



Sen. Bill Hagerty: Biden's Illegals Will Give Democrats 13 EXTRA Congressional Seats

If you're wondering why millions of illegals are being allowed to flood our country via an open border, know that there's method to the madness. For one thing, if these aliens are allowed to stay, points out Senator Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), they can give Democrats 13 extra congressional seats.

How is this possible? Well, the number of seats a state has is directly proportional to its population size. And when the population is determined via the census, all *persons* (including illegals) in a state are counted — not just all *citizens*.



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Outrageously, this means states can get congressional seats, and hence greater power, based on the presence of people who (ostensibly) can't actually vote to determine who'll fill those seats. Call it congressional seat creation without representation.

Senator Hagerty appeared on Fox News with Maria Bartiromo (video below) earlier this week to discuss the matter.

Of course, this helps explain why left-wing states create misnamed "sanctuary" (read: outlaw) cities: open the border, and then attract the illegals with the promise that their presence will be facilitated by authorities and with handouts (e.g., NYC spends millions on migrants, inclusive of stays at expensive hotels and prepaid debit cards). They're buying political power with citizen taxpayers' money.

This also explains why — after Hagerty and some colleagues [proposed a recent spending-bill amendment](#) that would've added a citizenship question to the census and prohibited noncitizens from being included when determining congressional district and Electoral College apportionment — Senate Democrats killed it. *Not one Democrat voted for it.*

This isn't the first Democratic effort in this regard, either. As The Heritage Foundation [reminded us](#) last month, "As president, Donald Trump tried to halt this wrongdoing by ordering the Census to exclude all noncitizens from apportionment. But one of President Biden's first acts in office was to reverse this policy as he began to open the border to millions of illegal aliens."

"Biden's intentional border crisis has produced unprecedented apportionment issues, distorting the representation that states have in the House, and how many electoral votes they have in presidential elections," Heritage added.

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Yet the picture gets worse still, for since "the number of congressional seats is limited to 435, this additional representation comes at the expense of other states," Heritage further informs. In other words, leftists are using an open border, illegal migration, and the carrot of taxpayer-funded handouts



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to interlopers to steal congressional seats from law-abiding states.

In recent years, many Democratic states have actually been losing seats, the result of citizens being driven from them by their bad leftist policies. In fact, after the 2020 census, seven states, five of them Democrat-run, [lost congressional seats](#) due to out-migration. Put differently, these states are literally replacing the citizens they've alienated with aliens.

During rare honest moments, Democrats acknowledge this motivation, too. Representative Yvette Clarke (D-N.Y.), for instance, admitted in January that she welcomed illegals because, she said, "I need more people in my district, just for redistricting purposes" (video below).

One issue here worth noting is that the language of the 14th Amendment itself apparently mandates the counting of all "persons." To wit:

"Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State...."

Of course, the 14th Amendment's framers surely didn't foresee today's massive illegal migration and that politicians would import foreigners to gain power.

An irony here, though, is that this situation is reminiscent of the one that led to the notorious "[three-fifths compromise](#)" — and the Democrats again find themselves mirroring antebellum slaveholders. That is, it was slave states that wanted slaves counted for apportionment purposes, while the non-slave states argued that it was ridiculous to get more congressional seats based on a population whose members (as with today's illegals) couldn't vote to help determine who'd fill those seats.

While all this is bad enough, there's still another factor. Media and Machiavellian politicians laugh at claims that noncitizens are voting; mockery and ridicule are valuable weapons, said infamous socialist Saul Alinsky, and the idea is that these propagandists discredit warnings of illegal voting by making them seem like tin-foil hat inanity. Yet reality says otherwise.

Just consider a 2014 study in which "Old Dominion University political science professors Jesse Richman and David Earnest" found that "more than 14 percent of non-citizens in 2008 and 2010 'indicated' they were registered to vote and [that] some did," [reported](#) Breitbart at the time.

The researchers estimated "that 6.4 percent of non-citizens voted in 2008 and 2.2 percent of non-citizens voted in 2010," wrote Richman and Earnest.

"They note that non-citizens tend to be Democratic voters and that in their 2008 sample, 80 percent of non-citizens cast ballots for Obama," Breitbart also related. "Given that, they [the researchers] conclude that non-citizen participation 'was large enough to plausibly account for Democratic victories in a few close elections.'"

Note, too, that there are *far* more noncitizens in our country today than in 2010. In fact, Senator Hagerty's estimate of 13 new Democratic congressional seats is based on a figure of 10 million illegals in America, which, observers [point out](#), is no doubt a lowball number. As to this, MIT researchers [found in 2018 already](#) that the number of illegals present was likely twice as high as commonly believed — approximately 22.1 million.

So, yes, there is method to the Democrats' madness. Regardless, madness, and badness, it is.



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