

# The Red Card Solution, Gumballs Video And the Ethics of Immigration

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## Immigration Debate Topic

"The topic for the Spring [Global Debates] campaign reads: All states should immediately ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and their Families." ([Global Debates](#))

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Young people should understand, I think, that claims of "social rights" have the unintended consequence of blocking migration. "Social rights" claims usually turn out to be welfare rights claims, providing "free" (i.e. state-funded) education, medical, and housing services for poor migrants.

And it is just these fears of expanded welfare expenses for immigrants that push middle-income, everyday people, in the U.S. at least, into the anti-immigration camp.

If instead the topic were viewed as a freedom of association issue, and a rights and responsibilities issue, then a "freedom of responsible migration" would be more compelling. And students could learn of the thousands of associations that voluntarily assist immigrants (for both nonprofit and for-profit reasons).

## Articles on Immigration

[Migration Rights, Natural Law, and the Free Society](#), by Joe Klesney

[The Freedom to Move as an International Problem](#), by Ludwig von Mises

[Fighting Communism with Free Trade and Open Immigration](#), by Frank W. Bubb

[Closed Borders](#), by Alan Dowty

[We Import Capital or We Export People](#), by Gustavo R. Velasco

[Free Markets Mean Free Movement](#),

## Quick Links

[RedCardSolution.com](#)



Check out our new web site dedicated to the immigration issue.

[redcardsolution.com/](#)

**Opportunity** This free-market system gives businesses the opportunity to hire the workers they need, and provides opportunity to workers through upward mobility, job changes and permit renewals.

**Protection** The Red Card plan protects America's borders and respects the rule of law. It protects workers from exploitation and abuse.

**Fairness** The Red Card system means fairness because it will keep families together. It doesn't support special treatment for special groups, but provides equal treatment for all.

