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THE PUSH FOR OPEN BORDERS: THE QUEST TO DESTROY AMERICA'S FUTURE

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Does America face a future where a system of 'open borders' becomes a reality?

That is certainly an ominous question.

And while the idea that the majority of U.S. citizens would ever permit an open borders policy – where all who wanted to come to our country and make it their home are able to do so – may seem a bit far-fetched at present, there are very powerful forces taking our nation in that direction.

Indeed, as the 21st century moves forward and America confronts myriad challenges to long-standing laws and traditions, a growing debate about open borders has taken root in our country and cannot be ignored.

With our nation already overpopulated, it is extremely worrisome that in recent years advocates of open borders are not only more vocal, they have enlisted rich and influential organizations that are working in concert to build a national grassroots campaign in their quest to make their dream a reality.

This paper seeks to shine the spotlight on some of the arguments open border advocates are using to sell their fellow citizens on the idea of abandoning efforts to fix America's broken immigration system and replace it with no immigration policy at all.

The goal of this paper is not to use these few pages to present a ream of statistics related to the pro-and-con arguments about open borders. Rather, it is to provide an overall general insight into the who, what, and why of this multi-dimensional issue, identify the passion that drives open border advocates, and make clear that as the open border lobby gains ground the end result could be a total upheaval of America's future.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NATIONAL DEBATE

A recent Harvard-Harris poll, taken in 2018, found that 76% of registered American voters do not believe the United States should have "open borders," and 61% said current U.S. border security is "inadequate." In that June 24-25 online survey of 1,448 registered voters, Harvard-Harris asked: "Do you think we should have basically open borders or do you think we need secure borders?" Seventy-six percent of the respondents (1,093 people) said "we need secure borders." Twenty-four percent of respondents (354 people) said "we should have basically open borders."¹

Take a closer look at those results. Are we really at a point where one-quarter of the American people support open borders?

Do these individuals not understand that such a disastrous policy will open the door for tens of millions of people to come flooding into our country? Do they not comprehend that our already-overpopulated nation cannot sustain more population growth? If that is the case, then we may already be on a fast-track to erasing America's sovereignty and destroying our economy – all due to a once-workable immigration system being consistently undermined, leading to eventual collapse.

The driving factors which have brought us to this harrowing point are many. However, they are chiefly driven by today's divisive politics and a dominant class of elected leaders who have repeatedly failed to confront our fast-deteriorating immigration system that has put our country in such peril.

Truth be told, no one should be surprised to find our nation face-to-face with today's growing support for open borders. It is an issue that has been festering for many years.

In 2006, former three-term Colorado Governor Richard Lamm (1975-1987) took to the pages of *The Washington Examiner* to reaffirm his concerns about America's worsening immigration system. At a national conference on overpopulation and immigration held in Washington, D.C. a number of years earlier, he gave a speech titled "Perils of Multi Culturalism" in which he stated:

"I have a secret plan to destroy America. If you believe, as many do, that America is too smug, too white-bread, too self-satisfied, too rich ... then let's destroy America. It is not that hard to do. History shows Page 2

that nations are more fragile than their citizens think. No nation in history has survived the ravages of time. Arnold Toynbee observed that all great civilizations rise and they all fall, and that 'an autopsy of history would show that all great nations commit suicide.' So, here is my plan:

- 1. We must first make America a bilingual/ bicultural country. History shows ... that no nation can survive the tension, conflict and antagonism of two competing languages and cultures. It is a blessing for an individual to be bilingual; it is a curse for a society to be bilingual...
- 2. I would then invent 'multiculturalism' and encourage immigrants to maintain their own culture. I would make it an article of belief that all cultures are equal ... there are no cultural differences that are important ... and the black and Hispanic dropout rate is only due to prejudice and discrimination by the majority. Every other explanation is out-of-bounds.
- **3.** We can make the United States a 'Hispanic Quebec' without much effort. The key is to celebrate diversity rather than unity...
- 4. I would encourage all immigrants to keep their own language and culture. I would replace the melting pot metaphor with a salad bowl metaphor ... I would make our fastest-growing demographic group the least educated. I would add a second underclass, unassimilated, undereducated, and antagonistic to our population. ...
- **5.** I would then get the big foundations and Big Business to give these efforts lots of money. I would invest in ethnic identity, and I would establish the cult of victimology. ... I would start a grievance industry blaming all minority failure on the majority population.
- 6. I would establish dual citizenship and promote divided loyalties. I would 'celebrate diversity.' ... It stresses differences rather than commonalities. Diverse people worldwide are mostly engaged in hating each other ... when they are not killing each other...
- 7. Then I would place all these subjects off-limits and make them taboo to talk about. I would find a word similar to 'heretic' in the 16th century that stopped discussion and paralyzed thinking. Words like 'racist,' and 'xenophobe' halt argument and conversation. I would next make it impossible to

