagewanted=print)**

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**Citizen? What's That?**

By Mark Krikorian, Center for Immigration Studies  
 September 25, 2009

The head of the Census Bureau said this week that trying to identify the illegal aliens in the upcoming census would not be practical. And he's right — it's not just that the forms have already been printed, but who's going to honestly answer that they're illegal?

The more realistic approach, for the 2020 census, would be require a question on citizenship ("Are you a United States citizen?") on the form, and then base apportionment of House and state legislative seats based only on the number of citizens, using the full count for distributing federal funds and selling data to cereal marketers and whatnot.

And there's plenty of room even on the short form for that (there's no more long form). Take a look at [this pdf http://2010.census.gov/2010census/pdf/2010\\_Questionnaire\\_Info\\_Copy.pdf](http://2010.census.gov/2010census/pdf/2010_Questionnaire_Info_Copy.pdf) of the questionnaire for next year's census — more than half the space for each person is taken up by questions on race and ethnicity (I measured it). So, your federal government wants to know if you're Puerto Rican or White or Alaska Native or Guamanian or

Chamorro, *but not if you're an American!* Erect a wall of separation between race and state and you'll free up all kinds of space for questions that actually matter.

***Now Read This. . .***

In the July/August 2009 issue of *Imprimis*, a publication of Hillsdale College, Jeremy Rabkin of George Mason University writes about the Constitution and American Sovereignty. His thoughts center on the sovereignty of national constitutions and the trend away from them.

He writes: "At the end of *The Federalist Papers*, Alexander Hamilton writes: "A nation without a national government, is, in my view, an awful spectacle." His point was that if you do not have a national government, you can't expect to remain a nation. If we are really open to the idea of allowing more and more of our policy to be made for us at international gatherings, the U.S. government not only has less capacity, it has less moral authority. And if it has less moral authority, it has more difficulty saying to immigrants and the children of immigrants that we're all Americans. What is left, really, to being an American if we are all simply part of some abstract humanity?"

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Recommendation: *Imprimis* is an excellent publication and can be sent to you free of charge. Email is [imprimis@hillsdale.edu](mailto:imprimis@hillsdale.edu) or call (800) 437-2268. Address: 33 East College Street, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242

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*'The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.'* - G. K. Chesterton

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***Migration Policy Institute***

Most of the world's unauthorized immigrants are not migrating directly to the United States or other developed countries, but to the global south – the

countries in the developing world. These countries often have weak government institutions affected by corruption. In this environment, migrants are able to obtain identification and work documents easily on the illicit market and then transform them into legitimate citizenship. According to Kamal Sadiq in his book *Paper Citizens*, this is leading to a new significant form of citizenship – in addition to *jus soli* (birthright citizenship) and *jus sanguinis* (citizenship by parentage) – a "documentary citizenship," based on this underground pathway. Dr. Sadiq contends that there are now tens of millions of individuals who have assumed "citizenship" through such illegal means.

"Documentary citizenship" allows a migrant to present himself as a different nationality, both in his new country of residence and upon further travel and migration to third countries, including in the developed world. "Documentary citizenship" raises several questions – what does citizenship mean for most of the world's peoples, how does this affect the sovereignty of developing states, and what are the implications for the current reliance of the United States and its partners on a global travel document regime to secure human movement in the post-9/11 world.

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An advertisement in the *Foreign Policy* magazine for New York University Center for Global Affairs asks this question:

***"As a global citizen, to whom do I pledge allegiance?"***

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