# Should We Let Them All In? How Immigration Helps the Economy



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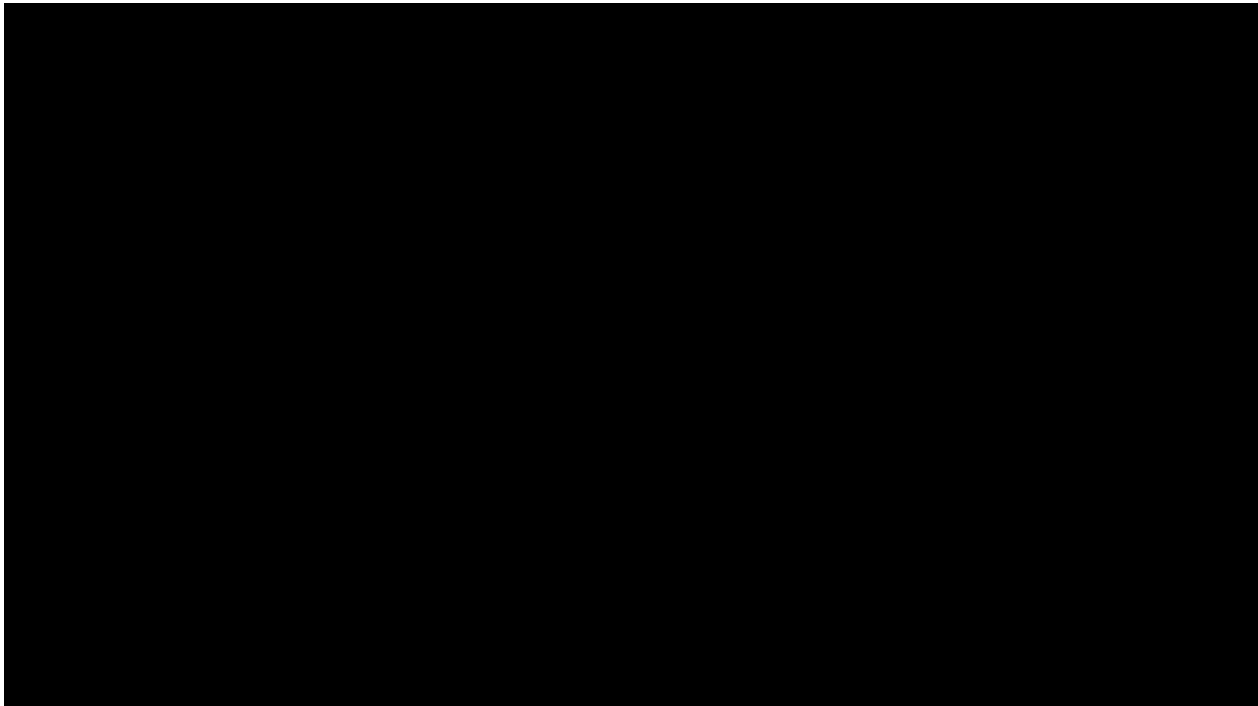
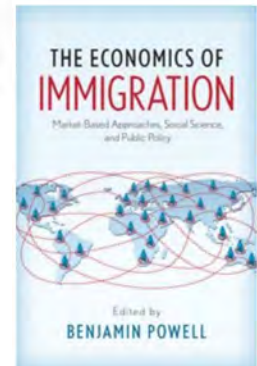
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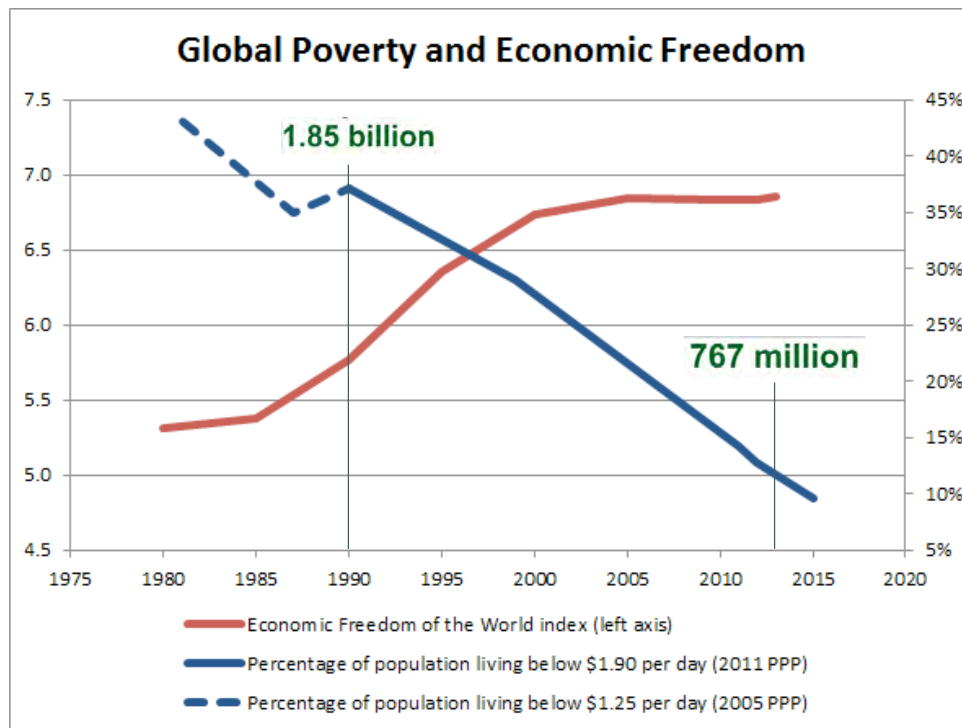
# Many Disagree... and Focus on Problems of Immigration

- Over 5 million views for *Immigration, World Poverty and Gumballs* by NumbersUSA
- Claims: 3 billion in world with income under \$2/day. And world population growing by 80 million a year.
- USA can't much help the world's poor by letting 1 million (or even 5 million) in each year.
- Poverty must be solved in the countries where the poor live.
- Immigrants and their children are only reason US population is increasing...
- Longer video claims overcrowded schools, parks, roads and, environmental harms.



