



Trump is Half Right re Stopping "Muslim" immigration

Without the creed component, Mr. Trump would be right. The proper measure for this time is clamping ALL immigration to a trickle. For the next two-to-five years, we should admit almost nobody. This knows no racial or ethnic grounds.

Today's would-be-immigrants include far too many who are looking for just a marginally better place, but who don't want to become American citizens. Many don't want to participate in Americana. And since today's would-be-immigrants include some who want to terrorize us, when our police and federal agencies are not prepared to protect us well, we should not be taking the risk.

Call this moratorium a failure on our government's part. Call it the consequences of 50 years of benevolence (we have had our legal and extra-legal gates wide open since 1965). Or call it the prudent consequence of "war" that many claim we are suffused in. It's not evil to close immigration. In the 1920s we restricted immigration in part because the three-decade influx brought strains. Native-born and even naturalized Americans then felt we were losing our American culture. That was with an influx of people who WANTED to learn English, who WANTED to become citizens, and who were NOT TERRORIST THREATS.

America needs a catch-up. We need to get our legal immigration systems in order; we need to cope smartly with the illegals on our shorelines and at our borders. We need a constitutional clarification about birth-right citizenship ("anchor-babies"). We need to decide whether prior to emigrating, citizens should learn basic English. We need to assess whether H1B visas really help our economy. We need to examine the consequences of less skilled immigrants "taking" jobs from native youths, particularly African American youths.

Finally, we need places for legal immigrants to go without burdening our cities. Some small towns want and need more immigrants. We should be prepared to build fine roads, homes, hospitals and schools in now-remote areas. Then, when we're ready, we can potentially open the gates wider than ever, with no national or ethnic discrimination, under a system that processes applications swiftly.

Who would build these cities? My campaign is about how private interests do almost everything better than government forces. Myriad builders, large and small, will have the opportunity to make "middle" America even better. So with full sincerity, one of my top choice builders, who has built varied properties in urban and suburban environments very well, is Donald J. Trump.