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U.S. border's protection vital to our defense



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The United States is being invaded!

Illegal aliens are sneaking into our country at the rate of some half-million a year.

In 2001, the U.S. Census Bureau set the number of illegal aliens in the U.S. at 8 million, but some analysts have set the number as high as 11 or 12 million.

Of primary concern is the U.S.-Mexico border where civilian patrol groups are being forced to take up arms to stem the flood of migrants illegally crossing into the United States.

For years, border states have been overwhelmed with illegals who are depleting available funds for education, healthcare, housing, social services and police protection.

Terror, drugs, disease . . .

Many illegal aliens are trafficking in drugs and some illegals bring exotic diseases and new strains of old diseases across the border. And still others enter the country illegally to engage in terrorist acts.

U.S. Border Patrol agents have confirmed that large numbers of Middle Easterners are illegally crossing our southern border. The trial in El Paso of an Iraqi smuggler produced evidence that he alone brought more than 1,000 Middle East illegals into the United States via that route.

Mexico's president, Vicente Fox, has attacked current U.S. immigration policies and, in a five-year development plan presented to the Mexican Congress, he called for the elimination of the U.S.-Mexican border.

He has demanded amnesty for illegal aliens and wants U.S. laws rewritten to allow aliens to obtain U.S. driver's licenses (even though they don't have insurance and are unable to read road signs).

Mexican consulates in the U.S. are issuing an identification card called a "matricula consular" to Mexicans illegally living in the United States.

Mississippi racism & xenophobia...

The cards are part of Fox's plan to establish "legal status" for undocumented immigrants and access to U.S. privileges and benefits to which they are not entitled. In some states, driver's license offices, banks, and law enforcement officials are already accepting the matricula consular as though it were a valid ID card.

And now, Washington bureaucrats have hatched a "totalization" program to provide illegal immigrants with Social Security benefits.

This shocking proposal is projected to siphon some \$345 billion from the Social Security "trust fund" over the next couple of decades, mostly to pay benefits to Mexican citizens who work illegally in the United States.

Fox is 'playing politics'

Vicente Fox is playing U.S. politics to achieve his goals and it seems that the Bush Administration is being "out-Foxed" and willing to give away the whole enchilada. That is, unless the American people wake up and demand an immediate stop to this foolishness.

The Republican National Committee is hard at work trying to wrest the Hispanic vote away from the Democrats. This is a huge mistake.

A study from the nonpartisan Center for Immigration Studies confirms that as immigrants naturalize, they swing even further to the left and support the core position of the Democrat Party.

If the Republicans want to see George W. Bush reelected, they'd be wise to do what is right for the country rather than what they perceive as being right for the party.

If the tide of immigrants entering the U.S., both legally and illegally, is allowed to continue unchecked, our country will bear no resemblance to the United States that the Founders fought so hard to establish.

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