



Migration and Enterprise: Reforming Legal Immigration

IMMIGRATION – Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.

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Benefits & Costs of Immigration Reform



- Current immigration regulations are arbitrary, costly, counterproductive.
- Moral and ethical claims.
- History of U.S. immigration and the Constitution (naturalization).
- Cultural claims and concerns.
- Economic claims, costs, and benefits. (“It’s the economy, stupid”)

Current U.S. Immigration Policy



- The Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA), the body of law governing current immigration policy...
- annual worldwide limit of 675,000 permanent immigrants, with certain exceptions for close family members.
- Congress and the President determine a separate number for refugee admissions...
- [legal immigration to the U.S.] based upon...: reunification of families, admitting immigrants with skills that are valuable to the U.S. economy, protecting refugees, and promoting diversity.

<http://www.immigrationpolicy.org/just-facts/how-united-states-immigration-system-works-fact-sheet>

MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE



<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/frequently-requested-statistics-immigrants-and-immigration-united-states#Numbers>

Frequently Requested Statistics on Immigrants and Immigration in the United States FEBRUARY 8, 2018 SPOTLIGHT

How many immigrants reside in the United States?

- [Over] 43.7 million immigrants resided in the United States in 2016,
- accounting for 13.5% of the total U.S. population of 323.1 million, ...
- Immigrants and their U.S.-born children now number approximately 86.4 million people, or 27 percent of the overall U.S. population...
- In 2016, 1.49 million foreign-born individuals moved to the United States, a 7% increase from the 1.38 million coming in 2015.
- India was the leading country of origin, with 175,100 arriving in 2016, followed by 160,200 from China/Hong Kong, 150,400 from Mexico, 54,700 from Cuba, and 46,600 from the Philippines.

Glen Whitman
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Let's put this in perspective. Every year, about 4 million babies are born in the US, fully dependent on others, possessing no skills, and not speaking a word of English. That's about 11,000 babies every single day. Letting in these 7,000 people would add fewer people to the US population than adding one extra day to the calendar... or in other words, what happens in a leap year.



Over 7,000-strong, the migrant caravan headed for the US pushes on

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- At the start of this decade, the Honduran government briefly pursued an experiment so bold as to be almost baffling.
- With the help of a cadre of international experts, led by Paul Romer, the celebrated economist who was recently awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize for his contributions to the study of economic growth, it promised to create a new kind of city that would foster opportunity in a stretch of the country where there was precious little of it.
- Romer had dreamed up this idea of a "charter city" some years before, inspired by the case of Hong Kong, which became a magnet for impoverished Chinese migrants while still under British rule, and China's "special economic zones," the most notable of which, Shenzhen...

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/10/solution-caravan-crisis-honduras/573832/>

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Legal Immigration Reforms

- New work visas. Red Card Solution <http://redcardsolution.com/>



- Start-Up Visas

- Canadian points system, Startup visas, private-sponsored refugees.



The Startup Visa: Key to Job Growth and Economic Prosperity in America *Forbes* March 6, 2015
By Ted Levitt - (Quoted) *Lower Unemployment* & *1 in 10*



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LET ANYONE TAKE A JOB ANYWHERE



- If we value a free market in goods and free movement of capital, should we embrace the free movement of labor?
- Reciprocal treaties would allow citizens of the U.S. and other countries to work legally across borders.

<https://www.intelligencesquaredus.org/debates/let-anyone-take-job-anywhere>

<http://www.economicthinking.org/StudyGuideCubaMexVenez.pdf>

- In a single generation, between 1980 and 2007, more than 10 million people migrated, legally or illegally, from Mexico to the U.S.
- Today there are more than 12 million Mexican-born people in the U.S. and millions of American children who are their offspring-- amounting to almost 10% of the nation's population.
- That is exponentially larger than in 1970, when there were less than one million Mexican-born people in the country, or 1980, when there were two million. The Mexican migration, and the similarly large migration of others from the rest of Latin America, has in just one generation reshaped the nation. (A Nation Built for Immigrants, *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 21-22, 2013, C1.)



