

The Federal Immigration Reform & Enforcement Coalition



(FIRE Coalition)

2007 State of the Union Response

BACKFIRE!

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Below are the remarks made by President Bush in his 2007 State of the Union Address concerning immigration. President Bush's remarks are in red. The State of the Union Rebuttal, (SOUR Report) responses are in blue.

PRESIDENT BUSH: "Extending hope and opportunity in our country requires an immigration system worthy of America – with laws that are fair and borders that are secure."

WRONG. Extending hope and opportunity in our country requires our borders are secure and that our sovereignty is intact. That requires our President and Congress to uphold and defend Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution as they are all sworn to do, some as recently as three

weeks ago. Hope and opportunity for whom? Who decides what is “worthy of America?”

Defending our borders was high on the list of important articles the drafters of the Constitution found fit to adopt:

U.S. Constitution, Article IV, Section 4 states:

“The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a Republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion...”

PRESIDENT BUSH: “When laws and borders are routinely violated, this harms the interests of our country. To secure our border, we are doubling the size of the Border Patrol – and funding new infrastructure and technology.”

The Border Patrol catches about 10-30% of the invasion force [according to the government’s own numbers “A Line in the Sand”]. That puts the influx at 4-10 million per year. If you double the size of the Border Patrol, 2-5 million of the illegal invading forces will still get through. There is talk about not funding the 700 miles of fence. Only a traitor would sit on his or her hands while America is being invaded and only a traitor would withhold funds to protect our borders.

PRESIDENT BUSH: “Yet even with all these steps, we cannot fully secure the border unless we take pressure off the border – and that requires a temporary worker program. We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis. As a result, they won’t have to try to sneak in – and that will leave border agents free to chase down drug smugglers, and criminals, and terrorists. We will enforce our immigration laws at the worksite, and give employers the tools to verify the legal status of their workers – so there is no excuse left for violating the law. We need to uphold the great tradition of the melting pot that welcomes and assimilates new arrivals. And we need to resolve the status of the illegal immigrants who are already in our country – without animosity and without amnesty.”

First off, we will not secure the border until you and/or Congress get serious about upholding Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

Protection against invasion means securing the border, and that includes deploying armed National Guard forces, or even our own regular military forces, if that's what it takes to honor that guarantee you swore an oath to uphold and defend. What good does it do to protect the Korean peninsula, Iraq, Afghanistan, or anywhere else on the planet if you don't stop the largest invasion in the history of the world that is happening right here at home to the citizens of the United States??!!

How exactly did we arrive at a temporary worker program being "required" to secure the border, when neither you nor Congress has taken serious ACTION to secure the border? Shouldn't surrendering to an invading force be the last resort and not the first one? When was the decision made to NOT secure our borders and to NOT enforce the immigration laws on the books already? And when and where was the decision made that surrendering before putting up a good fight was the American way?

We are talking about the largest invasion in the history of the world, and you and Speaker Pelosi want to talk about giving "guest worker" status to the very group of invaders that includes the killers of 25 Americans every single day. These aren't numbers from some grassroots activist; they are from a GAO study commissioned by Congressman Steve King, Iowa. The House Committee on Homeland Security's report "A Line in the Sand: Confronting the threat at our Southwest Border" tells an even grimmer tale. Have you not read these reports? Are your aides keeping the truth from you sir?

PRESIDENT BUSH: "Convictions run deep in this Capitol when it comes to immigration. Let us have a serious, civil, and conclusive debate – so that you can pass, and I can sign, comprehensive immigration reform into law."

Mr. President,

Convictions do run deep. They run deep enough that growing numbers of patriotic American citizens are reaching for their copies of the U.S. Constitution. Convictions run deep enough to understand that Article IV, Section 4 guarantees every state protection against invasion. When you suggest we need comprehensive immigration reform to counter the largest invasion in the history of the world occurring on "**your watch**" before you take sufficient action to protect our borders you betray your oath of office. What we need is comprehensive immigration enforcement and substantive border security, not just more empty rhetoric.

