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## Immigration Overload: Record 42.1 Million (Im)migrants in U.S.

Multiculturalists are fond of saying, “We’re a nation of immigrants” when the United States is actually, as is any healthy country, a nation of citizens. But if current trends continue, we may become a land of disparate and divided immigrants and not really a nation, which involves far more than a political boundary drawn on a map.

New information [released by the Census Bureau](#) shows that there are now a record 42.1 million immigrants and illegal migrants in this country; this means the two groups together comprise more than 13 percent of our 320 million population, the highest figure in 105 years. Moreover, the total im(migrant) population has exploded by 1.7 million just since 2014 — with *740,000 people pouring in from Mexico alone.*



With such out-of-control migration and the resulting demographic and cultural upheaval becoming ever more obvious, immigration has quickly been elevated to the number-one issue in the 2016 presidential campaign. In fact, businessman Donald Trump has become the GOP frontrunner simply by voicing the immigration concerns of millions of previously voiceless Americans.

With our record migrant population growing against the backdrop of another record — almost 94 million Americans are no longer in the labor force — many citizens are asking: Why are we importing foreign workers when many of our own countrymen are jobless? Is this just Wall Street trampling Main Street for corporate easy street? And it’s not just the low-skilled left in the lurch. Abuse of the [H1B-visa program](#) is allowing companies to replace high-skilled citizens with foreigners; in fact, some businesses (such as Disney) throw salt in the wound and actually [force](#) the pink-slipped Americans to *train their own replacements.*

Yet a country does not live on bread alone, and it is the deeper issues — that the rate of migration long ago exceeded the rate of assimilation — that makes many lose sleep. As pundit Pat Buchanan [wrote](#) just yesterday, using Europe as a warning and an example of a larger trend:

Will the West endure or disappear by the century’s end as another lost civilization? Mass immigration, if it continues, will be more decisive in deciding the fate of the West than Islamist terrorism. For the world is invading the West.

A wild exaggeration? Consider.

Monday’s *Washington Post* had a front-page story on an “escalating rash of violent attacks against refugees” in Germany, including arson attacks on refugee centers and physical assaults.



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Buried in the story was an astonishing statistic. Germany, which took in 174,000 asylum seekers last year, is on schedule to take in 500,000 this year. Yet Germany is smaller than Montana.

How long can a geographically limited and crowded German nation, already experiencing ugly racial conflict, take in half a million Third World people every year without tearing itself apart and changing the character of the nation forever?

Do we think the riots and racial wars will stop if more come?

The reality, though, is that Europe is merely following America's lead. And while it's certainly unfashionable today to talk about problems inherent in demographic upheaval, none other than liberal icon and "Lion of the Senate" Ted Kennedy tacitly acknowledged such problems. Just consider [comments he made](#) when pushing the nation-changing Hart-Celler Act, also known as the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965:

First, our cities will not be flooded with a million immigrants annually. Under the proposed bill, the present level of immigration remains substantially the same....

Secondly, the ethnic mix of this country will not be upset.... Contrary to the charges in some quarters, [the bill] will not inundate America with immigrants from any one country or area, or the most populated and deprived nations of Africa and Asia....

The bill will not flood our cities with immigrants. It will not upset the ethnic mix of our society. It will not relax the standards of admission. It will not cause American workers to lose their jobs.

Note that Kennedy didn't defend the bill by saying, "Our strength lies in our diversity" (that line was conjured up only when the demographic upheaval became too obvious to deny); he never said it would be a good thing. Rather, accepting the supposition it could be problematic, he claimed it would never happen.

Also note that whether or not Kennedy was lying, history now informs that *every one of his reassurances was an untruth*. Approximately 250,000 immigrants a year entered the United States before Hart-Celler; about 1,000,000 annually (not counting illegals) have come since it was passed. Ethnically, those of European descent constituted almost 90 percent of the 1965 population; today they're 63 percent and falling. This is because — again, contrary to Kennedy's claims — Hart-Celler created a situation in which 85 percent of our immigrants hail from the Third World and Asia. As for [inundation](#) "from any one country," 33 percent of our legal immigrants and 50 to 60 percent of illegals come from Mexico, 64 percent of American Hispanics have origins in that nation, and 34 million Mexican descent people live in the United States — more than one-quarter the population of Mexico itself. And the same [phenomenon is evident](#) with respect to El Salvador.

This one-nation inundation matters because it threatens the development of a nation within a nation. As University of Edinburgh professor Stephen Tierney wrote in his 2007 book