The Racism Inherent in Current Immigration Laws and Policies

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I Prosecuted Terrorists for President Bush. Now My Family in Iran May Be Banned From Visiting.

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ST. LOUIS — In 1977, when I was 2 years old, my family and I moved from Iran to America so that my father could pursue his doctorate in chemistry at Michigan State University. Two years later, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power and Iran was no longer the country my family knew. We stayed in the United States, becoming permanent residents and
Christopher Columbus arriving in the New World, 1492 (1817-1826). Artist: Bonatti
Between 2016 and 2019, annual net immigration into the United States fell by almost half, to about 600,000 people per year — a level not seen since the 1980s...

To scare people from bringing their families over the border, Jeff Sessions, the attorney general at the time, said, “We need to take away children.” It made no difference how young they were.

In Barack Obama’s last year as president, the ceiling for refugee admissions was 110,000. For the current fiscal year, it’s 15,000.
What about FAIR?

In the wake of a major push for immigration reform from both political parties in the United States, politicians and major figures on the right are re-examining their relationship with the anti-immigrant movement. A close examination of the history of the movement reveals another reason for politicians to distance themselves: key members of the anti-immigrant movement have promoted eugenics – the practice of selective breeding with the aim of “race betterment,” a policy practiced by the Nazis.

John Tanton, the architect of the modern day anti-immigrant movement, wrote a paper in 1975 titled, “The Case for Passive Eugenics.” In the paper, Tanton promotes a “passive” form of eugenics, which he clearly considered more palatable to the public. He cited as an example the practice of “restricting childbearing to the years of maximum reproductive efficiency, between the ages of 20 and 35.” In the paper, Tanton also noted, “Hitler’s reign in Nazi Germany did little to advance the discussion of eugenics among sensitive persons.” Tanton later formed a pro-eugenics organization, the Society for Genetic Education (SAGE).
What about FAIR?

A radical anti-immigration group infiltrated the GOP.

Now it’s in the White House.
CATO: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIMES THAN ONES WHO CAME LEGALLY
**MYTH:** Immigrants are taking over  
**FACT:** Immigrants actually only account for 13.5% of the total U.S. population, which is in line with historical norms.

**MYTH:** Immigrants are all Mexican  
**FACT:** 30% of immigrants come from Asia, and currently more are coming from China than Mexico.

**MYTH:** Immigrants don't work  
**FACT:** 72.5% of immigrants believe hard work is how you succeed in America and are responsible for half of the total U.S. labor force growth over the last decade.

**MYTH:** Immigrants don't help the economy  
**FACT:** Immigrant-owned businesses with employees have an average of 11 employees.
**MYTH:** Immigrants take American jobs  
**FACT:** 7.6% of immigrants were self-employed compared to 5.6% of native-born Americans and they founded more than 40% of Fortune 500 companies.

**MYTH:** Immigrants are too young or old to work  
**FACT:** More than 70% of immigrants are between the ages of 25 and 64 compared to less than 50% of native-born Americans. By 2035, the working age of immigrants will increase by 18 million.

**MYTH:** Immigrants take advantage of welfare  
**FACT:** 62.2% of immigrants aged 16 and older were employed compared to 58.1% of native-born Americans.

**MYTH:** Immigrants aren’t educated  
**FACT:** Recent immigrants are more likely to have college degrees than native-born Americans and are more likely to have advanced degrees.
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Source: FactSet (market cap), Kleiner Perkins (companies)
• Closed family detention centers (as a result of suit)
• Released families under ISAP after clearing background checks
• 99% appearance rate
• $17 a day vs. $150-$700

• Highest deportation rate
• Focus on public safety risks
How to Become a Citizen
Realities of Family Immigration

The Visa Bulletin

Current Visa Bulletin: October 2020

Upcoming Visa Bulletin: Coming Soon
Limited in Relation and Number

FAMILY-SPONSORED PREFERENCES

First: (F1) Unmarried Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens: 23,400 plus any numbers not required for fourth preference.

Second: Spouses and Children, and Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents: 114,200, plus the number (if any) by which the worldwide family preference level exceeds 226,000, plus any unused first preference numbers:

A. (F2A) Spouses and Children of Permanent Residents: 77% of the overall second preference limitation, of which 75% are exempt from the per-country limit;

B. (F2B) Unmarried Sons and Daughters (21 years of age or older) of Permanent Residents: 23% of the overall second preference limitation.

Third: (F3) Married Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens: 23,400, plus any numbers not required by first and second preferences.

Fourth: (F4) Brothers and Sisters of Adult U.S. Citizens: 65,000, plus any numbers not required by first three preferences.
## Crazy Delays

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Asylum

Suffered past persecution or has a well-founded fear on account of a protected ground

- Race
- Religion
- Nationality
- Political opinion
- Membership in a particular social group

1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees
Was There a Crisis?

2017 - 303,916
Lowest since 1971
Unaccompanied Children
(g) **Definitions** As used in this section—

(1) the term “placement” means the placement of an unaccompanied alien child in either a detention facility or an alternative to such a facility; and

(2) the term “unaccompanied alien child” means a child who—

(A) has no lawful immigration status in the United States;

(B) has not attained 18 years of age; and

(C) with respect to whom—

(i) there is no parent or legal guardian in the United States; or

(ii) no parent or legal guardian in the United States is available to provide care and physical custody.
**Flores v. Reno (1997)**

1. The government is required to release children from immigration detention without unnecessary delay to, in order of preference, parents, other adult relatives, or licensed programs willing to accept custody.

2. If a suitable placement is not immediately available, the government is obligated to place children in the “least restrictive” setting appropriate to their age and any special needs.

3. The government must implement standards relating to the care and treatment of children in immigration detention.
Justice Dept. to halt legal-advice program for immigrants in detention

Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen Announcement on Temporary Protected Status for El Salvador

Trump mulling charging immigrants a fee for applying for asylum: report
Matter of A-B-, Respondent

Decided by Attorney General June 11, 2018

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General

Generally, claims by aliens pertaining to domestic violence or gang violence perpetrated by non-governmental actors will not qualify for asylum.¹
Trump Administration to Deny Visas to Same-Sex Partners of Diplomats, U.N. Officials
Jack H. Weil, a longtime immigration judge who is responsible for training other judges, made the assertion in sworn testimony in a deposition in federal court in Seattle. His comments highlighted the plight of thousands of juveniles who are forced to defend themselves each year in immigration court amid a surge of children from Central America who cross the southwestern U.S. border.

“I’ve taught immigration law literally to 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds,” Weil said. “It takes a lot of time. It takes a lot of patience. They get it. It’s not the most efficient, but it can be done.”