Immigration, World Poverty and Gumballs - NumbersUSA.com

5,152,614 views



In 2013, 767 million people lived on less than \$1.90 a day, down from 1.85 billion in 1990. ... A vast majority of the global poor live in rural areas and are poorly educated, mostly employed in the agricultural sector...

[Poverty Overview - World Bank Group](#)

[www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview](http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview)

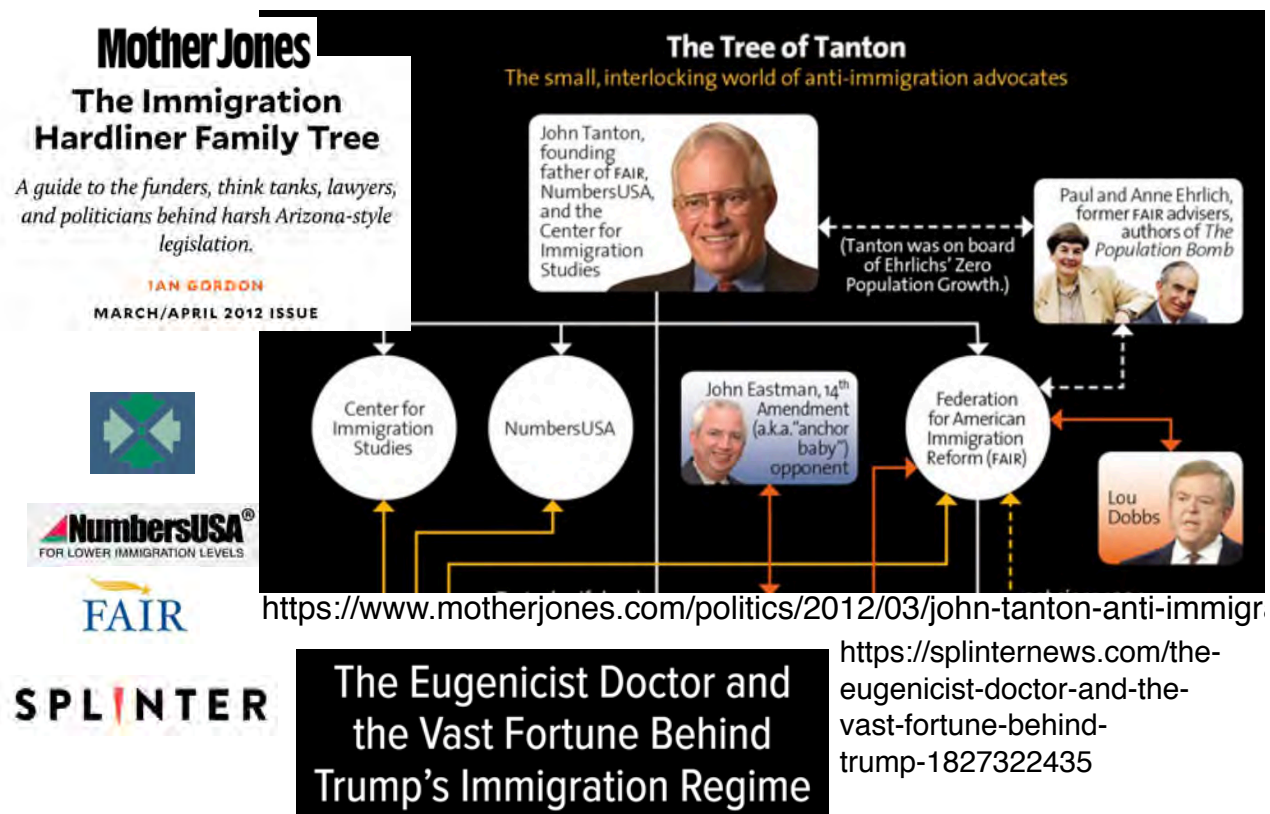
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# The Anti-Immigration Crusader

