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- Economic freedom vs. welfare states & labor regulations.

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Economic Freedom, Development, and Foreign Aid

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Despite the tremendous reduction in global poverty over the past 50 years, governments around the world still struggle to meet the challenges posed by demographic booms, poorly managed urbanization, institutional failure and ever-changing economic conditions. Migration, resettlement, and aid have helped alleviate crises, but have failed as comprehensive long-term solutions.

Nation-States, Cities, and Charter Cities

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Cities, Trade, and Transportation in the Ancient World

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The stabilizing feudal hierarchy was cast aside of local barons would govern Lübeck. Or restrictions were ruled out; merchants who emerge from duties and customs through which stretched south as far as Iberia.

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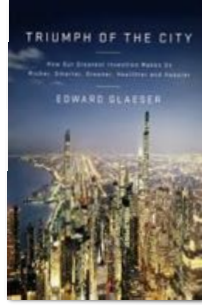
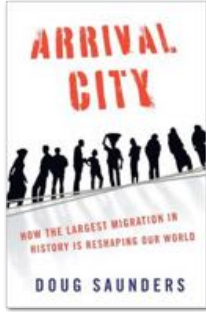
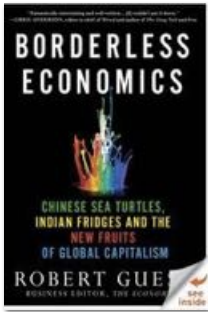
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- ☹ In a single generation, between 1980 and 2007, more than 10 million people migrated, legally or illegally, from Mexico to the U.S.
- ☹ Today there are more than 12 million Mexican-born people in the U.S. and millions of American children who are their offspring-- amounting to almost 10% of the nation's population.
- ☹ That is exponentially larger than in 1970, when there were less than one million Mexican-born people in the country, or 1980, when there were two million. The Mexican migration, and the similarly large migration of others from the rest of Latin America, has in just one generation reshaped the nation. (A Nation Built for Immigrants, *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 21-22, 2013, C1.)

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Let's put this in perspective. Every year, about 4 million babies are born in the US, fully dependent on others, possessing no skills, and not speaking a word of English. That's about 11,000 babies every single day. Letting in these 7,000 people would add fewer people to the US population than adding one extra day to the calendar... or in other words, what happens in a leap year.

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Economic impact of immigrant caravans? Compare to impact of babies (4 million per year)

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- At the start of this decade, the Honduran government briefly pursued an experiment so bold as to be almost baffling.
- With the help of a cadre of international experts, led by Paul Romero, the celebrated economist who was recently awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize for his contributions to the study of economic growth, it promised to create a new kind of city that would foster opportunity in a stretch of the country where there was precious little of it.
- Romer had dreamed up this idea of a "charter city" some years before, inspired by the case of Hong Kong, which became a magnet for impoverished Chinese migrants while still under British rule, and China's "special economic zones," the most notable of which, Shenzhen...

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A World Without Borders

Richer, Fairer, and More Free

By Nathan Smith

- * [Open borders] advocates [call for] nearly complete freedom of migration worldwide, with rare exceptions for preventing terrorism or the spread of contagious disease.
- * Borders would still exist in such a world, but as jurisdictional boundaries rather than as barriers to human movement. ...
- * The open borders position may sound new and radical, but it is simply a call for the return of lost liberties.
- * When the Statue of Liberty was erected in 1886, most of the world's borders could be freely crossed without passports.

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- Ending migration controls in this way would increase liberty, reduce global poverty, and accelerate economic growth.
- [and] would challenge the right of governments to regulate migration on the arbitrary grounds of sovereignty.
- Comprehensive restrictions on international movement... today regard[ed] as a normal and necessary government function, are really an innovation of the twentieth century...
- Although the reasons for border control were often explicitly racist—such as the national origins quotas of the 1924 U.S. Immigration Act—the restrictions were also motivated by bona fide national security concerns, as well as a desire to protect native wages and welfare states from immigrant competition and foreign dependents.

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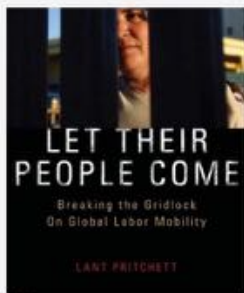
If People Could Immigrate Anywhere, Would Poverty Be Eliminated?