Your administration and Congress have an obligation that supersedes ALL policy or partisan rhetoric, and that is to uphold the Constitution as written. As written includes in the context of time of passage, and that includes the 14th Amendment which never gave citizenship to illegal alien insurgents.

You said we need to **“uphold the great tradition of the melting pot that welcomes and assimilates new arrivals.”** What needs to be upheld is the Constitution, and not just traditional doublespeak or waxing philosophic about our history. And exactly how do you plan to assimilate 20 million illegal aliens, many of whom have NO desire to become Americans, they only want the fruits of America’s tree of freedom. At the current rate of the invasion, it won’t be long before the limbs are bare and America becomes a 3rd World country.

You stated **“We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis.”**

This path already exists, and it does not involve ignoring the millions of foreign nationals already in the legal pipeline for entry to the United States by granting guest worker status or any other form of amnesty to the illegal aliens already here. American families and workers deserve better wages just as legitimate immigrants do. Illegal aliens deserve civil and reasonable care as they are repatriated to their home country of origin. They do not have civil rights as U.S. citizens do. Paying the bounty of citizenship starts by abiding our laws and working towards assimilating into the American culture. This includes learning English. However, the allegiances, obligations, and responsibilities of the President and Congress are to the American families first and foremost in every decision. The middle class is being slowly dissolved as wage disparity widens. Simply opening the flood gates of the Rio Grande is not responsible immigration policy and does not reflect the desires or interests of the majority of the citizens of the United States, by any poll numbers of legal American citizens. How about focus on a legal and orderly path for American workers to work on a permanent basis before you worry about other countries? America first!

You stated, **“And we need to resolve the status of the illegal immigrants who are already in our country – without animosity and without amnesty.”**

Resolve the status!!!! ...without animosity????! They are ILLEGAL ALIEN INSURGENTS!! You resolve their status by repatriating them with their home country. You resolve their status by removing the perks of illegal entry into the United States. You resolve their status by holding businesses accountable that knowingly aid and abet the invasion by hiring illegal aliens. You resolve their status by enforcing the laws that prohibit providing aid and comfort to illegal aliens. You resolve their status by instructing Attorney General Gonzalez to go after “sanctuary” cities and states that are committing treason against the Union by flagrantly and cavalierly offering aid and comfort to invaders, both of which are in direct violation of oaths of office that usually include both the state and U.S. Constitution.

The House & Senate Ethics Committees should investigate Senators and Congressmen that are voting in conflict with their Constitutional obligations. Impeachment hearings should probably begin for some of the worst offenders. If betraying one’s country and oath of allegiance isn’t unethical, what is? There should also be Congressional investigations into numerous obvious violations of Constitutional obligations by elected and appointed officials.

God Bless America and Godspeed to her leaders!

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Knowledge is Power. Photos taken from “A Line in the Sand”

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Trains from Central America and Mexico en route to the U.S. border



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Words of Wisdom from our Founding Fathers & other Patriotic Americans

- "In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile...We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language...and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

– Theodore Roosevelt 1907

- *"If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen."*

– Samuel Adams

- *"Never mistake movement for action."*

– Benjamin Franklin

- *"Half a truth is often a great lie."*

– Benjamin Franklin

Words of Wisdom from our Founding Fathers & other Patriotic Americans II

- *“It behooves every man who values liberty of conscience for him self, to resist invasions of it in the case of others: or their case may, by change of circumstances, become his own”.*
– **Thomas Jefferson**
- *“I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion.”*
– **Thomas Jefferson**
- *“In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock”*
– **Thomas Jefferson**
 - *“All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent”*
– **Thomas Jefferson**
- *“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. What I can do, I should do. And what I should do, by the grace of God, I will do.”*
– **Edward Everett Hale**

