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Biden Needs a Damascus Road Conversion on Immigration Policy

By Ric Oberlink



If you tell would-be migrants that there will be no enforcement of U.S. immigration laws, they will come. (Source: iStock)

In the Presidential election, the winning Democratic candidate found it politically expedient to promise a change in immigration policy and implementation of a more open border policy. The year was 1992. The candidate was Bill Clinton.

Fortunately, Clinton reversed course and resumed the (first) George Bush administration policy of interdiction and repatriation of Haitian boat people. He even made radio commercials broadcast in Haiti to announce the policy change, but not before hundreds of Haitians had died trying to reach the United States.

Candidate Clinton knew better and candidate Biden knew better. If you

tell would-be migrants that there will be no enforcement of U.S. immigration laws, they will come. If you enact yet another amnesty, they will expect another amnesty after that one, and they will come. The consequences of those journeys are often tragic, but not unexpected. President-elect Clinton made a belated effort to repair the damage. Will President-elect Biden?

Following president Obama's declaration of a DACA amnesty, there was a border surge of illegal migrants from Central America. Immigration lawyers would have you believe that they were fleeing violence, but, violent crime in Central America, while horrendously high, had been high for years and was

stable or declining at the time. Moreover, high crime rates are not grounds for political asylum. The homicide rates in Baltimore and St. Louis are three times higher than that of Guatemala. Where should refugees from those American cities go?

What changed was that Obama was implementing another amnesty. Immigration lawyers and the far left are tremendously concerned about the welfare of migrants after they reach the U.S. What happens en route is not important because the lawyers don't collect legal fees until they are on this side of the border.

Amnesty International reports, "It is a widely held view – shared by local and

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New Immigration Platform Would Increase Population by Millions



Vice President Joe Biden. (U.S. National Archives)

If the Biden-Harris administration follows through on its immigration proposals, the U.S. population will soar by tens of millions over the coming decades, with all of the negative implications that entails for the environment and for American workers.

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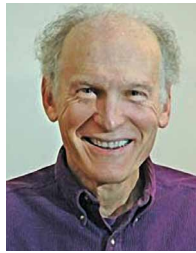
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President's Message



As I write this, it appears that Joseph Biden will be our next President. Unfortunately, no matter who takes office, prospects for an end to California and U.S. population growth will be dim since neither candidate is interested in dealing, constructively, with both immigration and fertility issues.

As regards legal and illegal immigration, Mr. Biden's policies threaten to result in substantial increases in the population of the U.S. As regards fertility, a continuation of Mr. Trump's lack of support for family planning programs at home and abroad can only contribute to population growth. While CAPS' primary direct focus is on population growth in California and the U.S., it is important not to lose sight of world population growth, especially in poor and/or currently overpopulated countries. A good example of what I have in mind is China.

Following World War II, China's population was about 500 million persons. Because Mao Zedong encouraged high fertility ("Every mouth is born with two hands attached"), China's population exploded and reached a billion persons by about the year 1980. At that point the new Chinese leaders (Mao had passed away), instituted their (in)famous one child per family policy. In spite of this draconian policy, China's population has continued to increase to the current day and is now about 1.4 billion and still slowly rising. Given the increasing levels of Chinese per capita consumption and pollution, the environmental impacts of China's gigantic population have been disastrous for the health of the biosphere. Population pressures have induced many Chinese to emigrate to other countries, including the U.S. On the UCLA campus, other than English,

the language one hears most frequently is Chinese, not Spanish.

Population growth in various countries will motivate emigration and, thus, immigration into other countries including the U.S. This is one reason why it is so important that our federal government generously supports family planning programs abroad. If one goes to the CAPS website (capsweb.org) and scrolls down a bit on the home page, one can watch a display that shows how rapidly world and U.S. populations are currently increasing. U.S. population is now nearly 331 million.

