



* Floating island capital of Earth conceived of by Troy Davis.
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THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE

Now imagine the opposite. Imagine if our world were the United States of Earth. All the world's states would be balanced in infrastructure. All the World's citizens would be free to cross any border. No more stateless refugees fleeing genocide, third world poverty and war. No more fears of mega-cities being incinerated in a nuclear holocaust. No more preemptive strikes by crusading nations or suicide bombers killing in the name of their tribal God. No more trillion dollar defense budgets to prepare for the next great battle of Earth and no more war on terror.

Picture a world system of parks, protecting the Amazon rain-forest from further development and other natural treasures that should be saved for future generations to enjoy. Imagine a world culture and universal second language for world citizens so we can all understand each other and communicate effectively.

Until we come to a collective realization that leads us to understand the root cause of our

problems, we will be like someone trying to keep the Titanic from sinking with buckets. We may delay the inevitable for a little while until everyone eventually goes down together. What better way to avoid this scenario than to truly comprehend the reasons why we are having problems with a flood of illegal immigrants.

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"The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?"

-- Pablo Casals

"The first day or so we all pointed to our countries. The third or fourth day we were pointing to our continents. By the fifth day, we were aware of only one Earth."

-- Sultan bin Salman Al-Saud, astronaut

"If the name of the country has such a nature as to create bonds between those who have a common country, why do not men resolve then that the earth should become the country of all?"

-- Desiderius Erasmus

Deporting illegal aliens to solve the immigration problem is about as effective as trying to remove flood water on the Titanic with buckets. Each method just looks at the surface situation but fails to address the root cause. Immigrants will continue flowing into America by the droves because what they are trying to escape never changes; a world of imbalances that threaten to sink our Earth ship. Until these holes in our world are repaired, they will continue to create vast numbers of stateless people prepared to go anywhere for a better life.

It may be argued that these problems have always been with humanity and so it is hopeless to seek solutions. This argument can be refuted by seeing the success various nations have had solving these problems within their own borders.

In the United States, we don't have to worry about California waging a preemptive strike on West Louisiana. We don't have to worry about millions of refugees fleeing South Dakota to escape a horrendous genocide. There's no fears of brutal dictators in the mid-west crushing opposition parties seeking democratic reform.