enforce our immigration laws. I would develop a mantra: because immigration has been good for America, it must always be good."²

In his analysis as to where our nation was headed due to immigration, Governor Lamm had no special access to a magic crystal ball. Instead he simply had his eyes wide open as to what was happening all around us – and stepped forth to spread the alarm. While he was speaking facetiously, the points he made were realistic and reflective of our current immigration challenges.

As we fast-forward to the present day, when proimmigration forces have gained more and more power, it is quite clear that the open border lobby is working aggressively to advance its arguments into the nation's discussions about our country's future and paint our present immigration system as evil.

OPTING FOR OPEN BORDERS

A sampling of the arguments for open borders is contained in the following three references.

In a July 2018 op-ed in USA Today, titled "Forget the Wall Already, It's Time for the U.S. to Have Open Borders," author Jeffrey Miron, Director of Economic Studies at the Cato Institute and the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Economics at Harvard University, held forth that "America has nothing to fear, and much to gain, from open borders." He wrote:

"President Donald Trump's recent tweets against open borders come as no surprise. Indeed, even fervent immigration advocates worry that open borders would lower the wages of low-skilled natives, erode national security, and overburden the social safety net....

...Trump, however, has it exactly backwards: The solution to America's immigration problems is open borders, under which the United States imposes no immigration restrictions at all. If the U.S. adopts this policy, the benefits will far outweigh the costs...

...Government will then have no need to define or interpret rules about asylum, economic hardship, family reunification, family separation, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and so on. When all immigration is legal, these issues are irrelevant...

...Expenditure on immigration enforcement would shrink to nothing, because open borders means no walls, fences, screening at airports, ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), deportations, detention centers or immigration courts...

... Economic efficiency will increase both in the USA and in immigrant-sending countries, because different kinds of labor will be better matched around the world to their most productive activity." Finally, Miron puts forth the classic argument of the open border lobby that they constantly use to back up their arguments: "Ultimately, immigrants have always been vital to America's economic strength and to its commitment to freedom. Since its founding, the United States has grown from a motley collection of colonies to one of the richest countries in the world, with some of our fastest growth occurring when immigrants arrived in large numbers."³

Taking to the pages of *The New York Times* in 2019, journalist Farhad Manjoo scripted a column titled "There's Nothing Wrong With Open Borders." Manjoo echoed Miron's sentiments, lamenting "an idea almost nobody in mainstream politics will address" and stated:

"I'm talking about opening up America's borders to everyone who wants to move here. Imagine not just opposing President Trump's wall but also opposing the nation's cruel and expensive immigration and bordersecurity apparatus in its entirety. Imagine radically shifting our stance toward outsiders from one of suspicion to one of warm embrace. Imagine that if you passed a minimal background check, you'd be free to live, work, pay taxes and die in the United States. Imagine moving from Nigeria to Nebraska as freely as one might move from Massachusetts to Maine."

Manjoo advocates for the 'vast expansion of immigration' noting that, "Economically and strategically, open borders isn't just a good plan — it's the only chance we've got." He views America as an aging nation with a stagnant population and projects that India and China, with their billions of people, will "outstrip American economic hegemony within two decades."

Finally, he asks, "How will we ever compete with such giants? The same way we always have: by inviting the world's most enthusiastic and creative people — including the people willing to walk here, to risk disease and degradation and death to land here — to live out their best life under liberty."⁴

Open border advocates consistently point to boosting the world's economy and relieving world poverty as a central element in their thinking.