Closer to home, in response to problems caused in large part by California's overcrowding and overpopulation, Californians are silently voting with their feet as they leave here for other states. Some of these major problems are easily manifest, such as horrendous traffic jams and poor air quality. Other major problems such as our disastrous fires are also manifest, although in such cases the importance of the principal underlying cause – that is, population growth – is not obvious until one delves into the details. Then there are other problems that are, perhaps, not so major but are still important. One example is light pollution with its negative consequences for nature and for astronomy. As an astronomer I know how hard it is to protect existing observatories (such as Palomar) and to site new ones because of light pollution.

I hope that CAPS supporters will continue to communicate their views to our elected leaders, especially those here in California, and will encourage all persons to support our mission in support of the environment, quality of life, and the future. 🐻*

Ben Zuckerman

Ben Zuckerman
President, CAPS

Record Fires

Over 4 million acres have burned in California this year, more than double the previous record in modern history. Five of the six largest fires in the state's history have occurred in 2020. Millions of residents suffered from long bouts of dangerous air quality. Fortunately, the numbers of deaths and destroyed structures, were lower than in some previous years.

CAPS will have more on this crucial issue in the future. To read about the connec-



The Maria fire in Santa Paula. October 31, 2020. (AP Press)

tion between population growth and wildfires, see "Fire Devastates California Again" in our Winter 2018-19 Newsletter at capsweb.org. 🐻*

CAPS' Ad Campaign: "Keep Immigration Paused" Garnerers Support

As you may have seen on our social media channels, this October CAPS launched a national ad campaign to *Keep Immigration Paused*. Designed to draw key pre-election attention to the fact that the American economy needs to recover from the hit it has taken during the pandemic, we made clear that no matter who won the election that focus should remain on task.

Our digital media ad noted that **millions of Americans are out of work and that the immigration pause is needed to rebuild the economy and to provide jobs and wage increases for workers.**

This idea enjoys broad support. A Washington Post-University of Maryland poll found that 65 percent of Americans support a temporary halt on nearly all immigration during the coronavirus outbreak and, according to Rasmussen Reports, nearly two-thirds of Americans think it is better for businesses to raise the pay and try harder to recruit non-working Americans than to bring in foreign workers for those jobs. We appreciate all of the calls and emails from you, our support base. CAPS' press release stated:

"In a divided America during a contentious election, surely we can agree that we are still in the midst of a pandemic and that the economy has suffered greatly. Whatever stimulus package might pass Congress is just a bandage



Please visit CAPS YouTube channel, *Crowdifornia*, to view the campaign video.

on a serious injury. We need some breathing space so American workers can rebuild the economy. In spite of what the special interest groups contend, this is no time to bring in a flood of foreign workers to compete for the same jobs. This is the right thing to do regardless of who prevails in the elections. You would be hard-pressed to find another political issue that receives such widespread support from the American people."

CAPS' press release was posted on Associated Press, NBC, FOX, and other major news sites. With a potential audience of millions, combined with tens of thousands of YouTube viewers and over 600,000 followers on Facebook, CAPS used digital platforms to provide critical messaging on this important topic. The American worker deserves the attention, and has **you** to thank for it! 🐘★

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international NGOs and health professionals working with migrant women – that as many as six in 10 migrant women and girls are raped." That figure hardly seems credible, but it does highlight the extreme dangers of violence, death, sexual assault, and child trafficking that are part of these journeys. 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.

The same political expediency, or misguided compassion if we're being generous, permeates Biden's proposal to increase refugee admissions to 125,000 per year, exceeding even the levels of

the Obama administration. The costs of resettling a refugee from the Middle East to the U.S. are 12 times higher than the costs of care for that refugee in neighboring Middle Eastern countries.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said, "Helping refugees in their regions of origin... is a lot cheaper than it is to help them only when they get here. Real solutions... include enabling people to go home, or at least to stay as close to home as possible." Trying to assist refugees in the Middle East near their homes makes sense. Bringing them across an ocean to America does not, but that message is lost on the immigration

lawyers and the government-funded refugee agencies.

