

Overpopulation is a growing problem

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CHAOS AND ANARCHY AT BORDER DEMAND ASYLUM REFORM

It's unlikely that anyone following the 2016 election of Donald Trump as President would have imagined record illegal crossings would follow a couple years later. Immigration enforcement was a top election issue, and many looked forward to a more law-abiding system, but instead we have a wide-open border bringing all the problems expected from massive group lawlessness.

Jeh Johnson, Obama's DHS Secretary, remarked, "We had 100,000 apprehensions or encounters in the month of March, and another 100,000 in the month of April. It's the highest it's been in 12 years. Think of it this way. That is the equivalent of the population of the city of Orlando, Florida showing up on our southern border in the course of two months. That creates a crisis."

In early May, officials counted 504,300 border crossers so far in the fiscal year that started last October.

The effects of so many foreigners entering this country unlawfully will be felt for years by taxpayers, teachers, police, and social workers. The United States adopted asylum laws following the crisis of displaced persons at the end of WWII. Applicants must establish that they have a "credible fear of persecution" in the home country based on five protected grounds: race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or particular social group. A combination of judges and legislators has prevented the remedies needed for antiquated laws that now allow border anarchy.

Fewer than 10 percent of Central Americans claiming asylum had legitimate cases as of last fall according to DHS numbers. Nevertheless, because of asylum's popularity, US immigration courts now have a backlog of more than 850,000 cases. Consequently, those who claim asylum at the border are

released into the country to be called back for a court appearance later. Most never show up.

Children become pawns in this dangerous game, sometimes just a cheap entry ticket to be reused or discarded. The *Arizona Daily Star* reported in May, "Last week, the Border Patrol's Yuma Sector reported more than 700 fraudulent family claims since October."

Amnesty International says that 60% of migrant women and girls are raped as they travel across Mexico, but that bothers neither the coyotes in Central America nor the immigration

lawyers in the U.S., the two bookends who profit from this trail of tragedy.

In the big picture, it is not helpful for official Washington to encourage a trek of human chaos from Central America to Brownsville and beyond. When people flee their national homes, they are not demanding reform and working for a better future in those places.

Legislation to remedy the situation—including, most importantly, returning unaccompanied minors from Central America to their country of origin, as we do with children from Canada and Mexico—has been introduced in Congress. As beneficial as this bill would be for both the U.S. and the would-be migrants, it has little chance of passage. The current toxic atmosphere in Washington prevents fixing this chaos and tragedy.



STARTUP DEVELOPING UNISEX, HORMONE-FREE BIRTH CONTROL

A startup company launched by UC Berkeley researchers is developing a hormone-free contraceptive that works for both men and women. YourChoice Therapeutics says the new product will be released in 2025.

The new product would work in two ways—the first would target sperm's ability to swim to the egg, and the second would prevent sperm that reached the egg from penetrating it, preventing fertilization.

The company plans initially to release a product to be used intravaginally, and eventually oral contraceptives for both male and female consumers. YourChoice states their hormone-free birth control formula will not affect a cell's functionality or the process of gene expression, therefore users can expect less risk of side effects—such as blood clots and cancers—typically associated with today's contraception methods.

The mission of YourChoice Therapeutics is to improve the lives of women, men and their families by developing birth control options that are hormone-free, safe, easy to use and effective. The mission statement also appropriately notes, "Family planning is associated with fewer children and adults living at the poverty line."





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A new report on U.S. fertility rates by the National Center for Health Statistics of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has garnered substantial publicity. From CAPS' standpoint, the results are generally positive and encouraging. The U.S. total fertility rate (which is an estimate of lifetime fertility based on present fertility patterns) in 2018 for women was 1.73—the lowest ever for the U.S. For comparison, replacement level fertility is 2.1 children per woman. The birth rate for teenagers has declined and is also at a record low. For those of us concerned about the negative effects that the presence of too many people has on quality of life and on the environment, such beautiful figures are surely good news.