A perfect example of such an argument is put forth by Bryan Caplan, professor of economics at George Mason University. In a November 2019 article in *Foreign Policy* magazine, titled "Open Borders Are a Trillion-Dollar Idea," he asserts:

"Tearing down all barriers to migration isn't crazy—it's an opportunity for a global boom. The world's nations, especially the world's richest nations, are missing an enormous chance to do well while doing good. The name of this massive missed opportunity... is 'open borders.' Critics of immigration often hyperbolically accuse their opponents of favoring open borders—a world where all nationalities are free to live and work in any nation they like. For most, that's an unfair label: They want more visas for high-skilled workers, family reunification, or refugees—not the end of immigration restrictions. In my case, however, this accusation is no overstatement. I think that free trade in labor is a massive missed opportunity. Open borders are not only just but the most promising shortcut to global prosperity.

To see the massive missed opportunity of which I speak, consider the migration of a low-skilled Haitian from Port-au-Prince to Miami. In Haiti, he would earn about \$1,000 per year. In Miami, he could easily earn \$25,000 per year. How is such upward mobility possible? Simply put: Human beings are much more productive in Florida than in Haiti—thanks to better government policies, better management, better technology, and much more. The main reason Haitians suffer in poverty is not because they are from Haiti but because they are in Haiti...

...But borders aren't just a missed opportunity for those stuck on the wrong side on (*sic*) them. If the walls come down, almost everyone benefits because immigrants sell the new wealth they create and the inhabitants of their new country are their top customers. As long as Haitians remain in Haiti, they produce next to nothing—and therefore do next to nothing to enrich the rest of the world. When they move, their productivity skyrockets—and so does their contribution to their new customers."

Caplan laments, "The central function of existing immigration laws is to prevent this wealth creation from happening—to trap human talent in low-productivity countries. Out of all the destructive economic policies known to man, nothing on Earth is worse. I'm not joking. Standard estimates say open borders would ultimately double humanity's wealth production. How is this possible? Because immigration sharply increases workers' productivity—and the world contains many hundreds of millions of would-be immigrants. Multiply a massive gain per person by a massive number of people and you end up with what the economist Michael Clemens calls "trillion-dollar bills on the sidewalk."⁵

What do all of the above arguments have in common? Miron, Manjoo and Caplan all speak of open borders as a giant cure-all for a huge number of the world's problems, with no mention of the huge negative consequences that will result from such a preposterous policy.

In line with most of those who argue for open borders they speak of how America built its wealth and success by taking in all people who wished to come here. They preach that if the U.S. would only revert to that successful policy of the past, it will work just as well today. What they fail to take into account, or even mention, is that today's U.S. population of 329 million is already stretching our nation's resources to the limits.

LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

The reality is that our nation is already overpopulated in terms of the long-range carrying capacity of its resources and environment and there are volumes of research to prove it.

Indeed, rather than go down the path to open borders, NPG holds that America needs a National Population Policy with the goal to slow, halt and eventually reverse population growth.

Perhaps the biggest question related to open borders is what kind of numbers are we talking about?

"How Many Would Really Come if the Borders Were Open?" is the title that addresses this question. Author Matthew Sussis of the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) answers this important question by analyzing a 2019 poll and proclaiming:

"A recent global Gallup poll found that 158 million adults around the world said they would migrate to the United States if they could. However, Gallup only polled adults, meaning the actual total number of people who would come to the United States is much larger because it would likely include children. Curiously, nowhere in the Gallup report are child family members mentioned. When one factors in a chain-migration multiplier, the number of potential migrants is much larger.

There are obviously a range of variables when it comes to guessing the full impact of the hypothetical migration of 158 million adults to the United States. Nonetheless, under different scenarios...we (CIS) estimate that anywhere from 386 to 703 million people around the globe (adults plus children) would migrate to the United States if they could.

Of course, as Gallup notes, the number of actual migrants tends to be much smaller than the number of potential migrants. Still, these eye-opening numbers highlight the risks of an open-borders scenario, where anyone who'd like to come to the United States with their family has that option."⁶

The core question of the population impact of open borders brings us to the heart of the matter – if America adopted open borders and was swarmed by 158 million people (using the low-ball estimate) in just a few years, it would be devastating. Facing such huge unsustainable population numbers, future generations of Americans would never be able to live a lifestyle comparable to that which we have today. As it presently stands, the U.S. Census Bureau projects America's population to hit 400 million around 2060. That number takes into account the present ebb and flow of immigration to the U.S. continuing over the next 40 years and reflects the fact that the bulk of the 70 million new people who would be added to 2020's estimate of 329 million will be immigrants. In short, our future population is already expected to be mainly immigration-driven without any major changes in the current system.