Even *The Economist*, enthusiastic as it is for massive immigration, admits that Biden's platform would lead to a new border surge: "It is hard to imagine the Democratic president completely unwinding the new asylum rules on the south-west border, which would undoubtedly invite a new surge of migrants."

Let's hope it is right, that Biden will have his Damascus moment and prevent the ensuing tragedy that his current proposals will inflict. If not, much of the suffering will be borne by those he is claiming to help. 🐘★

Even In National Parks Noise Is A Problem For Humans... And Wildlife

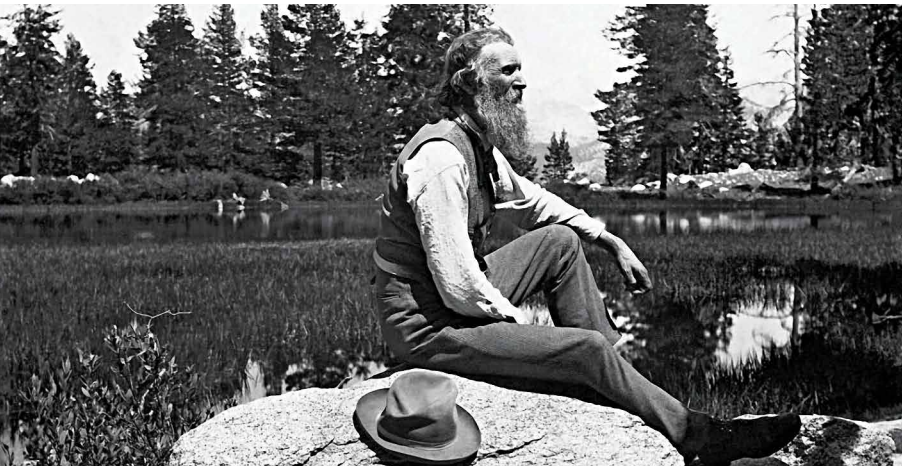
Give me solitude, give me Nature, give me again O Nature your primal sanities! –Walt Whitman

National parks are the best idea we ever had,” said novelist Wallace Stegner. “Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst.” They offer vistas of grandeur, sanctuary for wildlife, and interludes of quiet tranquility. Well, maybe some of the above.

Research reveals that anthropogenic noise—sound caused by human activity—masks natural sounds important

to both visitors and wildlife. Noise is increasingly pervasive in natural spaces. Not only does this detract from humans’ experiences, but it also has significant ecological consequences. The survival of many species depends on listening for approaching predators, and successful breeding for some requires listening for the song of a potential mate.

A team of researchers based at Colorado State University collected 1.5 million acoustic samples from 47,000 hours of recordings from 251 sites in 66 national park units:



John Muir, national park visionary, circa 1902. (PD-02)

“Keep close to Nature’s heart... and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.”
–John Muir

We found that anthropogenic noise was audible in 37% of park recordings, and that parks with high road density and those in close proximity to large airports experienced a greater number of noise events. The most common noise sources were aircraft and road vehicles, but, when present, trains and watercraft generated the loudest noise levels. Sound models show that anthropogenic noise caused a tenfold increase in median sound levels in 36% of parks...

The US National Park Service (NPS) was established over a century ago to conserve natural and cultural resources. As the first system of federally protected areas in the world, US national parks have shaped a global standard for protected areas. **Since NPS’s inception, the US population has more than tripled**, road and aircraft traffic have become widespread, and 80% of the US population now lives in urban areas. In this context, national parks represent refuges of ecological integrity and provide increasingly important opportunities for people to establish personal connections with natural environments.