As they say, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Many persons, at least as expressed in media reports, are unhappy with, or even alarmed by, these figures. The headline of an NPR story described the birthrate as being "in a record slump," hardly a positive way to frame the NCHS report. According to a demographer from the University of Southern California, the diminishing birthrate is a "national problem." Such persons focus on short-term considerations rather than the long-term stabilization of U.S. population that is CAPS' primary goal. One relatively short-term concern mentioned in the article is "an older population and fewer young workers to sustain key social systems." But increasing the number of youthful workers by either high birthrates or immigration is just a Ponzi scheme that will eventually lead to unpleasant crowding and perhaps a catastrophe. This is one reason why so many of the countries with very high population densities now have very low fertility rates.

California's total fertility rate is a bit below the national average. In addition, many more people

leave California for the other 49 states than come here from those states. Nonetheless, California's population keeps growing due to immigration from abroad and the children of the immigrants. California's increasing congestion, worsening traffic, and loss of open space is ultimately due to the influx of immigrants.

Some countries in Asia and Europe have fertility levels lower than that of the U.S. Even so, populations are not guaranteed to fall if immigration levels are high. For the past few decades, the fertility rate in South Korea—one of the world's most densely populated countries with 52 million people in a space the size of Indiana—has been well below replacement. During the past 15 years, Korean women, on average, have each given birth to only about 1.25 children. Notwithstanding this very low fertility, the population of South Korea—and thus its already terribly high population density—has increased every single year. Initially, this could be attributed in part to population momentum (the existence of many young women born during previous times of high Korean fertility). But in recent years the principal force that maintains Korea's population crush is immigration from abroad (mostly from other Asian countries).

Some have surmised that the current century will be the Asian century, especially the Chinese century, largely due to the huge populations in East Asia. This is just one example of demographic warfare between nations. Should per capita Chinese consumption rise to anything approaching that of the U.S., its total consumption will dwarf that of the U.S. Unfortunately, the ultimate loser will be our only home—the biosphere—which is incapable of absorbing such large impacts. This is why it is so important for all nations to reduce their fertility rates and eventually their populations.

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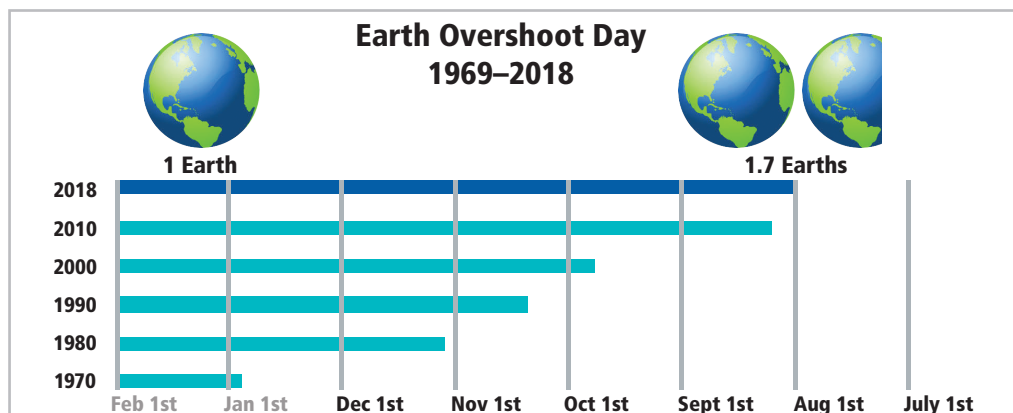
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EARTH OVERSHOOT DAY

Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity has exhausted nature's budget for the year. In simple terms, human population overshoots our environment's ability to sustain us. Earth Overshoot Day 2018 fell on August 1st. This year's overshoot day will likely fall sooner and so on until, in effect, we would need 'more Earths' to support our overuse of, and damage to, our natural resources and environment. From overshoot day forward, we maintain our ecological deficit by drawing down local resource

stocks while simultaneously accumulating carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

By cutting back on consumption and pollution, and by living smart (for example: a more plant-based diet; altering how we get around in favor of walking, bicycling and public transportation; and supporting and implementing urban development strategies), we can greatly reduce the devastating impact that overpopulation has had on Earth and begin moving Earth Overshoot Day forward.



Source: www.overshootday.org.