The New York Times

U.S. Proposes Immigration Rule Aimed at Entrepreneurs

By Stacy Cowley
Aug. 26, 2016

- Foreign entrepreneurs building new companies in the United States could soon gain a new immigration option that would grant them temporary entry for up to five years, under a rule proposed on Friday by the Department of Homeland Security.
- The proposal, which does not require congressional approval, would allow immigration officials to admit entrepreneurs case by case.
- To qualify, an applicant must have an "active and central role," and a significant ownership stake, in an American company founded in the last three years.

More than half of American tech start-ups valued at \$1 billion or more had at least one immigrant founder, according to a recent study by the National Foundation for American Policy, a research group that focuses on immigration issues.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/27/business/entrepreneur-immigration.html>

Global Migration and Innovation

- “Greek” yogurt from Turkish student.
- Peet’s Coffee & Starbucks (Holland & Italy)
- Top tech firms: Google, Paypal, eBay, (50% of tech founders/key tech immigrants)
- Hong Kong was partly a refugee camp in 1950s.
- Syrian and North African refugees, and immigrants from Eastern Europe revitalizing (or disrupting) UK, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden.
- Israel’s immigration experience (15% of entire population in one year)

The Shape of Immigrants vs. the Shape of U.S. Workers

US: few Ph.D. engineers and scientists and few without high school education.



Immigrants: many scientists & engineers and many who didn’t finish high school with limited English...

FINANCIAL POST

U.S. startup visa draws only 10 applicants as Trump throttles program

No one has been granted a visa, and the U.S. is working on a plan to kill the rule entirely. That may bode well for Canada’s tech scene

The U.S. startup visa, passed with much fanfare during the twilight of Barack Obama’s presidency, was supposed to draw thousands of foreign entrepreneurs. Instead, just 10 people have applied.

<https://business.financialpost.com/entrepreneur/startup-visa-draws-only-10-applicants-as-trump-throttles-program>

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USA TODAY

• Allow states to sponsor immigrants...

On immigration, let the states decide for themselves

Shikha Dalmia, Opinion contributor Published 12:19 p.m. ET Aug. 4, 2017 | Updated 12:19 p.m. ET Aug. 4, 2017

Sen. Johnson’s elegant approach for state guest worker waivers will let states field-test their own hunches about the effects of immigration.

- Sen. Ron Johnson’s (R-Wis.) State Sponsored Visa Act of 2017. Introduced in the Senate last month, this bill is modeled after Canada’s highly successful Provincial Nominee Program.
- And like that program, it would give states the option to write their own guest-worker programs.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/08/04/immigration-let-states-decide-themselves-shikha-dalmia-column/536049001/>

Medical Tourism to Medical Migration

- ...when he got a hernia, he flew to India to have it repaired. There he paid \$300...for a surgery that would cost \$29,880...here. He was a medical tourist—a patient who travels abroad for cost-effective treatment for cancer, cosmetic surgery, or any large yet time-insensitive medical need. ...
- What if those Indian doctors came to us? Foreign doctors can’t operate on U.S. soil without extensive recertification, but they can work in any country that transfers their qualifications. ... What if some of those doctors set up shop in our nearest semi-autonomous states: Native American reservations...

http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/medical_examiner/2013/08/a_solution_to_the_health_care_crisis_indian_doctors_on_indian_reservations.html

How to Solve the American Health Care Crisis

With a little help from some Indians.
By Justin Mello



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JULY 2018

High-Skill Immigrants in Low-Skill Jobs

By Jason Richwine

Highly educated immigrants, meaning those who arrive with a college degree or more, often find that their skills do not fully transfer to the U.S. labor market. Many end up holding jobs for which they are overqualified based on their paper credentials. This “overqualified mismatch” among legal highly educated immigrants is the subject of this report. It is a moderate but significant margin. Legal immigrants with at least a college degree are more likely than natives to take low-skill jobs. These immigrants, the severity of the mismatch varies widely across sending regions. Legal immigrants from some regions of the world struggle much more than others to utilize their college or advanced degrees. As a consequence, policy-makers should be cautious when designing an immigration system that selects for education.