National parks should offer a respite from the crowded, polluted, overpopulated surroundings that envelop so many human lives. They usually do, but human encroachment and a growing population impinge on that experience and the natural areas they are supposed to protect. 🐾

Earth Day at 50: CAPS Celebrates Amidst Covid-19 Restrictions

What a year it has been! In April, CAPS produced a comprehensive campaign intended for saturation across platforms leading up to our attendance at Earth Day events in Ventura, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles—events that were subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. “Earth Day at 50” became a 100% online event that included video ad promotion, a graphics ad, a press release, and digital messaging elongation that included supporter engagement via email broadcasts and social media posts that continue to the present day. The video, featuring Sen. Gaylord Nelson, focused on overpopulation’s impact on the environment. We are very proud of its success, which



Above: Earth Day at 50 video ad promotion. Right: social media post as seen on Noozhawk.com.

includes over 1 million video views and a potential audience reach of over 70 million, and thank you for your immense support! 🐾

HAPPY 50TH EARTH DAY!

HOW MANY MORE EARTH DAYS UNTIL THE NUMBERS COUNT?

CALIFORNIA	U.S.	EARTH
40M	331M	7B

www.CAPSweb.org/EarthDay

MacArthur award goes to contraceptive researcher at UC Berkeley

A UC Berkeley associate professor of molecular and cell biology, Polina Lishko, whose work has led to the development of promising new non-hormonal contraceptives for women and could lead to male or unisex contraceptives, has received a 2020 MacArthur “genius” Award.

Lishko studies sperm and ovarian cells to understand the cellular steps that allow sperm to swim through the reproductive canal to find and fertilize the eggs. Sperm cells are the smallest cells in the human body and are enthusiastically motile.

She has identified several potential drugs that can interfere with sperm movement and prevent fertilization without the use of hormones, which have side effects in many women. Nearly 40 percent of women stop using birth control pills within a year, underscoring the importance of developing non-hormonal contraceptives.

Her research led to the discovery of a switch, a protein receptor on sperm cells, that triggers the kick that sperm use to penetrate and fertilize a human



(Source: iStock)

egg. She later found two natural chemicals that block this receptor.

A startup she co-founded, YourChoice Therapeutics, plans to market a non-hormonal contraceptive that women could use during intercourse and potentially also a contraceptive that would be used by men.

The MacArthur award provides \$625,000 in funding over five years

that Lishko will use to continue her work on reproductive physiology, an important boost since the federal government has been remiss in supporting this important research. Lishko is worried that her students will leave the field due to the struggle to obtain funding. CAPS supports federal funding of contraceptive research. 🐘*

WORLD VASECTOMY DAY ...yes, that's a thing.



(Source: iStock)

November 20, 2020 was World Vasectomy Day. During the week of November 14th-20th, upwards of ten thousand vasectomies were performed by skilled providers across the globe.

Approximately 500,000 men in the U.S. opt for a vasectomy annually, one of the most common surgical procedures. Over 40 million men world-wide have received a vasectomy – but there are very few countries where more vasectomies are done than tubal ligations, even though the pros outweigh the cons for vasectomy for males over tubal ligation for females. The former causes less pain to the recipient, is a much less invasive (non-scalpel) procedure, needs only local anesthesia, and is the most reliable form of birth control.

According to worldvasectomyday.org, the creators of World Vasectomy Day:

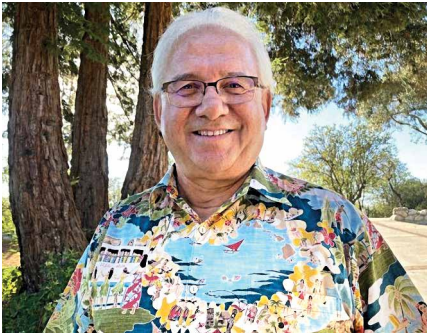
“Sterilization protects approximately 222 million women and men of reproductive age from unintended pregnancies. 180 million women have elected tubal ligation while nearly 43 million men have chosen vasectomy to safely limit family size. In some countries the

disparity is over 100 times more tubals than vasectomies.”

