

# **An Epidemic of Anchor Babies**

by Jeff Davidson

Three years ago this coming April, testimony before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security revealed that between 350,000 and 400,000 children are born annually to an illegal-alien mother, residing in the United States. Nationwide, this total represents as many as one in ten births.

As of 2010, four out of five children of illegal aliens residing in the U.S. were born here – some 4 million kids. Said another way, 4,000,000 anchor babies in the U.S., in a family of only four, means that perhaps as many as 16,000,000 people benefit from deportation immunity. Is this what the 14th Amendment is all about? Did you get to vote on this fundamental transformation of American society? How about the many millions more illegals, as well, having babies here?

## **The Welfare Crush**

According to the Congressional Information Service, in 2009, 71 percent of illegal-alien headed households with children received some type of welfare, compared with 39 percent of native-headed houses with children. Illegal immigrants typically access welfare programs via their U.S. born children, to whom government programs and assistance are guaranteed. What's more, American-born children of illegal aliens are currently entitled to American health care, public schools, and other amenities, while these same illegal-alien households rarely, if ever, pay taxes.

Personally, I think it's admirable when legal immigrants from other cultures influence the existing U.S. citizenry in positive ways. Concurrently, the "nation of

immigrants" or "xenophobia" arguments used by some to justify the staggering toll of anchor babies and their families is disingenuous and widely misses the mark.

Likewise is attempting to enforce PC language, as in shunning terms such as "anchor babies," while ignoring reality: A nation that does not serve its own citizens is *not* a nation, it is something else.

### **A Nation, Not a Polyglot Boarding House**

Any immigration plan must improve jobs, wages, and security for all Americans.

A nation without borders is not a nation. A nation without laws is not a nation. Laws passed in accordance with our Constitutional system of government must be enforced.

Theodore Roosevelt once said "This is a nation -- not a polyglot boarding house. There is not room in the country for any 50-50 American, nor can there be but one loyalty -- to the Stars and Stripes."

We are a nation with \$122.7 trillion in debt and unfunded liabilities, and despite record employment figures in the last two years, we still have multi-millions of adults not in the workforce. We need an immigration moratorium or, at least, a reduction in immigration for a while, and not to have the floodgates be open.

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