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# Anti-Immigration Advocate Says Fellow Activists Not Racists Or Nativists

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Today, NumbersUSA's Jennifer Magyari posted a video entitled "Grassroots America" which Magyari claims "explains the importance of taking a stand [on immigration] and forcing our Congressmen to listen to our opinions." The video also features Mariann Davies, member of "You Don't Speak for Me!," saying that the idea that anyone who opposes immigration is a "racist" or a "nativist" is "simply not the case."

That may be true, but the rest of the video's speakers aren't exactly the best spokespersons to prove her point. To begin with, the video was posted by NumbersUSA — an organization which the <u>Southern Poverty Law Center describes</u> as the "leading immigration-restriction group" whose Executive Director Roy Beck's "close ties to a key nativist raise questions." Beck is said to have worked and vacationed with eugenacist <u>John Tanton</u>, edited a book by white supremacist <u>Wayne Lutton</u>, and been referred to by Tanton as his "heir apparent." If that's not enough, Davies' own group was <u>organized</u> by the <u>president of a designated hate group</u>, Dan Stein of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). Both Beck and Stein are also featured in the "Grassroots America" video.

Davies' argument is also weakened by John O'Sullivan — a conservative journalist who the Cato Institute describes as part of the "anti-immigrant crusaders" who "hijack legitimate concerns about security to advance their pet political cause [reduced immigration]." Davies claims that her colleagues aren't nativists, but in "Grassroots America" O'Sullivan decides to attack bilingualism:

"I talked to people about the language issue. How it was that bilingualism was spreading everywhere, bilingual education programs were being increasingly adopted. The more people I spoke to, the more I became convinced that this was important, but also mistaken."

In a separate clip, Spanish-speaking Cuban-American "activist" Roan Garcia-Quintana also stated:

"It's overwhelming — the people that testify for doing something to stop the illegal alien invasion are average citizens who all they care is to protect our heritage, our American culture, our way of life, and our language and not have all this new poverty — what I call 21st century slavery — be imposed upon us."

Garcia-Quintana has made a point of making sure people know that his "family's roots are in Spain," and has described Mexican and Central American immigrants as "Indo-Hispanics" who "impose" their culture on him.

Stein wraps the video up with some harsh words of warning:

"Nobody has the right to force their way into my home. Nobody has the right to force their way into my country. And millions and millions of Americans all across this nation believe it too. And they're not going to take this lying down."

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#### 1. Rogi Says:

"... are average citizens who all they care is to protect our heritage, our American culture, our way of life"

They be racists and/or nativist, my friend

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#### 2. <u>Pete Murphy</u> Says:

Rampant population growth threatens our economy and quality of life. Immigration, both legal and illegal, are fueling this growth. I'm not talking about environmental degradation or resource

depletion. I'm talking about the effect upon rising unemployment and poverty in America.

I should introduce myself. I am the author of a book titled "Five Short Blasts: A New Economic Theory Exposes The Fatal Flaw in Globalization and Its Consequences for America." To make a long story short, my theory is that, as population density rises beyond some optimum level, per capita consumption of products begins to decline out of the need to conserve space. People who live in crowded conditions simply don't have enough space to use and store many products. This declining per capita consumption, in the face of rising productivity (per capita output, which always rises), inevitably yields rising unemployment and poverty.

This theory has huge implications for U.S. policy toward population management, especially immigration policy. Our policies of encouraging high rates of immigration are rooted in the belief of economists that population growth is a good thing, fueling economic growth. Through most of human history, the interests of the common good and business (corporations) were both well-served by continuing population growth. For the common good, we needed more workers to man our factories, producing the goods needed for a high standard of living. This population growth translated into sales volume growth for corporations. Both were happy.

But, once an optimum population density is breached, their interests diverge. It is in the best interest of the common good to stabilize the population, avoiding an erosion of our quality of life through high unemployment and poverty. However, it is still in the interest of corporations to fuel population growth because, even though per capita consumption goes into decline, total consumption still increases. We now find ourselves in the position of having corporations and economists influencing public policy in a direction that is not in the best interest of the common good.

The U.N. ranks the U.S. with eight third world countries - India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Uganda, Ethiopia and China - as accounting for fully half of the world's population growth by 2050. It's absolutely imperative that our population be stabilized, and that's impossible without dramatically reining in immigration, both legal and illegal.

If you're interested in learning more about this important new economic theory, I invite you to visit my web site at OpenWindowPublishingCo.com where you can read the preface, join in my blog discussion and, of course, purchase the book if you like. (It's also available at Amazon.com.)

Please forgive the somewhat spammish nature of the previous paragraph. I just don't know how else to inject this new perspective into the immigration debate without drawing attention to the book that explains the theory.

Pete Murphy Author, "Five Short Blasts"

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