By JASON DePARLE APRIL 17, 2011

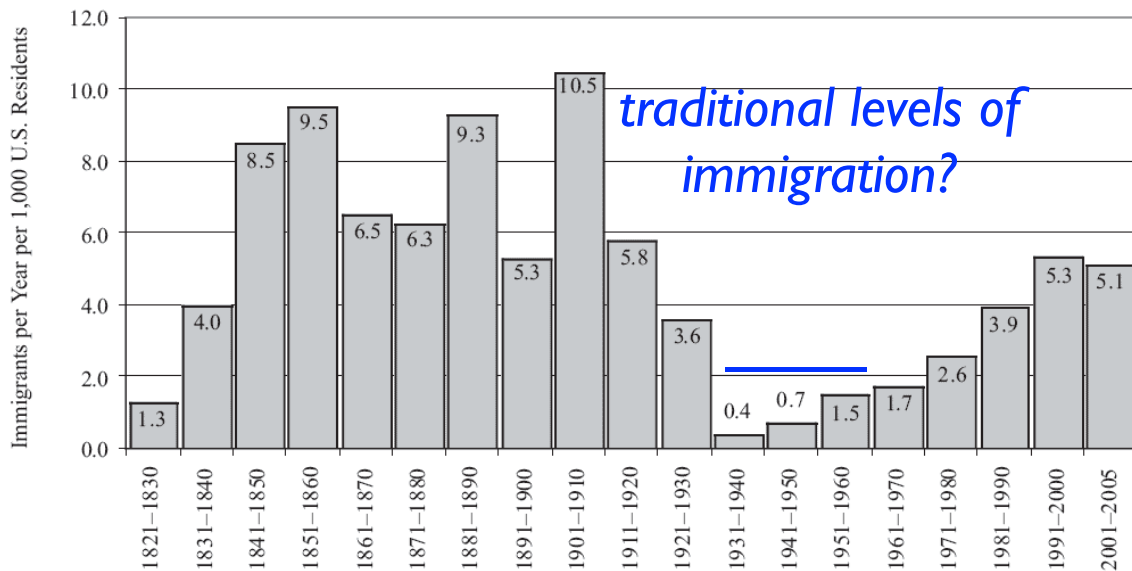
- WASHINGTON — Three decades ago, a middle-aged doctor sat outside his northern Michigan home and saw a patch of endangered paradise.
- A beekeeper and amateur naturalist of prodigious energy, John Tanton had spent two decades planting trees, cleaning creeks and suing developers, but population growth put ever more pressure on the land. Though fertility rates had fallen, he saw a new threat emerging: soaring rates of immigration.
- Time and again, Dr. Tanton urged liberal colleagues in groups like Planned Parenthood and the Sierra Club to seek immigration restraints, only to meet blank looks and awkward silences.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/17/us/17immig.html>



# TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION?

Figure 1  
American Immigration in Perspective, by Decade, 1820–2005



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; 2005 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, U.S. Office of Immigration Statistics; and Pew Hispanic Center.

## An 'America First' Immigration Policy

By Stephen Moore

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- America greatly benefits economically from a steady flow of immigrants (... 1 million new legal arrivals each year)
- Immigrants' age profile is beneficial to the U.S. They tend to come to the United States when they are young — between the ages of 16 and 35.
- They are educated in China, or Mexico, or Germany, or Ireland, and then America gets most or all of the benefits of their labor and the public return on the education.
- This is one of the greatest wealth transfers in the history of the world. It is worth trillions of dollars to American citizens. greatest comparative advantages in the global economy. ...

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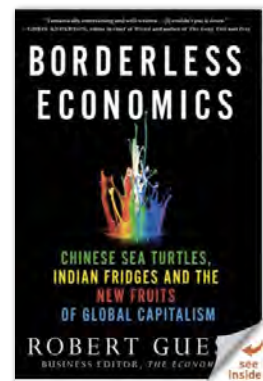
- Immigrants are especially beneficial now because of our unfavorable demographic[s]. ...75 million baby boomers...are retiring at the pace of 10,000 a day, and there aren't enough young people to fill the gaps.
- Immigrants can and hopefully will — or else Social Security and Medicare will go belly up much faster than anyone imagines.
- —Since there is such a high global demand for entry into the U.S., we should set a price on these visas, perhaps \$25,000 or even \$50,000. We could raise about \$20 billion a year to reduce the budget deficit.

