



Perspectives

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In all my decades fighting on the front lines of the war against increasing population size, I have never seen so much attention being paid to the issue of immigration – not just in the United States, but across the globe and especially in Europe.

Here in America, immigration is the “hot button” issue in the 2016 presidential race. However in Europe, immigration has exploded from being a simple topic of debate to a major crisis. Headlines in countries such as the U.K., France, Germany, and Italy report rioting, countless deaths, soaring government costs, growing political schisms, and major social and economic turmoil.

So we must ask: as we watch out-of-control immigration tear European countries apart, are we getting a glimpse of what's to come here at home in just a few years?

The answer is a profound “YES!”

As America continues to let our immigration problems go unresolved, the social, economic and environmental consequences are growing more massive each day.

What's enormously troubling about the immigration debate here is the vitriolic divide it has opened among the American public. There is a wide scope of arguments being put forth by diverse factions. At one extreme, some advocate that people throughout the world should be able to live in whatever country they want. On the other, there are those who demand that we totally expunge all illegals and shut down any and all immigration. The solution lies somewhere in between.

The challenge to our nation is to get our leaders to tone down the intense politically-driven rhetoric. The bottom line is that we are all supposed to be working toward a stronger, more sustainable and livable future for our children and grandchildren – and divisive activities and name-calling definitely won't get us to that point. The key to resolving this crisis is to get the facts on population growth and immigration into the hands of both the American public and our elected leaders – so that they can come to a compromise and advance legislation that will put America on a prosperous, rather than destructive, path.

That's the goal NPG has been working toward for over 40 years.

With NPG's decades of research and educational programs on population and immigration issues, we are in a great position to take a prominent lead in finding the solutions our nation needs to chart a responsible course on immigration.

In recent months we have seen a notable spike in visits to our new, updated, easy-to-navigate website (www.NPG.org). We continue

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NPG'S EXPANDING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

\$20,000 in Scholarships Awarded in 2015 Alone

NPG's Youth Outreach Program, as well as our efforts to constantly expand the reach of our educational activities, is driven by a simple tenet: we owe it to America's youth to make clear what they will inherit if our nation's population continues to grow.

The picture is bleak: overcrowded communities... the deterioration of public and social services... rising unemployment... water wars... destruction of farms, woodlands and wildlife habitats... the list goes on and on. It all adds up to that fact that in just a few decades, population growth will result in a quality of life far less enjoyable than young Americans experience today.

The good news is that with each new semester, we reach tens of thousands of new students from grade school through college. Our up-to-date *Student Fact Sheets*, *NPG Population Posters*, and Forum papers show up in countless classrooms – thanks to dedicated teachers across the nation who recognize the critical need to include the population issue as part of their lesson plans.

In addition, our valuable NPG Scholarship Contests attract thousands of entries each year. By participating in these competitions, students are exposed to a wealth of research that gets them thinking about – and focused on – the dire consequences of soaring population numbers.

What's most important about NPG's education programs is that each year, we are building a new generation of leaders and activists who will carry our message and mission into the future – *their* future. Armed with the facts we've supplied them with, they help increase NPG's ranks and give us more grassroots momentum in our effort to enact responsible solutions and long-overdue policies that will reduce our nation's population to a truly sustainable size.

It is important to note that the majority of funding for our successful educational programs comes from direct contributions by our members. We are extremely grateful to all who have helped make these important academic programs possible through the years – and urge all NPG members and supporters to continue to contribute to their ongoing growth and success.

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to regularly post critical information on immigration-related topics, including anchor babies, sanctuary cities, border control, chain migration, visa overstays, etc. And our online library of diligently-researched NPG Forum papers offers a wealth of valuable information – *free of charge*.

NPG’s positive contributions to the current debate on immigration and population growth stand in sharp contrast to the colossal and noisy misinformation campaigns led by the open-border lobbyists, which have been adopted almost wholeheartedly by the mainstream media. At a time when these forces are working hard to get patriotic, hard-working Americans to willingly bow to the demands of those who would

gut our immigration systems, NPG is there with the facts. Our valuable information is available to all – especially policymakers in Washington, who must recognize the numerous crises that out-of-control immigration is causing.

In all, NPG is playing a powerful and positive role in one of the most dominant and demanding issues of our time. We are especially thankful for the financial support of thousands of generous, loyal members who fund our activities. Please continue to stand with us in the volatile months ahead, as we continue to do all in our power to save our nation.

