

Border Crisis Revisited



I hear on the news that serious consideration is being given to transporting some or all of the illegal immigrants currently flooding across our Southern Border to Sanctuary Cities across the United States to wait out their court dates six months or more in the future. This possibility is raising quite a "Ruckus".

I published the below article under the title of "Welcome Mat" almost five years ago in June of 2014 as a piece of Political Satire regarding our U.S./Mexico Border Crisis in the news at that time.

The original article is still on this site, just type Welcome Mat in the search window and hit "enter"..... but it is reprinted in full below.

I reprint it here because apparently someone else has taken my idea a bit more seriously than I did in my "spoof" five years ago.

I do find it interesting that those advocating for Sanctuary Cities and States appear to have a "NIMBY" (Not In My Back Yard) attitude when faced with the possibility of thousands of illegal immigrants being relocated to their own neighborhoods. They are referring to the plan as "Dumping". Do I smell hypocrisy?

What have the Clowns, Criminals & Lunatics in Congress done to solve this problem in the last five years?

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WELCOME MAT

We see and are told in the news that we have a border crisis with tens of thousands of undocumented, would be immigrants flooding across our southern borders.

On a serious note, I do not know anyone who is not moved by the sight of thousands of seemingly

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parent-less young children or ragged adults trying to escape poverty and even danger. But, do we solve this by opening our borders to "all comers"? Do we turn our Border Patrol agents into a kind of "Welcome Wagon"? Do we just open all our borders on all sides to anyone and everyone from all countries around the world? Can we just shut down the Department of Immigration and Naturalization?

The Federal Government, State Governments and Congress are in a battle as to how to solve this crisis. Some shouting to "Seal Our Borders" and others saying to welcome them all and create a "Path To Citizenship" for all comers whether legal applicants or those without papers.

I see a simple solution that should make everyone happy. Lets send them where they are needed and wanted.

For example, Detroit, Michigan (pictured above) is a city that has lost tens (hundreds?) of thousands of citizens. There are thousands of empty homes available either free or almost free for the taking. And, Detroit has a long history of generous benefits to those in need.

Why not load these folks desiring to immigrate onto buses and take them to Detroit? On arrival they could be given a sack lunch and a map with directions (in their native language) to the offices of "Public Assistance" as well as street guides to areas where there is housing ready for the taking.

This program could be expanded to other cities that have by way of public pronouncements, ordinances and local laws indicated support for undocumented immigrants. Some of the cities that come quickly to mind are San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Seattle but there are many others.

I have visions of caravans of buses with thousands of happy new, undocumented citizens streaming off the buses into the waiting arms of cities anxiously welcoming them with public funded programs to provide them with all the goods and services they need or want.

With my plan, the cities that have indicated they want them, get them and, get to pay for the services provided from their own local tax revenues.

Everybody wins. What could possibly go wrong?

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