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Betraying America: Foreigners Displace 7K U.S. Doctors Yearly With TAXPAYER-FUNDED Residencies

“They’re just doing jobs Americans won’t do,” is what the foreign-worker enablers say. But is “physician” one of these jobs, too?

This question could be asked with shocking congressional testimony informing that *thousands* of American doctors are being passed over for taxpayer-funded residencies — at the same time, more than 4,000 such opportunities were given to foreign nationals last year alone.

Kevin Lynn, head of Progressives for Immigration Reform, revealed this bombshell Tuesday to the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. Speaking on behalf of his organization’s Doctors Without Jobs (DWJ) project, Lynn testified that the U.S. physician shortage is “of our own making.”

“Each year, over 7,000 U.S. citizens and lawful permanent resident medical graduate physicians, which includes seniors and prior-year graduates, do not match for a medical residency,” he [explained](#). All of these individuals “are qualified, ready and willing doctors who have been sidelined and are waiting to serve their communities now.”

Lynn then [stated](#) moments later that despite this, in 2021

4,356 noncitizen foreign-trained physicians received residencies in the U.S. This is an enormous increase from ten years prior when 2,721 foreign trained physicians received residencies. Between 2011 and 2021, more than 40,000 non-U.S. citizens/foreign-trained physicians were given U.S.-taxpayer-funded residencies.

... Each residency costs taxpayers about \$150,000 a year, so we are subsidizing foreign doctors. Many foreign-trained physicians arrive in the U.S. for residency training via the J-1 visa, a cultural exchange visa.

In addition, foreign trained physicians arrive via the H-1B visa program to work directly in hospitals. In 2020, 3,508 labor condition applications (LCAs) were filed for 4,252 workers for the occupation of medical doctor. Of those, 3,004 were approved. In addition, another 5,232 applications to extend from prior years were approved.

In contrast, “Every other country prioritizes its [own] citizens,” Lynn then lamented.

Adding further perspective, Congressman Tom McClintock (R-Calif.) noted in the hearing that “more than 10,000 American doctors remain unmatched for residencies, while about 10,000 healthcare



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workers have been fired in recent months over Chinese coronavirus vaccine mandates,” [relates](#) Breitbart.

“That’s 20,000 right there and yet we’re told the only answer is to import more foreign nationals,’ McClintock said,” the site continued.

Last year, DWJ created a short video spot (below) outlining the problem.

And in 2018, DWJ showcased the story of Dr. Doug Medina (testimonial below), who “graduated from medical school in 2011, passed the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination and was not offered a residency position,” to quote the video’s description.

The result of this phenomenon is that every year, “thousands of medical school graduates conclude their academic careers with virtually useless MD degrees,” Lynn [wrote](#) in an article last year. “In the process, they have incurred huge debt.... The median medical school debt for 2019 graduates was \$200,000, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. Residency application fees add to their debt burden.”

Consequently, some of these MDs end up driving for Uber or taking some other relatively low-paying job just survive. Some also contemplate suicide.

Lynn further pointed out, in his congressional testimony, that accepting foreign doctors hurts not just the United States but also poorer nations. After all, it leads to a “brain drain” in places such as India and sub-Saharan Africa.

Toward his testimony’s conclusion, Lynn addressed the bigger picture. “Every area of American endeavor has been impacted by the relentless importation of foreign workers,” he said. This started “with lower-paying work, seasonal hospitality workers, and then on to manufacturing jobs, to technology workers and now to our doctors, who have spent at least eight years and hundreds of thousands of dollars to practice the healing arts, a very specialized profession, only to be sidelined and saddled with debt they are unlikely to be able to pay off if they can’t practice medicine.”

In reality, Americans’ well-being is subordinated to that of foreigners at every turn today. Consider, for example, how it isn’t just that our government doles out approximately 65,000 H-1B visas yearly to foreigners so that Big Tech can acquire lower-wage employees. There’s also salt in this wound:

As I [reported in 2020](#), the displaced American workers are sometimes forced to *train their own replacements*, with the loss of severance packages a consequence for refusal.

The kicker is that this is apparently a violation of law, which [stipulates](#) that an H-1B-visa recruit can only be retained if it “will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of similarly employed U.S. workers.”

But none of this is surprising, as the Biden administration is facilitating even illegal migration. In fact, the feds are using [hundreds of millions in taxpayer money](#) to fly massive numbers of illegals into our country’s interior, all for the purposes of making our demographic landscape more favorable for statist Democrat politicians.

The even deeper issue is that this reflects a sea-change in too many Americans’ mentality. Consider: If an American-born-and-bred athlete, who had one parent who was a naturalized immigrant from the USSR, had decided to compete for the Soviet Union in a 1950s or ’60s Olympics, he would’ve become a pariah. Yet we currently have an equivalent situation with Eileen Gu, the California-born skier who decided to compete for our main geopolitical rival, China, in the Olympics. The difference is that she’s



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applauded in many quarters for indulging her “other” cultural affinity.

Whatever happened to President Teddy Roosevelt’s [sentiment](#) that “we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people”?

Globalism happened.

Owing to immigration-fired balkanization, multiculturalism, hate-America-first classroom indoctrination, and citizen-of-the-world-mentality inculcation, we’re less one cohesive people with a sense of nationhood than ever before. The result is that, today, a treasonous spirit is the pseudo-elite norm.

If you want to watch all the Tuesday Judiciary Committee testimony, the video is below.



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