



Legal Citizens believe that supporting illegal immigration is immoral, and is like a "Reverse Underground Railroad." Supporting the importation of illegal labor is akin to supporting the importation of slaves. While that may sound harsh, it's no indictment against the desperate human beings who are entering the U.S. simply because they can, it's an indictment against those who help make it happen and those who benefit: major corporations and other, smaller unscrupulous employers. In particular, men and women of the cloth should NOT confuse compassion for human beings with helping immoral companies import people who will become easily exploitable commodities.

Here's Why Illegal Immigration Is Immoral:

1. Illegals Are Exploited for Sweatshop Wages

The temptation for companies to pay illegal workers substandard wages is powerful, especially when politicians turn a blind eye to it, and clergy facilitate it. Corporations need cheap labor and are eager to exploit those who should be treated with dignity and paid fair wages. But a constant flow of slave labor allows the cycle to continue.

2. Illegals Tolerate Abuse

Illegal immigrants are unlikely to report theft, corruption, harassment and abuse by other employees, because they fear being sold out to the police and possibly even turned into immigration authorities. This allows illegal or even hazardous practices in the workplace to continue, endangering lives..

3. Illegals Hurting the Working Poor, Especially Minorities

Legal immigrants and the working poor - especially minorities - are often most hurt by illegal immigrants who drive down wages in traditional low-wage jobs.

4. Illegals Live in Fear

Like escaped slaves in the antebellum South, illegal immigrants live in fear - in fear of their employers, in fear the police, in fear of being captured by immigration authorities and returned to their country of origin.

5. Helping Illegals Makes You A Criminal, Too

Illegals have broken the law, and they work for those who break the law. Work for better laws, work for more liberal immigration policies, work for a Guest Worker program that works, but <u>don't become a criminal to help facilitate abuse</u>, <u>exploitation and fear</u>.

Five Suggested Actions for Legal Citizen Activists:

- 1. Copy the first page of this campaign pamphlet and give it to local clergy and others who are assisting in the smuggling or protection of illegals, or are sympathetic to those who do.
- 2. Offer to meet with local clergy and other interested citizens one-on-one to convince them that helping illegal immigrants enter this country illegally is like working on a "Reverse Underground Railroad," and is immoral
- 3. Write letters to the editor of your local newspapers to expose the problem of local clergy helping illegals enter into virtual slavery, and its bitter irony.
- 4. Write to your Representative in Congress and Senators and DEMAND that they:
 - A. Triple fines on businesses that employ illegal aliens in violation of U.S. law. as a disincentive to businesses thinking of hiring and exploiting them in the future
 - B. Initiate investigations into all who are aiding and abetting the illegal importation of migrants to be exploited.
 - C. Build an effective border system that keeps out those who wish to sneak into the U.S. illegally
 - D. Create an effective tracking system that allows LEGAL migrants into the country and allows employers to easily identify them as such
- 5. Tell all your friends, family, co-workers or fellow students to go to legalcitizens.org and join the campaign against the immoral practice of illegal immigration.