NPG’S LEADERSHIP IN THE BATTLE OVER “ANCHOR BABIES”

It’s always a plus to be the leader on an important national issue. When it comes to alerting Americans and building national grassroots support to clarify exactly who should be granted birthright citizenship (which has spawned the term “anchor babies”), NPG has been a true trailblazer.

In recent years, an increasing number of immigrants have entered our nation specifically to give birth on U.S. soil – because, under current interpretation of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, that child is automatically granted American citizenship. Each year, NPG has mailed out tens of thousands of letters seeking to put an end to this dangerous practice.

We’ve urged citizens across America to sign and return our Change the Anchor Baby Policy petitions to their U.S. Senators and Representative in Congress. We’ve also encouraged concerned Americans to support legislation (H.R. 140) which

would only grant birthright citizenship to those children born in the U.S. to at least one parent who is a U.S. citizen, a legal permanent resident, or who is serving in the armed forces. With the support of tens of thousands of concerned Americans who have signed these petitions, NPG has remained in contact with every Member of Congress to make your position clear.

In addition, NPG has run a number of ads in national newspapers and magazines targeting this issue. As birthright citizenship gains more prominence in the headlines, NPG will continue to prompt Congress to put an end to this travesty – which is estimated to increase our population by as many as 340,000 people every year.

If you have not contacted your Members of Congress on this important issue recently, please do so soon – visit the *Get Involved* page at www.NPG.org today!

“EYE-POPPING” POPULATION GROWTH IN NORTH TEXAS



Texans have a reputation for bragging about things in their state being “better and bigger” than anywhere else. However, depending on the topic, that can be both a blessing and a curse.

Certainly, there is nothing wrong with taking pride in one’s birthplace and/or residence. And for many, the strong entrepreneurial “can-do” Texas spirit has been a godsend in seeing both businesses and families thrive during our nation’s recent economic downturn. That attitude, however, has led to a huge surge in Americans – many from states hard-hit by the recession – moving to the Lone Star State. Today that vigorous growth continues unabated, and there are growing worries about how long it can continue.

The Dallas Morning News reported earlier this year that estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the staggering growth of small- and medium-size cities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are “eye popping” and “show no sign of stopping.” Small Texas towns near the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan statistical area (MSA) are being overwhelmed by ever-increasing population, and they are losing their singular identities. The *News* notes that the city of Frisco (north of Dallas) had a population of about 6,000 in 1992 – today that number has grown to more than 145,000. From 2010 to 2014, the entire Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA grew by 528,000 to reach almost 7 million – that’s a half million people in just four years!

Meghna Tare, the Director of Sustainability for the University of Texas at Arlington, recently authored an article for the website www.triplepundit.com addressing the challenges

this area faces in the near future. She noted: “Tremendous pressure is placed upon the North Texas region land and natural resources to support the massive overpopulation.” She cited the need to face major problems, such as:

- “For supporting transportation infrastructure, the anticipated investment of almost \$71 billion between 2007 – 2030....”
- “In 2050, existing water supplies are not sufficient to meet the needs of this urban area and North Texans will need 21 percent more electricity production than is currently available.”
- “The region is expected to lose 900,000 acres of agricultural land, as well as substantial areas of natural habitat. The amount of impervious surface in the region (buildings and pavement) will double, increasing runoff and affecting water quality in streams....”

Tare adds: “North Texas has grown successfully and dramatically over the past 40 years. But more of the same will not be successful or sustainable for the next 40 years.” She lauds the work of many groups addressing population growth in the area, especially that of a new group called Vision North Texas that is focused on a “shift in thinking from the business as usual.”

To sum up what’s in store for the DFW area – and other fast-growing population centers throughout Texas, Tare states: “Everything is bigger in Texas. So is the Challenge!”

NPG has long challenged state and local leaders who champion “growth, growth, and more growth,” and then ignore the huge negative consequences of their misguided actions. The Dallas-Fort Worth area may be riding high today, but the people who live there are sure to pay a huge price – especially in their quality of life – in the years to come. The fact that they recognize what they are up against, and are ready to confront it via Vision North Texas, is a positive start.

NPG EDITORIAL: GOING TO THE COURTS FOR A NATIONAL POPULATION POLICY



Recent news articles across the nation focused on a new tactic for demanding that our government address climate change.