The reality is that too many people already reside within America's borders. This is evident daily in overcrowded cities and surrounding suburbs where ever-increasing traffic is strangling the quality of life – and in small towns which are constantly fighting back against powerful 'growth at any cost' factions.

With our country's population increasing each year, the growing numbers are putting huge pressures on a fast-deteriorating infrastructure that includes highways, bridges, and water and sewer pipes. At our present rate of population growth, we are paving over farmland, destroying forests and encroaching on wetlands and wildlife habitats at an alarming rate. And, the everpresent threat of future droughts looms large over huge swaths of both rural and urban communities, threatening the long-term ability of countless millions of Americans to tap into the key sustenance of life – water.

So, even not knowing 'when and if' today's open border advocates will ever get their way, the very idea that the U.S. could absorb and assimilate 158 million more people over a very short period of time is illogical. The calamitous nature of such a potential event should deter any reasonable person from pursuing the end goal of open borders.

Yet, millions of believers in open borders are more than willing to follow the Pied Pipers who play the open border tune – and their power and connections in driving our nation's policies toward that daunting target continue to increase, rather than abate.

In a speech delivered in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 2018, former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions summed up how pro-immigration proponents are not only seriously undermining our nation's deteriorating immigration system but are doing all they can to make sure it fails.

Sessions pointed out: "Meanwhile in Congress, efforts to end illegal immigration have been blocked at every turn. Any law enforcement policies are attacked by open borders radicals and well-paid lobbyists.

Every time something is proposed that would end illegal immigration it gets blocked. If it works, it gets blocked. If it doesn't work – if it won't end illegal immigration – then the elites and the Washington insiders are all for it.

...Our elites – who seem to think that they are also our betters – don't like our immigration system; they know they don't have the votes to change it – and so they have willingly embraced illegality. It is outrageous.

... There is no right or entitlement – legal or moral – to come to this country. Immigration is a privilege that the American people have chosen to grant in certain cases. And let me note how generous the American people are: we allow in 1.1 million legal immigrants on a path to citizenship every year. Another 700,000 come here explicitly for jobs. Another half a million come here to attend our universities and colleges.

But we've got a choice here. We either have open borders or we have laws. It's one or the other."⁷

In June 2018, countless thousands of immigrants arrived at America's Southern Border in pre-planned, "caravans" funded by open border groups that presented huge challenges to American officials. The temporary separation of children from their parents as they were processed into America's asylum system was played up in the media as a national crisis and fanned the flames of those who are determined to destroy America's present immigration system.

Brian Lonergan, the Director of Communications at the Immigration Reform Law Institute, took to the pages of *The Hill* newspaper with an article titled "Americans Have Been Played Again by Open Border Advocates" to expose how the open border lobby gains ground with each immigrant or border-related flare-up that hits America's headlines.

Lonergan sketched out how the open border lobby works by noting:

"Americans care about children. We get upset when we hear stories or see images of children in distress. The problem is, some in positions of power exploit that concern to achieve their political agendas. They use words and show images that don't reflect the truth.

This is happening on our southern border with reckless abandon. The Trump administration's immigration priorities are toppling the dysfunctional status quo in Washington, and the open borders lobby is fighting back by using a playbook that has served it well for many years. They just used it again with the children on the border crisis story with great success.

The playbook goes something like this: Identify an issue, in this case, the immigration laws whereby children of illegal aliens were housed separately while their parents' cases are being adjudicated. Then spread wild misrepresentations, sensationalism and flat-out lies about the targeted policy. Next, deploy fellow travelers in the media, entertainment and the pundit class to pile on manufactured outrage at the enforcers of such a purportedly sinister policy. After several days of scathing media coverage declaring the entire nation aghast at the policy, the president calms his panicstricken congressional allies and seeks to appease the angry mob.

