

The Past as Future

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As President Trump takes action on immigration, the Radical Left anti-American propaganda machine churns out accusations against him, calling him un-American and various other derogatory names.

One name Donald Trump is not being called - is 'patriot' - someone who cares about the safety and well being of his country. If what Donald Trump is saying regarding a cessation of illegal immigration is so un-American, then Bill Clinton must also be considered to be un-American. In 1996 Clinton gave his now oft cited immigration remarks in his [State of the Union](#) address, which includes words which could have been spoken by Donald Trump. This speech seems to have lost its appeal to the angry Leftists calling Trump names for saying the very same things Clinton said.

Regardless of who does it, guaranteeing the safety of America is something to be proud of. It is job one for a President. He is, after all, the Commander in Chief.

Trump could just as well be compared to a somewhat earlier President, Dwight David Eisenhower, whose primary concern throughout his long career was the security of America. Many people speak of deportation as an impossible task. But, illegal immigration coming across our Southern border and the infiltration of anti-American activists were both effectively controlled during the Eisenhower Administration. In response to illegal immigration, [Eisenhower](#) deported some 1.5 million illegal aliens already here. During the same time period there was on the books the bi-partisan McCarran Act, intended to stop Communist immigration into the U.S.. Eisenhower's administration also had a cohesive foreign policy to stop Communist aggression externally. Our elected officials took our security and our political culture seriously back - understanding that both were intrinsically entwined.

Ironically, Harry Truman, the sitting Democrat President, at the time of the passage of the [McCarran Act](#), vetoed the legislation, calling it un-American. His veto was overridden by Democrat controlled majorities in both houses of Congress.

But, all these comparisons are somewhat contemporary and they leave no way to judge exactly what historically is truly anti-American and what is merely political spin.

If we go back to the early days of our country when Americanism was being defined - before Clinton's 104th Congress, before Eisenhower's 82nd Congress, all the way back to 1791 and the 2nd Congress, we will see that even then immigration was never about saving the world by bringing in a sampling of the world's wretched as a token of our good-hearted beneficence. Immigration policy has traditionally been about benefiting America, either with the immigration of labor or skill or protecting our borders and political culture. While the terms of the ocean transit and the employment conditions differed drastically - allowing entree to skilled farmers from crowded Europe to till the new Northwest Territories, or Chinese peasants to work the expanding railroads, or former NAZI scientists to help develop our missile technology, were all essentially done for the same reason - to benefit America. Immigration is not about feeling good about saving a ridiculously tiny percentage of the world's unfortunates.

Controlling immigration is about the betterment of the United States and the safety of its citizens. What America does not need is the creation of an enemy camp within our borders - as was done as the result of the importation of slaves. We have been paying the price of one such self-degrading endeavor for more than 150 years; the slow healing of which now seems to have been undermined by President Obama. Yet, in spite of Obama, over several generations, the overwhelming majority of the descendants of former slaves have become part of

the fabric of America and have embraced the American political culture. One enemy camp should be enough.

The debate over immigration legislation at the beginning of our country was concerned with the same issue that should concern President Trump - the protection of our political culture, our form of government and enhancing our safety.

Back in the 1790's, men elected to office in the Federal government took appropriate action to protect their country as they were sworn to do. They understood that their first obligation was not to the rest of the world, but to the United States and its citizens.

If what Donald Trump is saying regarding a cessation of immigration from hotbeds of terrorism is so un-American, then too must our earliest American Congress be considered un-American.

Trump's actions being labeled un-American is disturbing, because what he is doing is most American - protecting America. Immigration policy criteria has traditionally been about helping America, either with the importation of labor or skill or protecting our borders.

In that distant past of the 1790's, at a time of great European unrest, we saw limitations imposed on naturalization from parts of the world whose citizens were uneducated in the ways of the American political culture. The people being kept out were not Jews. They were not Hindus. They were not Muslims. They were White Christian Europeans. They were people raised in a political and social environment antagonistic to American republicanism. The founders were not about to lose to immigrants what they had just fought to establish.

The motives of these early Americans were very different from modern day Leftists who are intent upon bringing down the American republican system. Donald Trump has acted boldly to once again strengthen America's resolve to protect our borders and hopefully to protect our political values. The America to which the Lefty Loonies in the streets have proclaimed their loyalty is an imaginary America, concocted specifically to suit their agenda. They have no sudden love for traditional America.

In 1791, a [debate](#) ensued in the House of Representatives over a bill entitled "An Act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization," intended to amend the 1790 naturalization law that was found to be too forgiving in allowing immigrants into the United States. The debate is quite instructive of the purpose of immigration - far removed from the concepts being promoted by some today:

"...no example can be found, in the history of man, to authorize the experiment (of reckless immigration) which has been made by the United States... shall we alone adopt the rash theory, that the subjects of all Governments, Despotic, Monarchical, and Aristocratical, are, as soon as they set foot on American ground, qualified to participate in administering the sovereignty of our country?"

A war, the most cruel and dreadful which had been known for centuries, is now raging in all those countries from which emigrants are to be expected...

"Could any reasonable man believe, that men who, actuated by such passions, have fought on grounds so opposite...would here mingle in social affections with each other, or with us? That their passions and prejudices will subside as soon as they should set foot in America?"

Obviously, if we judge the man being accused of being un-American against the words of his political progenitors from both the recent and distant past, he is astoundingly very American. A man who, like his forbears, has unabashedly demonstrated a caring for his country and its citizens.

But, today the lessons of history seem to be lost on many of our citizens. Those claiming to be defending America have no concern about illegal immigration, or immigration and naturalization from countries in social and political turmoil. In the current debate we do not hear about that which most concerned the earliest Americans - our political culture - republicanism. Even many of those from countries in turmoil, who will be proved to be free of terrorist ties, do not share our republican values, which need as much protection as our physical being.

It would appear that what the Leftists are protesting is the fact that Donald Trump is, in fact, very American - just not representative of the new and different America the Left wants. It is time we stop worrying about what the names they are calling Donald Trump - but begin calling these organized protestors what they are - affiliates of an international movement to tear down America and allow the spread of Communism. In our war with dangerous ideologies, these people should be considered fifth columnists, intent upon destabilizing the country through continual insurrection and the dilution of our Western Judeo-Christian political culture with the admixture of people opposed to our way of life.