The yearly event is a male-focused family planning campaign that educates and encourages action. Among the events, rallies, celebrations and workshops – the actions of most interest, and, perhaps, shock value – are the quasi-public vasectomy-athons on numerous willing participants. The organizers even live-stream some of the procedures to squelch any myths about it being an arduous, scary, or painful undertaking. Having amassed an impressive community of educators, providers, participants, and supporters, World Vasectomy Day has earned its place in the pantheon of family planning opportunities and options. Pairing awareness and technology on a growing platform of this magnitude is Family Planning 2.0! For more information please visit www.worldvasectomyday.org. 🐘*

I'm the United Nations of Political Incorrectness and Here's What I Think about Immigration

By Michael Rivera



CAPS Board member Michael Rivera.

I'm Michael Rivera. I'm an American citizen. When it comes to how much to value my political opinion, that's all you need to know about me. If you want to call me Latino or Hispanic, go ahead, I'm ok with that. I call myself American. I suppose I'm a minority, but everyone is a minority of some sort.

I did one of those DNA tests, and my ethnicity estimate is 37% from Spain and 23% from Indigenous

Americas for starters. Then there's the 17% from Ireland and Scotland, 6% Basque, 5% from France, and 3% European Jewish. Finish (no, not Finnish) it off with a smattering of 1% traces, including Northern Africa, Mali, Andes, and Middle East.

My Native American ancestors were here for thousands of years, but before that their ancestors were living in Asia, so it's interesting, but maybe it doesn't matter.

And that's my point—it doesn't matter.

I don't blame people for wanting to come here, but the rule of law is one of the reasons this is a great nation, and if we don't control our borders, we have no rule of law and, eventually, will have no country. I think my Mexican cousins and my Irish cousins both have to play by the rules.

We should be proud that we have built a country so attractive to others

across the world. But there are almost 8 billion people on the planet, and they can't all live in the U.S. We have an obligation to look after our neighbors and fellow citizens first.

I think we can do a better job of that, and protecting our environment, and rebuilding our infrastructure, if we reduce immigration.

You can agree or disagree with me on a proper immigration policy, but we can discuss our differences without the ugly name-calling that is so common to these debates. Call me politically incorrect for supporting immigration cuts. I'm ok with that. Look at my DNA results again. I'm the UN of political incorrectness.

This is excerpted from an op-ed on [Noozhawk.com](https://www.noozhawk.com), where you can read the full text. Michael also appeared on KVEC radio's Dave Congalton Show to discuss the piece. 🐘*

CAPS Encourages Letters to the Editor



The *Los Angeles Times* continually supports high immigration levels, but CAPS Board member Ken Pasternack responded to one of its articles with this letter that was published on October 15. Letters to the editor are an excellent way to point out the dangers of overpopulation so you may want to write to a local or national publication that you read. Letters are more likely to be printed when they respond to a specific article.

“ Editor:

What's the cost of high immigration—so high, in fact, that it keeps the population growing even while Americans are having fewer children?

One cost of overpopulation is a chronic housing shortage because supply cannot keep up with demand. Another cost is American workers forced to train their replacements. Another is drained wells, which will imperil future generations with shortages of drinking and irrigation water.

There's no way to sustain perpetual growth on a planet with finite resources. California's growing population has reached a size that actually shrinks the state's resources.

A reduction in immigration would let the population return to a level that's sustainable and preserve the environment for future generations. ”

—Kenneth Pasternack

Big Tech: Stop the Hypocrisy, “Cast down your bucket” and hire Americans, including Black Americans, instead of importing foreign workers



Booker T. Washington addressing a crowd in Lakeland, Tennessee. (Library of Congress)

In a famous 1895 speech, Booker T. Washington castigated white industrialists for favoring European immigrants over black laborers in their new factories. “Cast down your bucket where you are... among the eight millions of Negroes” to find workers, he reproved them.

