



illegal immigration is bad for the environment.

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Legal Citizens believe that illegal immigration is **BAD** for the environment.

Legal migration to the U.S. can be controlled, is necessary for our future growth, and it's welcomed by all Americans. Its effects can be managed, and we can slowly adapt to newcomers and constantly assess our growing needs and the effect they will have on our resources.

But illegal immigration is by its nature uncontrolled, explosive and dangerous to our environment. **Here are Five Reasons Why:**

1. Explosive Population Growth Is Not Sustainable

Illegal Immigration at the current rate is not sustainable. How many people can the United States support? We stand at 300 million (plus 12-20 million here illegally.) Can we support 350 million? 400 million? A half billion? Native-born Americans had slowed population growth by the 1980s, only to see illegal and legal immigration spike since then. We are in danger of reversing that trend towards sustainability.

2. Illegal Immigration Causes a Drain on Water Resources

How many resources will we have to devour to support a rapidly growing illegal population? When population growth explodes, so does the need for food, and the need for land to grow it. Turning deserts into farmland is possible due to modern technology, but water resources are finite, and in some western states, are already at the limit. We need to do all we can to limit explosive growth that put demands on our water resources, or we won't have them.

3. Illegal Immigration Creates Urban Sprawl

Explosive urban growth has occurred in the past decade, causing cities to bulge out into suburbs, which themselves are spreading rapidly. Demographics show that this is caused by overpopulation, and almost all population growth has been caused by immigration. Illegal immigration is an increasingly higher percentage of that immigration. More and more housing projects, fewer and fewer trees. When will it end?

4. Illegal Immigrants are Less Likely to Be Green

Just as Western Nations are more likely to push for tighter environmental controls on factories and other polluters, legal citizens care more about their environment, often because they are better off financially and have a greater sense of well being. The converse is also true. Those nations which are living in poverty have fewer "Green" resources and are less likely to employ them in their desperate daily quest for survival. The same is true for illegal immigrants, many living in poverty.

5. Companies that Hire Illegal Immigrants Couldn't Care Less for the Environment

If a company is hiring illegals, does it care about them? The fact is, companies who care only about the bottom line so much that they will hire those it can easily underpay and exploit show contempt for labor regulations. Do you trust them to care about environmental regulations, either?

Five Suggested Actions for *Legal Citizen* Activists:

1. Copy the first page of this campaign pamphlet and give it to local green activists and groups.
2. Urge local environmental organizations to come out against illegal immigration, because it does NOT represent a sustainable population growth strategy.
3. Tell businesses and corporations that employ illegal labor that you will BOYCOTT their goods and services until they cease doing so.
4. Write to your Representative in Congress and Senators and DEMAND that they start helping businesses by:
 - A. Tripling fines on businesses that employ illegal aliens in violation of U.S. law. as a disincentive to businesses thinking of hiring them in the future
 - B. Initiating a full-scale, immediate crackdown on businesses who employ illegals.
 - C. Building 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 businesses 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 to tell others that Illegal Immigration is NOT Green, and is bad for the environment..