

Immigration, Public Attention, and the Future (011214)

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Immigration

For some time now I have been in support of Congressman Goodlatte's approach to immigration which consists of four bills that have been marked up in the House Judiciary Committee: a bill to provide temporary agriculture workers from other nations, a bill to make border and internal immigration enforcement first, a bill to require E-Verify and revamp our immigration policy, and a bill to open the door to increasing legal foreign professional in science, engineering, and math. I think they are good ideas and they set realistic and responsible priorities.

And I have some sympathy for children who were brought illegally into the United States by their parents, also illegal aliens, at such a young age they have lived here all their lives, gone to school in the U. S., and want to go to college or serve in the military or otherwise make something proper of themselves, such as get a job or start a business, within the United States. Yes, these children grew up influenced by their parent who is here illegally and I am fairly certain that their thinking is in some ways and to some degree influenced by their parents who related to their native country. But that may be no more a poor influence than what they have been taught by liberal educators. In the latter case those children do not think or believe any different than to those of American citizens.

But now, as of this date, 011214, there seems to be more afoot in Congress in regards to all illegal aliens – all 11 - ??? million of them. There is some indication that the Republicans are making some arrangements to agree to legalizing all who are now here illegally. I have heard this talked about in the past, but I do not know if what I am reading in the web papers is the same. What I have heard in the past is a consideration of giving every person who is illegally in the United States, providing they have not committed a crime, a form of green card that enables them to be here legally. That this would be done only after the board was secure and the faults in the immigration system remedied and those who were provided such a card would be able to legally hold a job. It was never clear if that meant that every so often those individuals had to return to their native country for a period of time as is required in the temporary agriculture workers bill. And now that is seems more unclear. This leads to the worrisome aspects.

Let's suppose they can be here and not have to periodically return to their native country. If that is the case then we have a new class of residents in the U. S. The understanding at one time was that these individuals would pay taxes, etc. but would not have the right to vote since they are not provided citizenship. But, if they do not have to periodically return to their native country and can be here indefinite, hold jobs, pay taxes, etc. then I am certain that the Democrats will insist that it is not fair that these people not have a

voice and thus should be able to vote – i.e., have U. S. citizenship. Frankly I can not imagine the Republicans not caving in. And that Folks has me worried – darned worried. And frankly Folks if congressman Goodlatte goes along with this push I am going to be, to put it extremely polite and mild, “disappointed in the Congressman.” I am seriously concerned and I am seriously hoping my concern is not founded. If he does then I will know I have been taken for a bit of a ride and that I am therefore as much in the path of the wrath of those who oppose Congressman Goodlatte as will be the Congressman. That Folks will hurt. I have taken the route that that standing on the sidelines and simply screaming objections to things I do not like will not get things done as I want. I have taken the position that I will interact with politicians to have a voice and I will do so without a compromise of me positions and values. With this I have said to those politicians, if you and I are in disagreement then tell me so. Do not try to paint a picture you think palatable to me. Be honest. Perhaps I have simply been too naive, too dumb, to even think such is possible.

Public Attention

The majority of Americans are not paying attention. The majority of Americans are not informed. This is particularly so for those Americans who, I asked, would state they are “conservative.” You don’t agree with this statement? Sorry, but you are as misinformed or uninformed as they are. It is correct to say most people who are conservative are too involved in their day-to-day life to keep themselves informed of what is happening in Federal, State, and Local governments. But frankly I think that is an excuse for simply being too lazy or too self-absorbed. In a representative form of government you can bet your last dollar that those who “represent” you and going to go astray if not closely watched and throttled by those whom they represent. People are simply too selfish and too greedy for power, particularly which is the veer nature of the Beast who wants to run for office so he/she can “represent” you. Yes, there are a few exceptions – but they are so much the minority that they unfortunately do not count. And these things are true irrespective of the part banner name they claim to be under.

So, frankly, Americans can thank themselves for the miserable mess we are in. I do not think the nature of the Beast being represented, We the People, is going to change. So why am I writing this rant? The answer is, because I am frustrated with politicians, with We the People, and with myself.

The Future

So then were will this Nation find itself in five years? I actually do not know, but my better sense says that not much will improve. Oh Republicans may gain a seat or two in Congress. They may even have a majority in both the Senate and the House, but I doubt the general nature of the federal government will not change. The Federal Government will continue to grow in size and spending. Regulations will increase in number and nature. If Obamacare does go down the tubes there will not be something in its place that is actually correct. The States will continue to grab at every carrot the Federal Government will offer in the form of Dollars. States will continue to pay the

consequences for that greediness by continuing to be under the thumb of the federal Government. And We the People will not change.

We the People will not become involved and say in sufficient numbers, "Hey straighten up this mess." The truth is that We the People have never been involved. I think it was Patrick Henry who said that the formation of this republic was not by We the People but rather by a group of men who met in Philadelphia. Maybe it wasn't Patrick Henry. Maybe no one in the past said that. Maybe I am the only one who is saying that. Well maybe I am frustrated with the entire mess and simply expressing my First amendment Rights.

I did not proof this article for grammar, spelling, etc. Bu I don't think that was necessary in order for you to understand my frustrations. Hey, perhaps tonight I get a good night's sleep, something nice happens tomorrow, and I am rejuvenated.