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## Letters to the Editor

### Imprecise Label for Invaders

As a 23-year member of The John Birch Society (which is the parent company of The New American magazine), I have observed that The New American, like many mainstream publications, has begun calling those folks who have broken our entry laws “illegal immigrants,” instead of “illegal aliens.” In the dictionary, an “alien” is described as “owing political allegiance to another country or government.”

At least The New American has not yet resorted to calling those who illegally cross our borders “undocumented workers.”

John P. Fitts

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### Illogical Illegal Immigration

Illegal aliens commit a crime by entering the country. If you think that was the only crime they committed, think again. These people are not the cream of the crop, pouring in by the millions.

I am not speaking about street crime. I am talking about document fraud, fiscal fraud, and voter fraud. The things about which I am aware and the things I have witnessed turn my stomach. They generally include hands (illegally) in American pockets.

This is why illegal aliens appeal to progressives. They are fodder, easy to groom (brainwash and propagandize) as progressive voters, and demanders of progressive handout programs.

So-called progressives ask immigrants, Do you have free healthcare? Do you have free college tuition? Do you have free food and cellphones? Do you have a new car, home, clothes? Do you deserve to live comfortably? And the politicians do their best to provide as many handouts as they can, in return for votes.

If aliens have been living by committing crime after crime, how do they justify any claim to rights? They could have come in legally. They chose illegality. They got away with it, but that is no justification for the bestowing of any right.

Six generations ago my ancestors came to America *legally*, and my family has worked like dogs without government handouts. We survived poverty and hunger through the Depression (without food stamps, rental subsidies, cellphones, public healthcare, a car, or new clothes). We subsisted, and were tremendously grateful to be in America, though we lived through hell and high water (literally, we had to evacuate through a street floor window into a canoe).

How can anyone dare try to equate these two paths to citizenship as equally valid? Citizens are upstanding individuals, not criminals.

Americans have needs: jobs, housing, cars, education, healthcare, etc. We should help our own, not criminals. Progressives don't want this; they want brainwashed, propagandized voters.

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## **General Mattis Should Not Be Secretary of Defense**

On December 5, 2001, men from the 5th Special Forces Group's operational detachment Alpha-574 (ODA 574) were at a location called Shawali Kowt, Afghanistan, when a penetrating JDAM (smart bomb) impacted near their position, killing three and injuring 25 American soldiers.

Nearby (a 40-minute helicopter ride) was located Camp Rhino with a detachment of mobile expeditionary unit Marines under the command of General James Mattis. When he was made aware of the incident at Shawali Kowt by men from Special Forces, General Mattis refused to immediately authorize a rescue mission to medevac American casualties — he waited several hours to give permission.

Mattis should not be secretary of defense, a position in which he is responsible for all of our nation's armed forces and the defense of our great nation. The cornerstone of warrior ethos is to never, under any circumstances, leave a fallen comrade.

The men of ODA 574 who made the ultimate sacrifice, their families, and our country deserve better.

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