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SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Center for Immigration Studies Report Exaggerates Immigrant Welfare Use

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The Contributions of High-Skilled Immigrants

By Michael Fix and Mervej Kizilci



Salaries have risen for high-skilled foreign workers in U.S. on H-1B visas

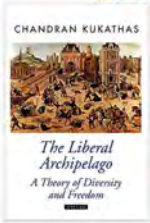
BY PIELI G. JOSE AND JENS HANDEL-KROHNSTEDT

U.S. employers planned to pay high-skilled foreign workers with H-1B visas a median salary of \$80,000 a year in fiscal year 2016, up from about \$69,000 a decade earlier, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of new U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services data.



CHANDRAN KUKATHAS: Controlling Immigration Means Controlling Citizens

CHANDRAN KUKATHAS



<https://ppe.mercatus.org/%5Bnode%3A%5D/essays/chandran-kukathas-controlling-immigration-means-controlling-citizens>

- But what I also want to suggest is that immigration control is the danger to freedom.
- ...the attempt to control outsiders ... is the danger because you can't control outsiders without controlling insiders.
- What immigration control is about, ultimately, is not the control of immigrants—it's the control of citizens and residents.
- "[W]ithout some kind of equality, freedom is just a privilege. So we want freedom for everyone. That's what a liberal democratic society means."

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SNAPSHOT February 28, 2017

A World Without Borders

Richer, Fairer, and More Free

By Nathan Levell

- * [Open borders] advocates [call for] nearly complete freedom of migration worldwide, with rare exceptions for preventing terrorism or the spread of contagious disease.
- * Borders would still exist in such a world, but as jurisdictional boundaries rather than as barriers to human movement. ...
- * The open borders position may sound new and radical, but it is simply a call for the return of lost liberties.
- * When the Statue of Liberty was erected in 1886, most of the world's borders could be freely crossed without passports.

www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/world/2017-02-28/world-without-borders



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- Ending migration controls in this way would increase liberty, reduce global poverty, and accelerate economic growth.
- [and] would challenge the right of governments to regulate migration on the arbitrary grounds of sovereignty.
- Comprehensive restrictions on international movement... today regard[ed] as a normal and necessary government function, are really an innovation of the twentieth century...
- Although the reasons for border control were often explicitly racist—such as the national origins quotas of the 1924 U.S. Immigration Act—the restrictions were also motivated by bona fide national security concerns, as well as a desire to protect native wages and welfare states from immigrant competition and foreign dependents.

www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/world/2017-02-28/world-without-borders



GLOBAL

If People Could Immigrate Anywhere, Would Poverty Be Eliminated?

Some economists are pushing for "open borders"

SHAUN RAVIV APR 26, 2013

- What if there was a program that would cost nothing, improve the lives of millions of people from poorer nations, and double world GDP?
- At least one economist says that increased mobility of people is by far the biggest missed opportunity in development.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2013/04/if-people-could-immigrate-anywhere-would-poverty-be-eliminated/275332/>

Should We Let Them All In? How Immigration Helps the Economy



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<http://www.learnliberty.org/videos/should-we-let-them-all-in-how-immigration-helps-the-economy/>

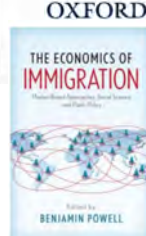


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Myth 1: Refugees as Economically Isolated?
Refugees are not isolated. They are integrated into the local economy and contribute to the host country's GDP. Many refugees in urban areas like Kampala, Uganda, are self-sufficient and do not rely on aid.