HOW NOT TO STABILIZE OUR POPULATION

Californians fleeing to other states in droves but are outnumbered by immigrants arriving from foreign shores

By Leon Kolankiewicz, CAPS Senior Writing Fellow

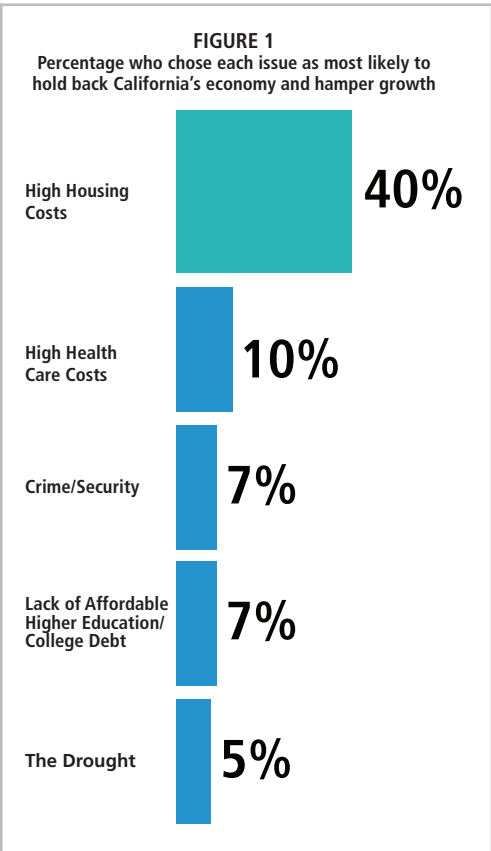
Two public opinion surveys released in February 2019 reveal the deep angst among 40 million Californians about continuing to live here. Many believe they can no longer afford to reside in the once Golden State.

In a Quinnipiac University Poll, more than four in ten California voters (43 percent) felt they cannot afford the cost of living in the state. Even more striking, among voters 18–34 years old, that share rose to 61 percent.

The main culprit should come as no surprise: housing costs. By a wide margin of 77–18 percent, poll respondents said there is a housing crisis in California. This view was especially pronounced among residents of California’s crowded coastal areas, where 87 percent believe there is a housing crisis.

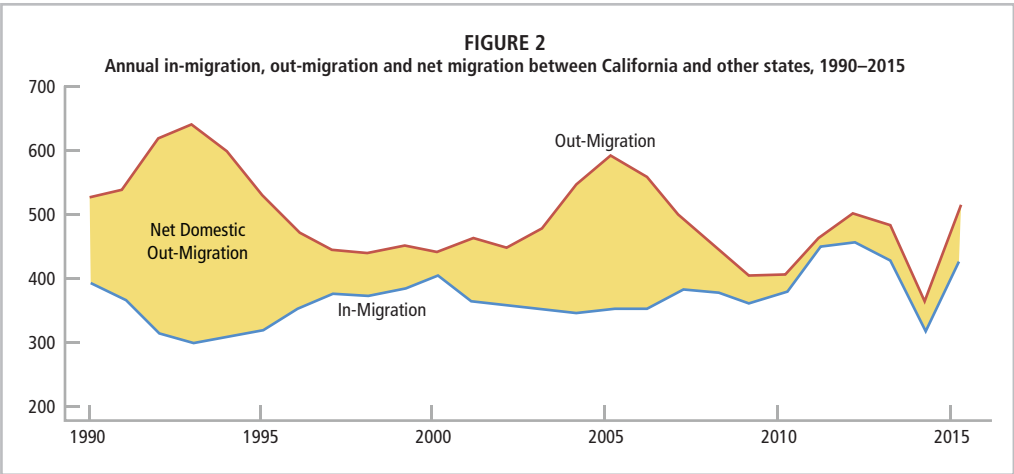
Meanwhile, an Edelman Intelligence poll also released in February found that increasing numbers of Californians are thinking about abandoning the state due to its skyrocketing cost of living; once again, this sentiment was highest among young people. 53 percent of respondents said they are considering leaving, an increase from the 49 percent who expressed this view in 2018.

