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## Inside Track

### Deporting Illegals Now Almost Impossible, ICE Chief Admits

It appears that illegal aliens present in the United States now and still crossing the border will prevail in their fight to stay in the country.

The reason? Sheer numbers. More than one million illegals have deportation orders but won't be leaving anytime soon, says Matt Albence, acting chief of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

ICE is so overwhelmed that removing illegals who jumped the border during the invasion of the last two years will take nearly a century-and-a-half, he told the House Appropriations Committee on March 11.

ICE detains just 1.5 percent of illegal aliens, he said, and, frighteningly enough, his testimony suggests that those with removal orders have nothing to fear.

Albence said that ICE arrested 2,500 noncriminal fugitives last year. "If we do that, based on just the numbers that came in the last two years, it would take us about 140 years to clear up that backlog."

Noting that just 10 percent of asylum claims are approved, which means 90 percent are phony, Albence told the committee that illegals know they won't be detained, a complaint border officials have made for more than a year, particularly during last year's surge. That deluge peaked at more than 140,000 for May.

"So this is not about asylum, this is about the release," Albence said. "Most of these individuals want to come here because they know regardless if they get a removal order, regardless if they show up to court, if they don't have a detention bed at the time the removal order is issued, the likelihood of them actually being removed from the country is nil."

Apart from President Trump reinstating something akin to President Dwight Eisenhower's Operation Wetback, a mass deportation carried out regardless of lawsuits from the Left and their sympathetic judges, the illegal immigrants will be here forever.

By R. Cort Kirkwood

### Tesla CEO Elon Musk: "You Don't Need College to Learn Stuff"

During a question-and-answer portion of the Satellite 2020 conference in Washington on March 9, Elon Musk, the founder of SpaceX and CEO of Tesla, said, "You don't need college to learn stuff." He continued, "Everything is available basically for free. You can learn anything you want for free. It is not a question of learning."

Musk described college as a bunch of "annoying homework assignments." "I think colleges are basically for fun and to prove you can do your chores, but they're not for learning," Musk said, receiving applause from an appreciative audience.

Musk stated that he made sure Tesla's recruiting material didn't specify that the company requires a college degree, calling the prerequisite "absurd."

"But there is a requirement of 'evidence of exceptional ability.' I don't consider going to college



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evidence of exceptional ability,” Musk said. “In fact, ideally, you dropped out and did something. If you look at like, you know, [Bill] Gates is a pretty smart guy; he dropped out. [Steve] Jobs, pretty smart — he dropped out. Larry Ellison, smart guy — he dropped out. Like, obviously not needed. Did Shakespeare even go to college? Probably not.”

In 1995, Musk commenced work on a Ph.D. in energy physics/materials science at Stanford University in California. However, eager to pursue opportunities in the Internet boom, he dropped out after just two days to launch his first company, Zip2 Corporation.

During his early years in the business world, Musk demonstrated exceptional skill as an entrepreneur, founding the online payment company X.com, which merged with Confinity to become PayPal. This venture made him a billionaire.

However, Musk eventually discovered a more surefire way to business success: lobbyists and government subsidies.

That being said, an August 2019 study conducted by The Harris Poll for TD Ameritrade showed that almost half (49 percent) of young millennials said their college degree was “very or somewhat unimportant” to their current job.

By Warren Mass

## **Greece Battles Migrant Wave From Turkey With Giant Concrete Blocks**

It’s not exactly the Battle of Thermopylae. But Greece is again under siege, this time by Mideast migrants given free rein by the Turkish government. The main prize isn’t Greece, though, but wealthy, welfare-state nations such as Germany and Sweden. And contrary to immigrationist spin, Voice of Europe noted in March that the migrants aren’t desperate Syrian war refugees but are mainly (96 percent) economic opportunists seeking Western handouts.

While people are preoccupied with Wuhan virus sickness, largely ignored is that Turkey’s president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan — who has called Europe a “sick man” — has been trying to make it a bit sicker in his own way. Not only has he been following through on a threat to allow Mideast migrants to flood toward Europe over the EU’s supposed failure to pay Turkey a six-billion-euro bribe to keep the migrants in his country, but his troops have actually fired tear gas at Greek police defending their own land. Meanwhile, Greece isn’t backing down, but is doubling down and fortifying its border all the more.

“This now includes not just an ongoing militarized response on the Greek side to keep thousands from crossing illegally, but reportedly now erecting huge concrete blocks at key land crossings,” Zero Hedge reported March 15. “The completely shuttered border crossings with Turkey are beginning to resemble war zones akin to WWI trenches and fortifications.”

“For weeks since Erdoğan said he had in an act of retribution aimed at uncooperative EU states ‘opened the gates’ on hundreds of thousands of [supposedly] Syrian refugees from Idlib seeking entry into Europe, the border situation has seen running battles between throngs of migrants and Greek border guards,” the site continued.

The good news is that some in Europe are not just being “woke” but are waking up, as evidenced by Greece’s border defense. It’s high time, too, because the Wuhan virus won’t kill a whole civilization —



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but demographic jihad certainly can.

By Selwyn Duke

## **COVID-19 Causing Americans to Favor Universal Healthcare, Poll Finds**

Proving that crises, whether real or perceived, usually redound to the state's benefit, a new poll finds that over half of Democrats — and a significant number of Republicans — are more inclined to favor universal healthcare as a result of the current coronavirus scare.

The Morning Consult poll, conducted March 12-13, surveyed 2,201 adults across the United States between March 12 and March 13. Among other things, respondents were asked, "Has the coronavirus outbreak made you more or less likely to support universal health care proposals, where all Americans would get their health insurance from the government?"

Over a quarter (26 percent) of those surveyed said they were "much more likely" to support universal healthcare, while 15 percent said they were "somewhat more likely" to favor it. Nearly three-fifths of Democrats said they were either somewhat (20 percent) or much more (39 percent) likely to support it. A full quarter of Republicans said they had become more disposed to national health insurance because of COVID-19, with 14 percent of them claiming to be much more likely to support it than they had been before. Among Americans who approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing, 26 percent said they now view universal healthcare more favorably.

The poll went into great detail about respondents' age, sex, ethnicity, religion, and so on. Few of the results would shock anyone familiar with American politics, though some might be mildly surprised to learn, for instance, just how many evangelical Christians (35 percent) and self-identified conservatives (23 percent) say COVID-19 has pushed them in the direction of universal healthcare.

Is Americans' newfound faith in universal healthcare justified, particularly as it relates to combating COVID-19? Columnist Matthew Tanous says no. In fact, he noted in a March 13 column for the Mises Wire that countries with free market healthcare have performed much better in fighting the virus than those with government health insurance — and without the alleged need for draconian restrictions on personal liberty.

By Michael Tennant



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