

Immigration: The Beautiful and the Repulsive

So what should be our immigration policy? Following the deportations of illegals and the 2 - 5 year squelching of legal immigration, we can then afford to let in people we want. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should select those who come to America. We are no longer the only country in a world of thuggish governments, so America is not the sole place without which persecuted people would be killed. (Refugees worldwide should thank pax-Americana other Western nations' ability to receive you). We are right to rebuild the American ethic that made us great. TO do this, we can and should be selecting only immigrants who want to participate in Americana.

I would limit our intake to those who have for a long time expressed respect, if not reference for, American values. Whether from religious pulpits, in newspapers, in blogs, or in community forums, those people can make themselves manifest to us. Simultaneously they are promoting American values to the people who surround them. This is my way of helping build Americana in the less-American places. Yes, think of it as engendering a "sales force", and them if the best salesmen want a promotion to the "home office" they will have deserved the promotion, a.k.a. entry.



Please make sure to recognize what we don't want: immigrant trash. As repulsive as we feel towards pollution in our water, or litter in our yards, we should feel even more repelled by immigrants who pollute America by bringing rotten values here. Disrespect for our customs, unwillingness to learn English, and staying peripheral to the American greed is an ongoing litter.



Please recognize that when we live astride the most vile miscreants we pollute ourselves. We are under no moral obligation to do so; indeed we deserve to purify ourselves. Yes, we could attempt to purify them, but why bother? Why not instead bring to us the people who are already exude E Pluribus Unum. Indeed those preaching American goodness to their communities abroad are heroes. I want heroes in my homeland.

Those who come here wanting to imbibe Americana are a salubrious throwback. Most immigrants in the early 1900s took English classes at night, participated in parades and 4th of July celebrations. They became citizens as soon as they could, and most relished that final ceremony, throwing out bad remnants of the Old Country and embracing their new home values of their new homeland.

We have this today. Almost every African immigrant I meet is proud to be here. My acquaintances from Somalia, Eritrea, Ghana, and Cameroon are grateful to be here. My housemates from Kurdistan and Kuwait can't wait to become fully integrated. As far as I know, none is on welfare. Images of newcomers holding American flags after passing their citizenship tests are beautiful. America can and should promote this. America can and should squelch the sideline immigrants. And America should encourage would-be immigrants to take the missionary role first. Just maybe they will elevate their own communities to the Judeo-Christian-honed-by-the-USA tenets that make many want to come here in the first place.