The Edelman poll findings corroborated those of Quinnipiac: both found that the main reason for state residents’ dissatisfaction wasn’t wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, or crime, but rather housing cost and availability. In fact, concern about housing affordability was four times greater than any other worry (Figure 1).



Source: 2019 Edelman Trust Barometer, Special Report: California.

Californians’ concerns about unaffordable housing are well founded. At the end of 2018, the median home value in the state was \$547,400, more than double the U.S. median value of \$223,900. In the red-hot Silicon Valley market, the median home value topped \$1.2 million,



Source: California Legislative Analyst’s Office, 2018, *California Losing Residents via Domestic Migration*.

five times the national median. Aaron Terrazas, a senior economist with the on-line real estate site Zillow, told CNBC that even with higher Silicon Valley incomes, the monthly mortgage on a median-value home costs prospective homebuyers about half of their pretax incomes.

Moreover, 62 percent of Californians said that homelessness is a very serious issue for California. Homelessness, of course, is hardest on the homeless themselves, but also imposes social and psychological costs on those with roofs over their heads.

In a truly sad commentary on the current state of affairs, the Edelman survey also found that 62 percent of Californians believe that their home state is past its prime, that “the best days of living in California are behind” and not ahead. And all this in spite of a booming economy that the state’s business and political elites—as well as its mass immigration boosters—can’t stop crowing about and taking credit for.

Californians aren’t just telling pollsters about their dissatisfaction—they have been voting with their feet for a long time. Since 1990, about 13 million state residents have moved out of California for other states (Figure 2)—mainly Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington in recent years. Yet the state’s swollen population has continued to swell even further, from 30 million in 1990 to 34 million in 2000, and 40 million in 2019.

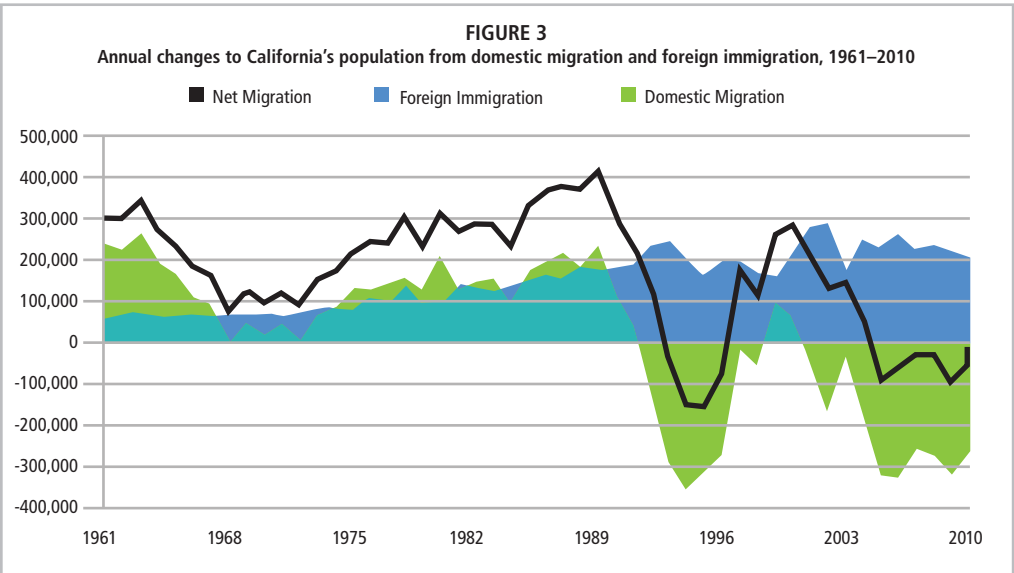
Why is this? For three reasons: in-migration from other states, foreign immigration, and natural increase (births minus deaths).

Between 1990 and 2015, about 10 million in-migrants to California from other states partially offset the 13 million out-migrants, for a net loss of about three million residents. According to recent data from IRS returns, those leaving California are overwhelmingly drawn from the low-income and high-income sectors (under \$25,000 per year and over \$100,000 per year).