Washington was not the only African-American leader to note that immigration was inimical to the interests of black workers. W.E.B. Du Bois, commenting on the immigration reductions enacted in the 1920s, said, “[T]he stopping of the importing of cheap white labor on any terms has been the economic salvation of American black labor.”

Big Tech has been quick to issue woke statements of support for Black Lives Matter and banalities about valuing diversity, and equally quick to condemn President Trump for suspending H-1B visas. When it comes to tech companies

actually hiring African-American workers, that’s an entirely different story.

Apple CEO Tim Cook said he was “deeply disappointed” by the H-1B suspension because Apple “has always found strength in our diversity.” Diversity at Apple means that 6 percent of its tech workers and 3 percent of its leadership personnel are black.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai said, “Disappointed by today’s proclamation, we’ll continue to stand with immigrants and work to expand opportunity for all.” Google translates “opportunity for all” as hiring blacks for just 2.4 percent of tech workers and 2.6 percent of leadership positions. For Latinos, the figures are 2.6 and 3.7 percent, respectively.

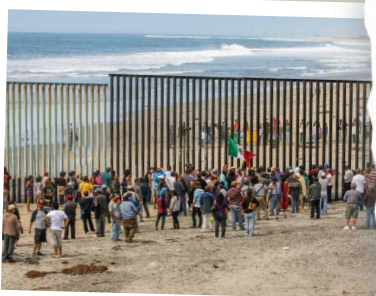
Tech companies have used contrived worker shortages to convert the H-1B program into, in the words of Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, one that is “plagued

with fraud and abuse and is now a vehicle for outsourcing that deprives qualified American workers of their jobs.” There are 600,000 H-1B workers in the U.S., but since many “temporary” workers were able to change their visa status and remain, the number of lost jobs exceeds that.

One can only wonder how differently America’s past century and a quarter might have developed had the corporate elite heeded Washington’s “cast down your bucket” admonition. Big Tech insists on importing foreign workers instead of hiring Americans from our black, brown, and underserved communities, offering us buckets of meaningless platitudes and empty rhetoric.

A longer version of this op-ed by Executive Director Ric Oberlink appeared in the “Daily Times” and the “Portland Press Herald.” You can read the full piece at capsweb.org.

New Immigration Platform *(continued from page 1)*



AMNESTY – Biden stated that in his first 100 days, he would send to Congress “a pathway to citizenship for over 11 million undocumented people.” He may not be able to get it through the Senate, but that’s not certain. Many corporate Republicans earlier supported the “Gang of 8” proposal. Each amnesty or amnesty proposal generates a new surge of illegal immigration, so we will need another amnesty for the next 11-plus million illegal immigrants, and another one after that.

CHAIN MIGRATION – Joe Biden calls family-based immigration the “foundation of our immigration system,” which means that each illegal alien who receives amnesty can bring in additional family members. Over 60 percent of the 33 million immigrants admitted to the United States between 1981 and 2016 were such chain migration immigrants.

ENFORCEMENT – Biden has pledged that “no one will be deported at all” during his first 100 days in office, and that subsequent deportations would only be for felons. He noted, “I don’t count drunk driving as a felony.”

REFUGEE NUMBERS – Biden has promised to dramatically increase refugee admissions to 125,000 per year, more than double the average over the last 25 years, even as Europe is reeling from several terrorist beheadings.

“REMAIN IN MEXICO” POLICY – The Migrant Protection Protocols are a policy whereby foreigners seeking admission to the U.S. from Mexico – without proper documentation – may be returned to Mexico while their U.S. removal proceedings are pending. They have been instrumental in stopping the deluge at the border. Biden will rescind them.

VISA LOTTERY – This program awards 50,000 green cards annually by a random drawing, regardless of whether the recipients have anything to contribute to the U.S. Biden calls it “essential to preserving a robust and vibrant immigration system.” 🐘*



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