It's played like a street hustler's card game, and the American people are starting to realize that they are the sucker in the game."⁸

Basically, Lonergan is making clear that the open border advocates are pretty much following Governor Lamm's rules on how to destroy America almost to the letter. He reminds us that today's failed immigration system has the U.S. caught in a never-ending cycle which, unless it is confronted and reversed, will only feed a never-ending series of future immigration crises that may ultimately lead to open borders.

In her new book, *Open Borders, Inc.: Who's Funding America's Destruction?*, author Michelle Malkin puts forth an invaluable expose of America's present broken immigration system which, as it continues to deteriorate and spin out of control, only serves to give solace to those who are waiting on the sidelines for it to totally collapse – so that they can eventually succeed in their quest for open borders.

She contends: "We cannot be responsible hosts when our immigration and entrance system is in shambles. Homeland security officials and inspectors general have warned for decades that our consular offices are filled with corrupt and incompetent clerks; our computer systems are outdated; criminal background checks have been abandoned wholesale; the deportation and removal apparatus has been sabotaged by pro-illegal immigration ideologues; and our southern border is overrun by drug cartel violence, human trafficking and misery.

We already grant one million legal permanent residencies to people from around the world every year. That's expected to increase to 10.5 million green cards by 2025. Add in between 11 million and 30 million aliens here illegally, along with an estimated annual influx of 70,000 asylees; 500,000 foreign students; nearly 700,000 total foreign guest workers (skilled and unskilled, plus their spouses, many of whom are allowed to work here as well); plus more than 350,000 foreign high school and university students, researchers, physicians, and summer work travelers on J-1 exchange visitor visas; 66,000 visas for nonagricultural temporary foreign workers; and 117,000 slots for seasonal agricultural workers."⁹

Yet, the core message that fills the pages of Malkin's book stresses three words: "Follow the Money."

Researcher Kevin Lamb did precisely that. In an article that appeared in *The Social Contract Press* in 2008, Lamb found that:

"When it comes to advancing goals, objectives, and agendas, groups that are well organized, and consequently well-funded, will eventually triumph over the unorganized, underrepresented, and underfunded. This is the overall truism that emerges from examining the organizational structure and effectiveness of successful interest groups. The same can be said of the organizations that comprise the open-borders network. No matter how actively engaged grassroots, patriotic Middle Americans are in trying to individually register their views by writing their congressman or publishing letters to the editor of their local newspaper or simply casting a vote, in a pluralistic representative democracy such activities are no match for the well-organized, open-borders network and ethnic-immigrant lobbies. Those who remain unorganized will eventually find themselves outmatched and politically outmaneuvered by well- organized adversaries...

...As the population of the U.S. becomes ethnically more diverse, notably in the wake of the immigration reforms of the mid-1960s, ethnic-based immigrant activists have mobilized their constituency to network with other organized interest groups on the radical Left to influence policy decisions in the U.S. and other Western democracies. Even though ethnic-immigrant groups constitute one fraction of the greater orbit of organized lobbies (whether civic, religious, political, social, or cultural), these groups network across the social, cultural, and political divide in shoring up mutual interests (business, corporate, and labor) to advance their agenda of a world without borders."¹⁰

In his research, Lamb found that William Hawkins and Erin Anderson, authors of The Open Borders Lobby, identify the ideological agenda behind the push for open borders: "The concept of 'open borders' has long been an agenda of the ideological left. Since the 1960s, a vast network including hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of grassroots activists, backed by hundreds of millions of dollars from leftwing foundations, has waged a sustained campaign to open America's borders to a mass migration from the Third World. Though these groups talk in terms of 'human rights,' the rights they demand are not the restrictions on government enshrined in the American Bill of Rights, but the claims on society for 'equity' and 'welfare' and special treatment for designated groups that are the familiar menu of the left and would, if enacted, amount to a revolution in America's existing social order."11

An example of the so-called "rights" pushed by open border backers was clearly spelled out in a "demand" letter published by Pueblo Sin Fronteras [People Without Borders] in March 2018, as a caravan formed in Central America began its journey toward the U.S. southern border. Michelle Malkin used some of their text in her excellent book, *Open Borders, Inc.: Who's Funding America's Destruction?* That communication brazenly stated:

"We are a group of people from different nations, religions, genders, gender expressions, and sexual orientations migrating and seeking refuge. We seek to become one collective, supporting each other shoulder to shoulder and demonstrating that by uniting we can abolish borders...

