


Myth vs. Reality: Assumptions about Immigration

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Population ≠ Pollution

Few people can pollute a lot, or a lot of people can pollute a little



The problem is less about how many people are in the United States, and more about how the United States produces and consumes.





Immigration-fueled population growth had little to do with past planning decisions to create enormous tracts of dispersed, suburban houses with two-car garages and no mass transit.



NumbersUSA has accused immigrants of taking advantage of tax-funded U.S. systems and services, yet has overlooked the many contributions immigrant workers make to the economy.

Misleading statistics highlight the “cost” to U.S. taxpayers of public services utilized by immigrants (*and their children, including U.S.-born citizens*) in comparison to their tax contributions. They neglect the fact that immigrant income tends to increase over time, and that children are not dependant forever.





All children are “costly” until they become income-earning taxpayers. Also, native-born retirees and welfare recipients consume tax-funds as well, in the form of federal programs such as healthcare.

- Immigrants tend to have either a very high or a very low level of education, whereas U.S. natives tend to fall somewhere in between. Thus, they are most often not competing for the same jobs.



According to a 2009 report by Rob Paral & Associates, there is no correlation between the presence of immigrants in the job pool and the unemployment rate of natives.





NumbersUSA incorrectly asserts that family-based immigration will lead to uncontrolled “chain migration”, in which legal immigrants living in the U.S. will, over time, bring in limitless relatives and thus cause an overwhelming influx of more new immigrants into our society.

Realistically, because of strict immigration laws and naturalization processes, family-based immigration is an extremely lengthy and drawn-out ordeal. Per-country and numerical quotas, long wait-lists, and other restrictions slow and limit the process significantly.