Continuing mass immigration of low-skilled workers from foreign countries contributes to the exodus of lower-income and less educated natives. And so the gap between haves and have-nots in California widens, presumably not an outcome pleasing to the state’s liberal electorate, legislature, and governor.

Over the past six decades, immigration to California from foreign countries (as opposed to in-migration from other U.S. states) has usually outpaced net out-migration to other states (Figure 3).

While birth rates have fallen in California, the nation, and the world, in 2017 (the most recent year for which data are available) about 470,000 babies were born in California, compared to about 240,000 deaths, for a net natural increase of 230,000 in a single year. Over one-third of the births were to foreign-born women.



Source: Tom Gray and Robert Scardamalia, 2012, *The Great California Exodus: A Closer Look*, Manhattan Institute.

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HOW NOT TO STABILIZE OUR POPULATION

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CAPS’s mission is to promote population stabilization in California, the U.S. and the world at levels that preserve the environment and a high quality of life for all. For the U.S., since the fertility rate is already well below replacement level, this means substantially reducing immigration levels. For California, however, a contrarian might argue that with declining birth rates, and as long as rising domestic emigration at least partially offsets foreign immigration, California’s population growth will continue to slow and CAPS will eventually get its way.

However, that would be contrary to the clause in our mission statement about preserving “a good quality of life for all.” Raising Californians’ misery quotient to the degree that residents want to flee has never been our aim.

Of course, politicians ignore that population growth has been a major cause of the housing shortage and subsequent increase in housing costs. Simply building more and more housing stock to increase supply and lower costs would

seriously compromise the quality of life for existing residents (if accomplished by infill development and higher densities) or exacerbate urban sprawl, habitat loss, traffic congestion, and climate-forcing carbon emissions (if accomplished by building on the urban periphery). Even with slowing rates of sprawl, California has already lost more than half a million acres of farmland and natural habitat to development in this century alone.

For more than half a century, California visionaries prophesied that its unbridled population growth would kill the goose that laid the golden egg. “You call someplace paradise, kiss it goodbye” sang Don Henley of the Eagles in “The Last Resort,” the final song on their classic album Hotel California.

Only by slowing and stopping population growth the right way rather than the wrong way will we be able to ensure that California’s best days aren’t all behind us.

CAPS TV AD ASKS:
MORE IMMIGRATION,
MORE JOB COMPETITION,
LOWER WAGES,
WHO VOTED FOR THAT?



Caps Trump TV campaign viewed over one million times!

In 2016, President Trump was elected on a campaign platform that promised to cut Chain Migration, the Visa Lottery and overall immigration numbers. But in his 2019 State of the Union address, Trump reversed course and said, “I want people to come into our country in the largest numbers ever.”

In meeting with Apple CEO Tim Cook and other corporate executives, Trump reiterated his wish to increase immigration, “We want to have a lot of people coming in.” Leading up to the SOTU, President Trump, Jared Kushner and their advisers met with scores of corporate lobbyists who claimed America is in the midst of a worker shortage and Trump needs to increase immigration to fill jobs, ignoring long-suffering American workers.

“There is a wage shortage, not a worker shortage,” countered Ric Oberlink, executive director of CAPS. “If there were a worker shortage, wages would be rising at a much faster rate. Wage growth remains anemic. Here’s the bottom line: Pay higher wages, and American workers will fill the jobs.”

And thus was born the CAPS ad campaign featuring Trump’s own words, as seen on FOX, CBS, ABC, NBC, and as watched in digital news feeds including Real Clear Politics and the Daily Caller.

Our intention was not to attack the president, but to hold him accountable to the campaign promises that got him elected. “As our most vulnerable workers’ wages increase and more move back into America’s middle class, the vast income inequality gap in the U.S. could begin to narrow,” stated Oberlink. “Trump should get credit for that. But if he yields to cheap labor interests and increases immigration, recent working-class wage gains will reverse.”

Thanks to our supporters and constructive critics for partnering with our efforts to keep immigration reform at the forefront of our nation’s dialogue.



Please visit www.YouTube.com/Crowdifornia to watch the ad.

