Why Is Bush So Stubborn?

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As President Bush's poll numbers drop dramatically even among his base, the question most frequently asked by angry Republicans is, why, oh why, is Bush so stubbornly rejecting the advice of his supporters even though that advice is consistent with the thunderous message from public opinion surveys? The reliable Rasmussen survey, for example, reports that by a 63 percent to 19 percent margin, voters want legislation that controls the borders before trying to change the status of illegal aliens.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger encapsuled the typical reaction to Bush's televised speech: "I have not heard the president say that our objective is to secure the borders no matter what it takes. That's what I want to hear."

Bush's dogmatic statement that we can't stop aliens from illegally entering our country unless legislation is packaged "together" with a guest-worker program is a non sequitur, nonsense, and untrue. So what gives?

Grassroots Republicans are speculating about explanations for Bush's behavior: (a) Bush prides himself on being a man of his word and he gave his word to Vicente Fox that he would never stop the migration of Mexicans into the United States; (b) Bush made a faustian bargain with the big-money guys who raised more political money in 2000 than all other Republicans combined in order to nominate and elect

him president; (c) Bush is a globalist at heart and wants to carry out his father's oft-repeated ambition of a "new world order"; (d) Bush meant what he said, at Waco in March 2005, when he announced his plan to convert the United States into a "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America" by erasing our borders with Canada and Mexico.

Bush's guest-worker proposal would turn the United States into a boarding house for the world's poor, enable employers to import an unlimited number of "willing workers" at foreign wage-levels, and wipe out what's left of the American middle class.

Bush lives in a House well protected by a fence and security guards (and he associates with rich people who live in gated communities). Yet for five years he has refused to protect the property and children of ordinary Arizona citizens from trespassers and criminals.

Much attention has been paid to Bush's proposal to legalize the illegals currently in the United States (estimated at 10 to 20 million). Despite his denial of the A word, friends and foes alike recognize this as amnesty.

However, amnesty for 10 to 20 million is almost a drop in the bucket compared to the mammoth legalization of immigrants hiding under the deceitful words "temporary" and "guest-worker." Those words are lies because the workers are not temporary and not guests.

We are indebted to the Heritage Foundation for its stunning report proving that the so-called 614-page "compromise" bill just passed by the Senate is a stealth open borders bill that would import into our country permanently and put on the path to citizenship at least 66 million people, with the actual number rising to at least twice that number when they bring in their relatives. Every category of legal immigration will be quadrupled or quintupled, and the racket called family chain migration will be dramatically expanded.

The so-called temporary workers in their fourth year will get the right to remain in the United States permanently if they have learned English OR are enrolled in an English class, and after five years will get the right to become a U.S. citizen who can vote in U.S. elections. At the same time, the guest worker's spouse and children, without any numeric limits, will get legal permanent residence and citizenship.

After the so-called temporaries and their spouses become citizens, they acquire the right to bring in their parents as permanent residents on the path to citizenship. Siblings and adult children and their families will be given preference in future admissions.

In the words of the author of the Heritage report, Robert Rector, this is "the most monumental bill ever considered" and its mindboggling costs would be the largest-ever expansion of taxpayer-paid social benefits. Adding these millions to Medicaid, and adding their parents to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, will become staggering entitlement costs.

The Senate bill would make 25 percent of our population foreign born within 20 years (most of them high school dropouts), and the United States as we know it would no longer exist. It is impossible in so short a time to assimilate a hundred million people whose native culture does not respect the Rule of Law, self-government, private property, or the sanctity of contracts, and where they are accustomed to an economy based on bribery and controlled by a small, rich ruling class that keeps most of the people in dire poverty.