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Invasion, USA?

Since President Joe Biden took office in January of 2021, U.S. Border Patrol agents have encountered an estimated eight million illegal immigrants along our border with Mexico. Rather than being prevented from entering the United States, those "migrants" were brought in and processed, and ordered to attend a court hearing at some later date. In other words, they're in the country to stay unless they get caught committing a violent crime (and even then, deportation is not assured). And those eight million are only the illegal border crossers that were apprehended by Border Patrol. The true number is undoubtedly higher.

Most of these illegal migrants are entering the United States through Texas, which is calling this wave of illegal immigration an "invasion." Since the Biden administration has been derelict in its constitutional duty to protect the states from invasion, the state is taking matters into its own hands. Governor Greg Abbott ordered floating barriers to be put in the Rio Grande and concertina wire set up along the land border to deter would-be illegal migrants. Biden ordered Border Patrol to cut the wire, and the Supreme Court sided with Sleepy Joe against Abbott, who then ordered the Texas National Guard to stop Border Patrol agents from cutting the wire. Many Republican-led states have said they stand with Texas. Something of a Mexican standoff has since ensued, and neither side has blinked at the time of this writing.

Is Texas right? Is this really an invasion? Put simply, the migrants in question are crossing the border illegally and not at ports of entry. Many come for nefarious purposes, crossing the border illegally because they have illegal intentions in our country, such as drug or human trafficking. Furthermore, this modern wave of mass migration is unlike anything America has experienced in the past. The immigration waves coming from Europe in the late 19th and early 20th centuries were *legal*, and those immigrants came here because they wanted to be Americans and carve out a new life for themselves in a free country. Now, instead of the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free," we see the huddled masses yearning for a more comfortable life with better economic prospects and a promise of government assistance. What's more, many of today's illegal immigrants have no intention of assimilating. And why should we expect them to, when their first act upon setting foot in our country is breaking our immigration laws? Based on these factors, one may safely argue that, yes, this wave of illegal immigration is an invasion.

The Lone Star State argues, correctly, that the federal government is tasked by the U.S. Constitution with protecting the states from invasion. If the feds won't stop an invasion, who will? Texas is well within its rights as a state in the Union to protect its border with Mexico if the U.S. government won't do it. And ignoring federal orders when those orders are unconstitutional is simply the act of *nullification*, which our Founding Fathers supported.

Our nation cannot maintain its cultural and political integrity when flooded with millions of people of a different culture, ignorant of our political system, who have no desire to assimilate. In a very real sense, our country is being transformed into merely a large spot on the map, with no real identity or distinct culture, and no functioning borders. A nation without borders is no real nation at all.

The issue, at its core, is one of *sovereignty*. Our nation (including the states that make up our nation) needs to reclaim its sovereignty and enforce its immigration laws. In this issue of *The New American*, we examine the situation at the Texas border, and look at the history of nullification as a remedy to





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federal overreach. *The New American*, along with its parent organization, The John Birch Society, has been working to educate Americans about the <u>dangers of illegal immigration</u> and the <u>power of nullification</u>. Let's get involved and do our part to help save our country from invasion.



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