Some economists are pushing for "open borders"

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- What if there was a program that would cost nothing, improve the lives of millions of people from poorer nations, and double world GDP?
- At least one economist says that increased mobility of people is by far the biggest missed opportunity in development.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/04/if-people-could-immigrate-anywhere-would-poverty-be-eliminated/275332/>



BOOKS

Let Their People Come: Breaking the Gridlock on Global Labor Mobility

Lant Pritchett

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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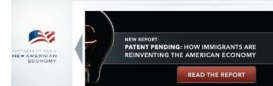
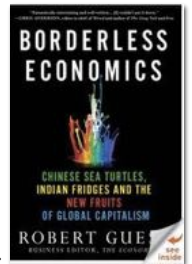
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Migration Economics

How Moving Makes Us Richer

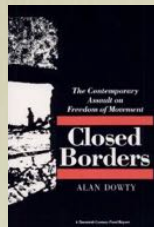
- Stories of immigrants who see problems and act on opportunities. *Cheun Yan from China saw lots of paper thrown away in the U.S., built Nine Dragons Paper, now she is worth \$1.6 billion.*
- Sergey Brin, son of Russian immigration to Google. Similar stories with PayPal, eBay, Sun Microsystems.
- www.renewoureconomy.org



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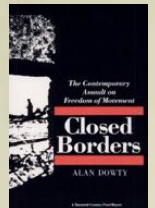
The Contemporary Assault on Freedom of Movement by Alan Dowty. A Twentieth Century Fund Report; Yale University Press, 1987

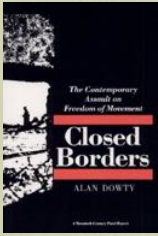
- Human history is the history of movement.
- Migration the principle drivewheel of historic change.
- Migration the means for diffusion of ideas, techniques, and cultures, and new advances stimulated.



Free Trade & Migration

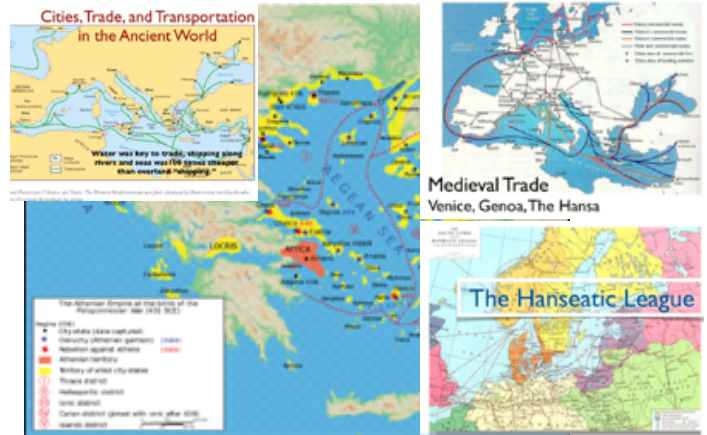
- “As supporters of free trade argue that the flow of goods will regulate itself, so defenders of free movement contend that the unhindered flow of people will find a natural balance. p. 58
- “In this view, the accumulation of millions of individual decisions will produce a better social result than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





Just a thousand years ago...

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The Economist
Gang of eight
Northern member states unite on euro-zone reform
The group, dubbed the New Hanseatic League, abhors fiscal transfers
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IN THE LATE Middle Ages the Hanseatic League, a confederation of merchant guilds in northern Europe, dominated maritime trade in the Baltic and North seas. Now finance ministers from the northern states, characterised by their fiscally hawkish and free-market views, are hoping to set the course for reforms to the European Union. Composed of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Sweden, the group, dubbed the New Hanseatic League, is starting to have some influence.

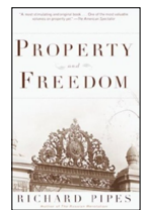


Migrating to Freedom

- Cities gained freedom from local princes and became “self-governing, self-judging communes...” (p. 109)
- All male residents had right to participate in communal assemblies (Germanic custom).
- **Migrants to these cities (including runaway serfs) were considered free after living in the city a year and day.**
- “Trade, along with manufacture and the capital to which both gave rise, created in the midst of an agrarian society based on duties and privileges, oases of liberty based on rights.” (p.111)

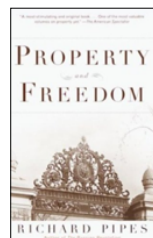


Medieval Trade Venice, Genoa, The Hansa



End of City Independence

- Modern democracy originated in medieval towns, where private property and commerce were protected by law the rule.
- Through the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries with the rise of nation states (and gunpowder), most cities began to lose their autonomy.
- “The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were an era of absolutism which had no tolerance for urban self-rule.” (p. 111)
- “But the ideals the cities had fostered and the institutions they had created became an intrinsic part of the Western political tradition.” (p. 111)



“If you build it, they will come.”





Ten years ago, in a TED talk, economist Paul Romer introduced the concept of charter cities, newly created municipalities governed by a nation other than the one in which its borders are contained. Writing in *City Journal*, Romer and Brandon Fuller described how charter cities would be set up: "A host country would provide land; a source country would provide residents; and a guarantor country would provide the assurance that the new city's charter would be respected and enforced." These cities, the theory held, could serve as models of good governance and wealth creation for their often poorly run host countries.

www.city-journal.org/charter-cities

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