Myth 2: Refugees as Burden?
Refugees are often perceived as a burden, but they contribute to the host country's economy. In Uganda, a significant number of refugees in rural areas are self-sufficient and do not rely on aid.

Myth 4: Refugees as Technologically Illiterate?
Many refugees in Uganda combine their own skills with modern agricultural and technological techniques, and some rural and urban households in Malindi, Kenya, employ refugees.

Myth 5: Refugees as Dependent?
Refugees are often perceived as being primarily dependent on assistance from the international donor community. This is far from reality in Uganda, where a significant number of refugees in rural areas are self-sufficient and do not rely on aid.

Percentage of rural and urban refugees who do not receive assistance from the international donor community: 17%

<https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/refugee-economies>

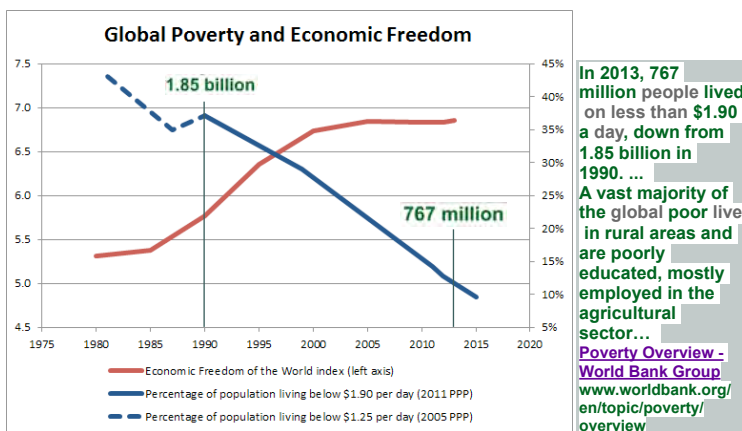
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Many Disagree... and Focus on Problems of Immigration

- Over 5 million views for *Immigration, World Poverty and Gumballs* by NumbersUSA
- Claims: 3 billion in world with income under \$2/day. And world population growing by 80 million a year.
- USA can't much help the world's poor by letting 1 million (or even 5 million) in each year.
- Poverty must be solved in the countries where the poor live.
- Immigrants and their children are only reason US population is increasing...
- Longer video claims overcrowded schools, parks, roads and, environmental harms.



Immigration, World Poverty and Gumballs - NumbersUSA.com
5,102,614 views
NumbersUSA
Published on Sep 18, 2016



<http://www.cato.org/blog/dramatic-decline-world-poverty>

The Anti-Immigration Crusader

By JASON DEPARLE | APRIL 27, 2011

- WASHINGTON — Three decades ago, a middle-aged doctor sat outside his northern Michigan home and saw a patch of endangered paradise.
- A beekeeper and amateur naturalist of prodigious energy, John Tanton had spent two decades planting trees, cleaning creeks and suing developers, but population growth put ever more pressure on the land. Though fertility rates had fallen, he saw a new threat emerging: soaring rates of immigration.
- Time and again, Dr. Tanton urged liberal colleagues in groups like Planned Parenthood and the Sierra Club to seek immigration restraints, only to meet blank looks and awkward

<https://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/17/us/17immig.html>

Mother Jones
The Immigration Hardliner Family Tree
A guide to the funders, think tanks, lawyers, and politicians behind harsh Arizona-style legislation.
MARCH/APRIL 2012 ISSUE

The Tree of Tanton
The small, interlocking world of anti-immigration advocates

John Tanton, founding father of FAIR, NumbersUSA, and the Center for Immigration Studies
(Tanton was on board of Ehrlich's Zero Population Growth.)