It seems that 21 young people from across the United States have filed a landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit against the federal government. The core of the complaint argues that “in causing climate change, the federal government has violated the youngest generation’s constitutional rights to life, liberty, property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources.”

Our Children’s Trust reports: “Plaintiffs seek to hold President Obama and various federal agencies responsible for continued fossil fuel exploitation. The Federal Government has known for decades that fossil fuels are destroying the

climate system. No less important than in the Civil Rights cases, Plaintiffs seek a court order requiring the President to immediately implement a national plan to decrease atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide (‘CO2’) to a safe level: 350 ppm by the year 2100.”

Here’s an interesting concept: revise the text above by substituting key words and phrases related to *population growth* wherever it references “climate change” or “fossil fuels.” The result is a framework for a potential court case – another group of young Americans could easily prepare a similar argument to force the White House to establish a formal national population policy. For years, our elected leaders have ignored how our population growth is destroying the quality of life for future generations. Perhaps NPG should take our arguments to the courts!

NPG PLANNED GIVING AND BEQUESTS: A LEGACY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

NPG has been able to meet its mission for more than 43 years, thanks to the contributions of thousands of dedicated members who are passionate about helping us confront and resolve critical population and immigration issues. Our members understand the vital need to leave our children and grandchildren a sustainable and livable world. Many have opted to make sure we can strengthen and expand NPG’s vital programs in the years ahead by providing direct gifts – or by leaving NPG a bequest in their Will. Donations can take the form of cash, stocks, real estate, or other assets. NPG is recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent the law allows. For additional information on planned giving or bequests, please contact Tracy Canada (NPG’s Deputy Director) at 703-370-9510.

IT’S THE NUMBERS, STUPID!

More than 12 years ago, NPG researcher Lindsey Grant authored a Forum paper titled *It’s the Numbers, Stupid!* It has remained our most popular publication for more than a decade, as it makes perfectly clear how lax immigration policies drive America’s population growth. Grant notes: “We are moving toward population levels we used to associate with China and India. Is that where we want to go?” (Current Census Bureau projections show U.S. population will reach 400 million by 2051, and half a billion by the end of this century.)

Lindsey’s paper serves as a succinct synopsis of the entire issue. It covers such matters as increasing numbers of immigrants, fertility rates, business interests, and the politics of money in shaping our immigration policies. To download your free copy of this valuable paper today, please visit the NPG Library at www.NPG.org. (You may also contact our office at 703-370-9510 to request a printed version.)

SUPPORT H.R. 604

Our nation's unsecure border, "anchor babies," and sanctuary cities have all made news recently as contributing greatly to America's immigration crisis. A key issue missing in this grouping is how our antiquated chain migration laws are just as responsible for driving immigration numbers to record levels.

Current immigration law allows legal permanent residents and U.S. citizens to sponsor visas for family members – including adult, non-nuclear, extended family – to come to the U.S.

Congressional Representative Jody Hice (R-GA) has introduced H.R. 604 to put greater restrictions on the number of individuals covered under this program. His bill would totally

eliminate visas for adult married sons, daughters, and others, and create a renewable visa category for parents.

With the newest figures showing that our U.S. immigrant population has hit a record high of 42.1 million people – or 13.3% of our nation's total population, the highest share since 1910 – this legislation is long overdue.

Without tighter restrictions on chain migration, we will continue to see hundreds of thousands of people take up residence in America each year – adding greatly to our nation's population growth. It's time to radically update this outdated program. Call your U.S. Senators and Representative today and tell them to support the goals of H.R. 604.

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In today's fast-changing world, it's important to stay on top of immigration and population issues. Don't fall behind! Access NPG's newly designed and up-to-date website regularly, where you'll find the latest: President Columns, Press Releases, Deputy Director's Corner, and NPG Forum Papers.

THE TIPPING POINT: NPG EDITORIAL CARTOON SERIES

As America faces more and more everyday crises – many of which stem from overpopulation, NPG felt the absurdity of excuses for further population growth might well be captured in a series of images from an editorial cartoonist. We have just received the first drawing in this exciting new project with Steve Artley, a celebrated and award-winning editorial cartoonist. Artley's original works have appeared in global publications ranging from *Newsweek* to *The Washington Post*, and his cartoons are nationally renowned. These cartoons will make strong additions to NPG's online and advertising programs, ultimately provoking broader public dialogue regarding this critical issue. The first cartoon, titled "Tipping Point," appears to the right.



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