

Murder by a Stranger

In Iowa, it was Mollie Tibbets. In San Francisco, it was Kate Steinle. Who's next? Where will the next such murder happen?

"Illegal Alien/Immigrant:" a foreign person who is living in a country without having official permission to live there.

Why?

Why is our nation covered with illegals? Why is it no longer politically correct to call those here illegally "illegals?" Who decided in the last few years to change the moniker for such people from illegal "alien" to illegal "immigrant?" What's the difference?

Answers: Politically correct Leftists self-appointed to right the "rules" of illegal immigration apparently coined the new terms. Oh, and it's no longer politically correct to use the term "illegal." Last night I watched an immigration attorney on a talk show correct the host who used the term "illegal immigrant." According to that attorney, they now are to be called "undocumented immigrants." Hmm... I'm pretty sure the families of Mollie Tibbets and Kate Steinle would argue with even the hint of political correctness in illegals' naming correctness. Kate and Mollie are dead. That's all that matters.

Every time a highly visible murder of an American at the hands of an illegal, the argument about this open-border policy begins anew. And make no mistake about it: America's southern border is wide open. And regarding illegals entering the nation, Leftists are certainly open-border advocates. And most on the Right in Congress speak out against this practice while winking at the continued flow of "new" illegals crossing the border while sitting on their hands regarding repairing U.S. immigration law. Apparently, even Republicans in Congress (on the most part) must be for open-borders, too.

Meanwhile, Kate and Mollie are gone.

For the sake of this conversation today, and in honor of Kate and Mollie, we will refer to those in the United States without authorization or legal status as "illegal aliens." If that offends you, please give us some leeway today in honor of those two young women. Humor us, please.

Dead at the Hands of Illegals

How many U.S. citizens are murdered by illegal aliens?

President Trump in a speech stated that 63,000 Americans had been murdered by illegal aliens. The 63,000 number we are unable to document. However, a 2011 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report said that a study population of 249,000 criminal aliens had been arrested for 25,064 homicides.

According to a recent *Associated Press* article, “multiple studies have concluded that immigrants are less likely to commit crime than native-born U.S. citizens.” But the issue isn’t non-citizens who are in this country legally, and who must abide by the law to avoid having their visas revoked or their application for citizenship refused. The real issue is the crimes committed by illegal aliens. And in that context, the claim is quite misleading, because the “multiple studies” on crimes committed by “immigrants” — including a 2014 study by a professor from the University of Massachusetts, which is the only one cited in the article — combine the crime rates of both citizens and non-citizens, legal and illegal.

That isn’t the only problem with the study. Instead of using official crime data, it uses “self-reported criminal offending and country of birth information.” For obvious reasons, there is little incentive for anyone, let alone criminal aliens, to self-report “delinquent and criminal involvement.” When it comes to self-reporting criminal activity, some surveyed will, no doubt, exaggerate. Others will flat out lie. Furthermore, many that are questioned will likely not disclose if they are a non-citizen out of fear of discovery and deportation.

These claims overlook disturbing actual data on crimes committed by criminal aliens. For example, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) released two unsettling reports in 2005 on criminal aliens who are in prison for committing crimes in the United States and issued an updated report in 2011.

The first report (GAO-05-337R) found that criminal aliens (both legal and illegal) make up 27 percent of all federal prisoners. Yet according to the Center for Immigration Studies, non-citizens are only about nine percent of the nation’s adult population. Thus, judging by the numbers in federal prisons alone, non-citizens commit federal crimes at three times the rate of citizens.

The findings in the second report (GAO-05-646R) are even more disturbing. This report looked at the criminal histories of 55,322 aliens that “*entered the country illegally and were still illegal in the country at the time of their incarceration in federal or state prison or local jail during the fiscal year 2003.*” Those 55,322 illegal aliens had been arrested 459,614 times, an average of 8.3 arrests per illegal alien, and had committed almost 700,000 criminal offenses, an average of roughly 12.7 offenses per illegal alien. Out of all of the arrests, 12 percent were for violent crimes such as murder, robbery, assault and sex-related crimes; 15 percent were for burglary, larceny, theft, and property damage; 24 percent were for drug offenses; and the remaining offenses were for DUI, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, weapons, immigration, and obstruction of justice.

The 2011 GAO report wasn’t much different. It looked at 251,000 criminal aliens in federal, state, and local prisons and jails. Those aliens were arrested nearly 1.7 million times for close to three million criminal offenses. Sixty-eight percent of those in federal prison and 66 percent of

those in state prisons were from Mexico. Their offenses ranged from homicide and kidnapping to drugs, burglary, and larceny. Once again, these statistics are not fully representative of crimes committed by illegal aliens: This report only reflects the criminal histories of aliens who were in prison. If there were a way to include all crimes committed by criminal aliens, the numbers would likely be higher because prosecutors often will agree to drop criminal charges against an illegal alien if they are assured that immigration authorities will deport the alien.