Paul and Anne Ehrlich, former RAISE advisers, authors of *The Population Bomb*

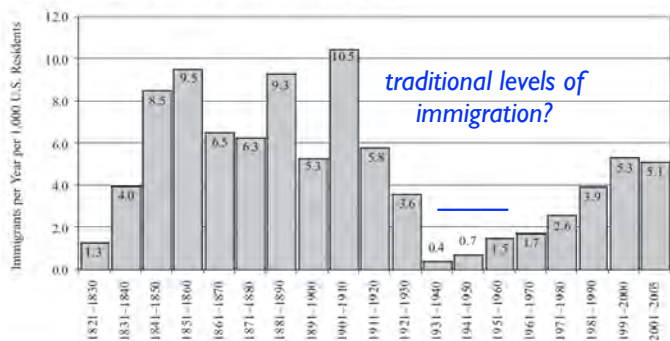
Center for Immigration Studies
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John Eastman, U.S. Amendment (aka "anchor baby" opposition)
Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)
Lou Dobbs

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<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2012/03/john-tanton-anti-immigration-laws/>

SPLINTER
The Eugenacist Doctor and the Vast Fortune Behind Trump's Immigration Regime
<https://splinternews.com/the-eugenacist-doctor-and-the-vast-fortune-behind-trump-1827322435>

TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION?

Figure 1
American Immigration in Perspective, by Decade, 1820-2005



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics, U.S. Office of Immigration Statistics, and Pew Hispanic Center.

An 'America First' Immigration Policy

By Stephen Moore

March 6, 2018

- America greatly benefits economically from a steady flow of immigrants (... 1 million new legal arrivals each year)
- Immigrants' age profile is beneficial to the U.S. They tend to come to the United States when they are young — between the ages of 16 and 35.
- They are educated in China, or Mexico, or Germany, or Ireland, and then America gets most or all of the benefits of their labor and the public return on the education.
- This is one of the greatest wealth transfers in the history of the world. It is worth trillions of dollars to American citizens. greatest comparative advantages in the global economy. ...
<https://www.creators.com/read/stephen-moore/03/18/an-america-first-immigration-policy>

An 'America First' Immigration Policy *continued...*

By Stephen Moore
March 6, 2018 | *Wash Post*

- Immigrants are especially beneficial now because of our unfavorable demographic[s]. ...75 million baby boomers...are retiring at the pace of 10,000 a day, and there aren't enough young people to fill the gaps.
- Immigrants can and hopefully will — or else Social Security and Medicare will go belly up much faster than anyone imagines.
- —Since there is such a high global demand for entry into the U.S., we should set a price on these visas, perhaps \$25,000 or even \$50,000. We could raise about \$20 billion a year to reduce the budget deficit. There would be no shortage of people lining up to pay the entry fee in exchange for the most valuable resource in the world: an American passport.

<https://www.creators.com/read/stephen-moore/03/18/an-america-first-immigration-policy>



BOOKS

Let Their People Come: Breaking the Gridlock on Global Labor Mobility

Lant Pritchett

SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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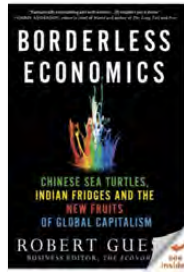
PAPERBACK

<https://www.cgdev.org/publication/9781933286105-let-their-people-come-breaking-gridlock-global-labor-mobility>

Migration Economics

How Moving Makes Us Richer

- Stories of immigrants who see problems and act on opportunities. *Cheun Yan from China saw lots of paper thrown away in the U.S., built Nine Dragons Paper, now she is worth \$1.6 billion.*
- *Sergey Brin, son of Russian immigration to Google. Similar stories with PayPal, eBay, Sun Microsystems.*
- www.renewoureconomy.org



New American Economy

Nation + Texas

Data	Stories
Immigrant Residents	4,707,859
Immigrant Share of Population	16.9%
Immigrant Taxes Paid	\$32.1B
Immigrant Spending Power	\$101.2B
Immigrant Entrepreneurs	357,420
Employees at Immigrant-Owned Firms	421,942