...We demand of Mexico and the United States:

That they respect our rights as refugees and our right to dignified work to be able to support our families

That they open the borders to us because we are as much citizens as the people of the countries where we are and/or travel

That deportations, which destroy families, come to an end

No more abuses against us as migrants

Dignity and justice

That the US government not end TPS [Temporary Protected Services] for those who need it

That the US government stop massive funding for the Mexican government to detain Central American migrants and refugees and to deport them

That these governments respect our rights under international law, including the right to free expression

That the conventions on refugee rights not be empty rhetoric"¹²

Pueblo Sin Fronteras is but one of countless immigration rights groups operating in the United States to undermine America's immigration policies and advance more pro-immigration ideas. A number of these are funded by George Soros, an activist billionaire who generously supports progressive and liberal political causes. Soros also funds the Open Society Foundations (OSF) whose tentacles extend to an ever-growing network of like-minded pro-immigration groups. In countless articles that tout the benefits that will accrue from open borders, proponents condemn America's current immigration system and offer open borders as a solution to all of the world's problems, including hunger, poverty, inequality and injustice. Without realizing it, big business and its supporting economists simultaneously call for growth as a solution to all our problems. Apparently, both groups believe in perpetual growth, which is a mathematical absurdity on a finite planet. There must be limits.

NPG's decades of research, along with that of dozens of other organizations, shows that human population and consumption in the United States and the world are already far too large and are destroying the natural systems that support us. We must eventually stabilize both U.S. and world population size, so that they are sustainable indefinitely.

There is little doubt that the debate over the U.S. becoming a nation of open borders will continue for many years to come. But as these arguments take shape, they cannot remain silent on the issue of overpopulation. Both issues are intimately and inextricably connected.

Today, even with all of the chaos that surrounds our immigration system we basically have a general check on the number of foreigners who arrive and leave our nation. However, we can't forget the fact that just 50 years ago, when our immigration system was strong and effective, we had a much tighter rein on things and few people envisioned that it would all fall apart.

Here in the early years of the 21st century, we live in a time when the estimated number of illegal immigrants who reside within our borders spans a 'guess' of somewhere between 8 million and 30 million. Such numbers are driven by the failure of our nation's leaders to answer citizens' demands for our government to adopt stronger asylum policies, put an immediate end to sanctuary cities, better monitor the comings and goings of those who hold business, student and tourist visas, pass E-Verify, and finally clarify who should receive protection under birthright citizenship rules.

Continued complacency in ignoring these serious issues will only lead to an ever-increasing flow of individuals and families – not only from Mexico and Central America but from around the world – who are willing to illegally enter our nation, settle in, and expect an ever-weakened U.S. immigration system to never track them down and deport them. Such actions can only be applauded by open border advocates, because with each new arrival that goes unchallenged, we essentially sow the seeds for fully opening our nation's borders – and confirm that Governor Lamm was right on target when he made clear how America will be destroyed. One point that Governor Lamm missed in his forecast was how America's mainstream media has totally shifted away from defining our nation's immigration system in a positive light to giving the proimmigration forces a huge platform to advance their message and arguments.

In an NPG Forum Paper titled *Looking Ahead* published in 2019, author Peter Seidel put forth this insight which fits perfectly when it comes to open borders:

"If you are driving down a road at 60 miles an hour and suddenly notice that you are headed straight for a tree, it is good to know this so that you can do something about it. Information about the future we are headed for as a planet is readily available, and makes it clear that it is filled with dangers we can do something about. What we are doing now will affect the lives of our grandchildren and those who will follow them. What kind of a world are we going to leave them as a result of the way we live today? A caring person would quickly change direction for their sake. One would think that responsible, rational governments would be concerned about future generations and look into this, but they limit their thinking to the next few years, and then primarily to economics."¹³

As the recent Gallup poll, cited at the beginning of this paper, showed – the majority of Americans presently believe we should have more secure borders and only a fourth of them opted for open borders. However, just as few people foresaw the collapse of our nation's immigration system only a few decades ago, we cannot ignore the fact that the open border forces are only going to get stronger and stronger. We must not let them win!

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