The GAO reports also highlight another important flaw in the study referenced by the *Associated Press*. It uses survey data from a nationally representative sample of people living in the United States. Thus, the study does not take into account some potentially key factors highlighted in the GAO reports: that *criminal aliens from Mexico disproportionately make up incarcerations* (GAO-05-337R) and that *most arrests are made in the three border states of California, Texas, and Arizona* (GAO-05-646R and GAO-11-187). Let's look at just one of those three border states who has provided the public actual statistics of crimes committed by illegal aliens.

Just Texas

According to DHS status indicators, over 261,000 criminal aliens have been booked into local Texas jails between June 1, 2011, and July 31, 2018, of which over 175,000 were classified as "illegal aliens."

Between June 1, 2011 and July 31, 2018, these 175,000 illegal aliens were charged with more than 273,000 criminal offenses which included arrests for 505 homicide charges; 30,408 assault charges; 5,396 burglary charges; 34,555 drug charges; 365 kidnapping charges; 15,100 theft charges; 22,213 obstructing police charges; 1,569 robbery charges; 3,212 sexual assault charges; 2,022 sexual offense charges; and 2,754 weapon charges. DPS criminal history records reflect those criminal charges have thus far resulted in over 112,000 convictions including 225 homicide convictions; 12,540 assault convictions; 2,967 burglary convictions; 16,762 drug convictions; 152 kidnapping convictions; 6,741 theft convictions; 10,720 obstructing police convictions; 950 robbery convictions; 1,567 sexual assault convictions; 1,076 sexual offense convictions; and 1,194 weapon convictions.

Exasperation

What is most exasperating to most Americans (other than federal politicians) is that there really is NO need for these senseless crimes to happen. What further heightens Americans' frustration and anger about this problem is that Congress -- who is the only agency that can make or change federal law -- continues to bicker about certain parts of proposed immigration reform legislation while ignoring the most obvious and most critical reason for not just making those changes, but **making those changes immediately!**

How many times and how many studies have we seen that poll Americans who overwhelmingly state immigration reform MUST begin by sealing our southern border? If Americans -- "legal"

Americans -- want their representatives in Washington to enact legislation to protect our babies against illegal alien crimes against them, why doesn't Congress act?

Can't members of Congress agree that trying to do anything regarding new or revised immigration law is sheer lunacy if it does not **FIRST** stop any continued influx of illegals?

It is virtually impossible that 535 men and women who are professionals that come to Congress from varied legal, business, medical, and other professional backgrounds **cannot agree on a path to fix this problem -- ANY PROBLEM -- "IF" they really want to.** And that's the key: Congress proposes, debates, amends, votes, and passes EVERY bill THEY want to see become law.

CONGRESS DOES NOT WANT TO PASS COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM!

Why is that?

To this journalist, the only plausible explanation for this is that more than half of those 535 men and women want to maintain the status quo. And the reason for that can be just one thing: votes. They not only want to allow the free flow of immigrants across the border, they have every intention of finding a way to make it legal for those illegals to vote in federal elections.

"What would that do?" you ask. Those Congressional members think that whoever/whichever political party initiates the steps and process for such legalization will be the party those illegals will support, forever indebted for that legalization. Would that work? It has worked for decades already. Democrats as a whole convinced African Americans that Dems were the saviors of Blacks. In almost every legislation at the federal level, Democrats have the votes of Black Americans locked up, simply because of that obligation Dems have sold them.

And Democrats are NOT the party that has made American life any better for those in the Black community. (*We'll save that conversation for another day*)

Summary

Unless and until Congress passes a comprehensive immigration law that first closes our borders to illegal aliens, America is doomed for the repeat and repeat and repeat of stories like that of Mollie Tibbets and Kate Steinle who had their lives snuffed out at the hands of illegal aliens. I suggest you don't ever let an open-borders advocate sell you the lie that illegal aliens commit crimes at a lesser rate than either native-born or naturalized American citizens. In fact, existing data seems to show that the opposite is likely true.

Get the truth out there in your circles of influence. Every chance you get, push your federal legislators to initiate and support comprehensive immigration legislation that begins with ***slamming the door on the southern border to stop illegals from entering the U.S.***

But we do know one thing for sure. Every crime committed by an illegal alien is one that would not have occurred if that alien wasn't in the United States in the first place. That includes the

hundreds of thousands of crimes committed by the 55,322 illegal aliens in the GAO study who victimized countless numbers of Americans. And that includes the 273,000 criminal offenses committed against Texas citizens alone.

Remember this: Kate Steinle with her father was innocently at Fisherman's Wharf enjoying just being together. Mollie Tibbetts was jogging in a very small rural town in Iowa. With no apparent plan or forethought, two illegal aliens ended the lives of those young women and changed the course of human history for their families.

The next such loss of a young man or young woman could be YOUR child.