POPULATION GROWTH THREATENS ONE MILLION SPECIES WITH EXTINCTION

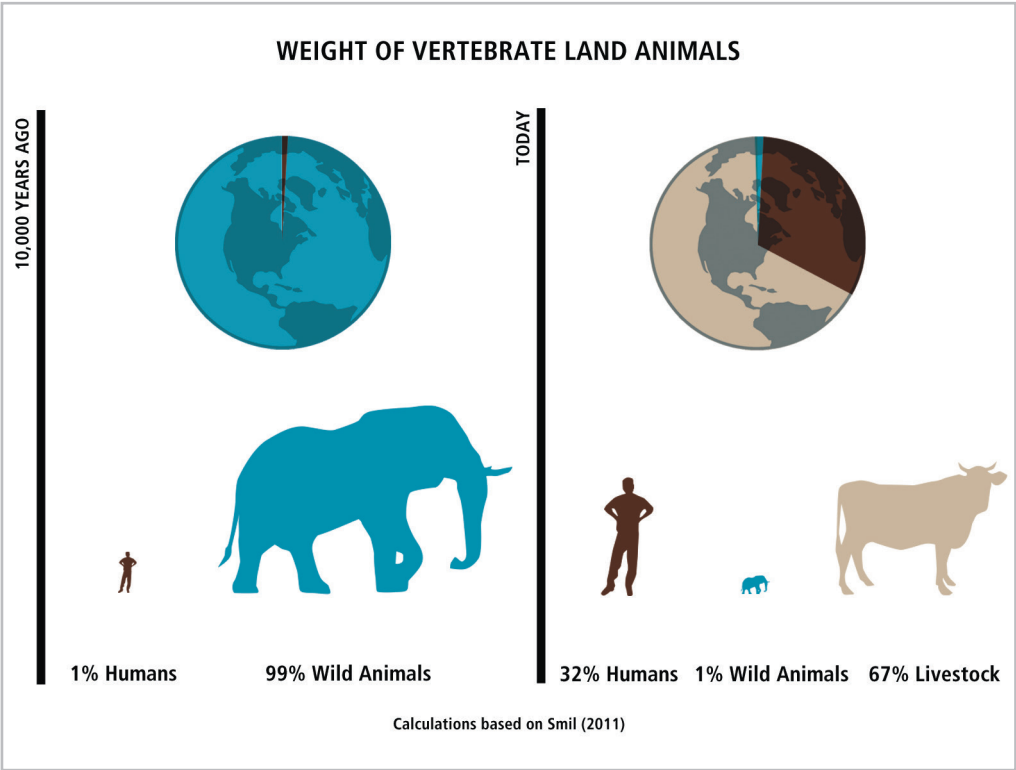
Human activity is decimating the Earth’s natural life-support systems, the world’s leading scientists have warned in a United Nations report. Three-quarters of all land environments and two-thirds of all marine environments have been severely impaired over the last 50 years, placing one million species at risk of extirpation. The biomass of wild mammals has fallen by 82 percent.

The study reveals a planet in which the human footprint is so overwhelming that it leaves little space for anything else. Three-quarters of all land has been converted to agriculture, paved by concrete, consumed by reservoirs, or otherwise altered.

The main causes are habitat depletion and overexploitation of resources, factors directly

associated with population growth. Climate change, pollution, and invasive alien species—attributable to human activity—are additional, but lesser, factors. The report notes, “In the past 50 years, the human population has doubled.”

“Nature is changing in part because there’s more of us and we are consuming more,” said co-author Kate Brauman. Unfortunately, the summary for policy-makers fails to address population growth in its recommendations. Our current population of 7.7 billion is already diminishing our planet’s biodiversity, yet world population will grow to 11 billion by the end of the century if no actions are taken to encourage smaller family size.



Source: The Overpopulation Project, Population Matters.

CALIFORNIA LOOKS AFTER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, NOT HOMELESS VETERANS



Source: breitbart news, AP Steven Senne.

California will become the only state in the nation to offer full health coverage to adult illegal aliens. The state's budget includes \$98 million to extend Medi-Cal coverage to low-income 19-25 year-olds who are here illegally, but that's just the beginning. The Assembly had voted to cover all illegal aliens—to the tune of over \$3 billion per year—and that outlandish plan will be back next year, so taxpayers can look forward to higher bills in the future.

