

Is Guest Worker/Amnesty Really The Compassionate, Christian Thing To Do?

As our national debate about illegal immigration continues, some Americans believe amnesty along with a guest worker program (and not sealing our borders) is the compassionate—and even Christian—thing to do. On the contrary, it is not!

A guest worker program sends a message that “certain people are only good enough to do certain jobs.” Such a program welcomes new Americans with a catch: “You people are only good enough to do the jobs that privileged Americans are not. You have no chance of rising up the economic ladder, and realizing the American dream.”

The kind of guest worker program advocated by President Bush, Senators McCain and Kennedy would create a permanent underclass in our country. That’s not the kind of country our founding forefathers envisioned, and that’s certainly not the kind of economy that made America a great nation.

A legalized, guest worker program would create a caste system in America—like the ones that exist in India and the Middle East. Such a system is not only un-compassionate, it’s un-American!

To get a preview of the dangers associated with guest worker/amnesty, we need only look back at last year’s riots in France. After World War II, France gradually imported foreigners to “do the work that French citizens allegedly would not do.” Like the Kennedy-McCain proposal, those guest workers were allowed to bring in their extended families, and take full-advantage of the state welfare and social services system. The new guest workers (and their families) wound up trading one life of poverty for another: They found themselves dependant on welfare, and segregated from French society. Do we really want to follow the example of France and watch our communities burn?

Throughout history, Americans have welcomed immigrants who want to be part of our great melting pot. That’s what separates us from the rest of the world. We welcome immigrants who obey our laws, respect our Constitution, our culture and truly, want to be Americans.

Granting amnesty to millions of illegal aliens is a direct slap in the face to everyone waiting in line to become an American citizen. What kind of message are we sending future Americans around the world when we show favoritism to those who violate our sovereignty and break our laws?

A blanket amnesty wouldn't reward only men and women, looking for a way to provide for their families: It would legalize drug dealers, gang members, slave masters and terrorists living here illegally! Thanks to our local law-enforcement, crystal meth production in Western North Carolina is down. However, meth and other drugs are pouring across our border from Mexico. The violent MS-13 gangs have effectively invaded the U.S., and are terrorizing citizens across our country. Hundreds of women have reported coming to the U.S. by way of violent smugglers who steal their money, rape them, and hold them as sex slaves. There's nothing compassionate or Christian about giving up on the war on drugs, or tolerating modern-day slavery.

Our nation is at an important turning point. Are we going to carry on as a model of freedom? Or, will we rapidly descend into a caste system of "haves" and "have-nots?" On November 7th, you'll have the chance to determine the future of Western North Carolina and the rest of the country. Locally, Mike Harrison, Eric Gorny, RL Clark, and Charles Thomas, have vowed they'll welcome legal immigrants to our country and reject amnesty for illegal aliens. Do you know where your candidate stands?

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