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## Migration Economics

How Moving Makes Us Richer

- Stories of immigrants who see problems and act on opportunities. *Cheun Yan from China saw lots of paper thrown away in the U.S., built Nine Dragons Paper, now she is worth \$1.6 billion.*
- *Sergey Brin, son of Russian immigration to Google. Similar stories with PayPal, eBay, Sun Microsystems.*
- **[www.renewoureconomy.org](http://www.renewoureconomy.org)**



# Closed Borders

## The Contemporary Assault on Freedom of Movement by Alan Dowty. A Twentieth Century Fund Report; Yale University Press, 1987

- *Human history is the history of movement.*
- **Migration** the *principle drivewheel of historic change.*
- **Migration** the means for diffusion of ideas, techniques, and cultures, and *new advances stimulated.*

## Free Trade & Migration

- “As supporters of free trade argue that the flow of goods will regulate itself, so defenders of free movement contend that the unhindered flow of people will find a natural balance.
- “In this view, the accumulation of millions of individual decisions will produce a better social result than any centralized scheme of control.
- The movement of people thus serves as a ‘thermostat’ of the relative pressures and opportunities existing in different societies.” p. 58



# Notes on Immigration to U.S.

- After railroads & steamships, but before passports... (“temporary wartime measure”)
- Migration: 1895-1920: 145,000 Romanians came to the United States. Many others migrated to Western Europe.
- 450,000 Hungarians to U.S. - 1894 to 1914.
- World’s largest migration: Europeans to North & South America in this period.
- Civil Rights movement points out that U.S. immigration regulations based on race, so advocated reforms, passed in 1964 and immigration rises through 1980s, 1990s, 2000s

## POPULATION CONTROL AND IMMIGRATION

- “What can we do? It is very simply. Congress merely has to lower the number back to what it was in 1965.”
- What is the history that led to restrictive U.S. immigration policies? (Chinese Exclusionary Laws (1892?), “Gentlemen’s Agreement” (Japan), Immigration Act of 1924).



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and sent back to Mexico, but I tried again and succeeded. I am not condoning illegal immigration; honestly, at the time, the law was far from the front of my mind. I was merely responding to the dream of a better life, the hope of escaping poverty so that one day I could return home triumphant. Reality, however, posed

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The Case for Immigration: The secret to economic vibrancy

by Phillip Legrain and TCS Daily interview with Phillip Legrain

There is a contradiction at the heart of our globalizing world: while goods, services, and capital move across borders ever more freely, most people cannot. No government except perhaps North Korea's would dream of banning crossborder trade in goods and services, yet it is seen as perfectly normal and reasonable for

depressing their wages. Others fret the burden on the welfare state. Some see somehow simultaneously "steal" jobs

Governments increasingly accept highly skilled immigrants. The immi would tilt U.S. policy in that direction system that gives preference to unive focused points systems are in vogue: one; Britain is introducing one; and c considering them.

For sure, as the number of univers and other emerging markets soars in increasingly important for the United the widest possible pool of talent--nc individual skills and drive, but for th

It is astonishing how often the ex come up with brilliant new ideas hap Twenty-one of Britain's Nobel Prize

## Crackdown Upends Slaughterhouse's Work Force



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"A lot of the people who left or were detained were strong union supporters," said Gabriel Lopez Rivera, a Smithfield worker.







By **STEVEN GREENHOUSE**  
Published: October 12, 2007

**TAR HEEL, N.C.** — Last November, [immigration](#) officials began a crackdown at Smithfield Foods's giant slaughterhouse here, eventually arresting 21 illegal immigrants at the plant and rousting others from their trailers in the middle of the night.

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[At a Slaughterhouse, Some Things Never Die \(June 16, 2000\)](#)

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# Crackdown on Illegal workers...

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