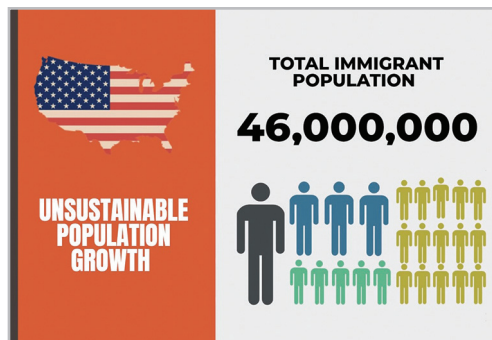
It's not as if California has a shortage of problems deserving attention. California accounts for more than a quarter of the U.S. homeless population. Homelessness jumped 16 percent in Los Angeles over the past year, and San Francisco saw a 17 percent increase. Among our homeless are large numbers of veterans, about 11percent of the adult homeless population.

Politicians in Sacramento, it seems, would rather spend money on those who broke into our country rather than those who served our country.

"STOP SANCTUARY" DIGITAL WRAP-UP

In the winter 2018/2019 edition of CAPS Newsletter, we shared our 2018 "Stop Sanctuary" campaign, which received a total audience reach (television, radio, and digital) of over two million! As a component of that campaign, we extended our reach further by producing an animated video explaining how sanctuaries factor into mass immigration, lead to chain migration, and threaten the American dream. Our "welcome mat" animated explainer depicts how giving sanctuary to illegal aliens puts out the *welcome mat* for amnesty seekers and their relatives, and their relatives' relatives. This type of traditional-to-digital media strategy enables CAPS to further our reach, gain new members, and make the best use of the valuable monetary support we receive from generous folks like you!

To view the "Welcome Mat" animated explainer, please visit our YouTube channel, Crowdfifornia, or our website: www.StopSanctuary.com. Thank you for your support!



CAPS' digital messaging on the impact of sanctuary policy on overpopulation due to overimmigration reached over 2 million!

TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL WILL NOT REDUCE NUMBERS

In May, President Trump unveiled the long-awaited White House proposal on immigration policy. While the plan would appropriately shift family immigration to the nuclear family and eliminate the nonsensical visa lottery, it caves in to the cheap-labor lobby and makes no overall reduction in immigration numbers. The cuts in one area are shifted to green cards for foreign workers, keeping the wages of American workers depressed.

The platinum standard for analyzing the impact of immigration on America remains the work of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. Its chair, Barbara Jordan, the first African-American Congresswoman from the South, noted that immigration policy should "serve the national interest," so a movement to a merit-based system certainly makes sense. However, the Jordan Commission also called for cutting legal immigration to 550,000 annually. Instead, Congress has increased legal immigration to its current rate of 1.1 million.

President Trump's immigration plan appears to be more of a campaign document than a serious legislative proposal. It is particularly dangerous as a starting point for any negotiations on immigration policy. Republican business interests get their cheap labor; Democrats will want to tack on a massive amnesty. Both sides will win while American workers and the environment lose. Trump would do well to consult with American voters. A recent Harvard-Harris poll found that 81 percent want immigration reduced from its current level.



"Credibility in immigration policy can be summed up in one sentence: those who should get in, get in; those who should be kept out, are kept out; and those who should not be here will be required to leave."

—Barbara Jordan,,
Texas Congresswoman, Chair of the U.S.
Commission on Immigration Reform.



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CALIFORNIA POPULATION

1980–23 MILLION

2020–40 MILLION



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In the past 40 years the population of California has nearly DOUBLED. This unsustainable population growth has strained social services, schools and hospitals, and helped make Californian cities among the most polluted in the nation.

ICE ripped the state of Washington for becoming the latest to enact sanctuary policies that protect illegal immigrants from local law enforcement and federal authorities. –*The Daily Signal*, May, 2019.

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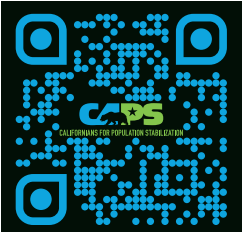
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