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NATION + Kansas

Data	Stories
Immigrant Residents	218,203
Immigrant Share of Population	7.3%
Immigrant Taxes Paid	\$1.6B
Immigrant Spending Power	\$4.6B
Immigrant Entrepreneurs	6,411
Employees at Immigrant-Owned Firms	31,102

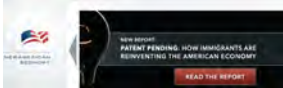
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National 2018 Immigration Survey Reveals Deep Support for Immigration Deal

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PewResearchCenter *Hispanic Trends*

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WOMEN 11-18-2018

More Mexicans Leaving Than Coming to the U.S.

Net Loss of 140,000 from 2009 to 2014; Family Reunification Top Reason for Return

<http://www.pewhispanic.org/2015/11/19/more-mexicans-leaving-than-coming-to-the-u-s/>

Yes, we are experiencing a net outflow of illegal, undocumented workers from America back to Mexico

By Ann Lipton | *Washington Post*, April 20, 2017 | <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/immigration/wp/2017/04/20/yes-we-are-experiencing-a-net-outflow-of-illegal-undocumented-workers-from-america-back-to-mexico/>

Immigration experts from a variety of think tanks said Pew's research on illegal immigration is well respected and saw no reason to doubt its methodology.



The Case for Immigration: The secret to economic vibrancy

by Phillip Legrain and TCS Daily interview with Phillip Legrain

There is a contradiction at the heart of our globalizing world: while goods, services, and capital move across borders ever more freely, most people cannot. No government except perhaps North Korea's would dream of banning crossborder trade in goods and services, yet it is seen as perfectly normal and reasonable for governments to outlaw the movement across borders of most people who produce goods and services. No wonder illegal immigration is on the rise: most would-be migrants have no other option.

This is perverse. Immigrants are not an invading army; they are mostly people seeking a better life. Many are drawn to rich countries such as the United States by the huge demand for workers to fill the low-end jobs that their increasingly well-educated and comfortable citizens do not want. And just as it is beneficial for people to move from Alabama to California in response to market signals, so too from Mexico to the United States.

depressing their wages. Others fret that immigrants will be a burden on the welfare state. Some seem to believe that immigrants somehow simultaneously "steal" jobs and live off welfare.

Governments increasingly accept the case for allowing in highly skilled immigrants. The immigration bill before the Senate would tilt U.S. policy in that direction, establishing a points system that gives preference to university graduates. Such skills-focused points systems are in vogue: Canada and Australia employ one; Britain is introducing one; and other European countries are considering them.

For sure, as the number of university graduates in China, India, and other emerging markets soars in coming decades, it will be increasingly important for the United States to be able to draw on the widest possible pool of talent—not just for foreigners' individual skills and drive, but for their collective diversity.

It is astonishing how often the exceptional individuals who come up with brilliant new ideas happen to be immigrants. Twenty-one of Britain's Nobel Prize winners arrived in the country as refugees. Perhaps this is because immigrants tend to see things differently rather than following the conventional wisdom, perhaps because as outsiders they are more determined to succeed.

Yet most innovation nowadays comes not from individuals, but from groups of talented people sparking off each other—and foreigners with different ideas, perspectives, and experiences add something extra to the mix. If there are ten people sitting around a table trying to come up with a solution to a problem and they all think alike, then they are no better than one. But if they all think differently, then by bouncing ideas off each other they can solve

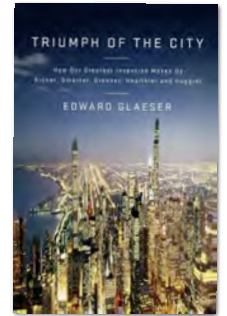
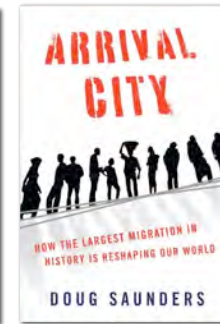
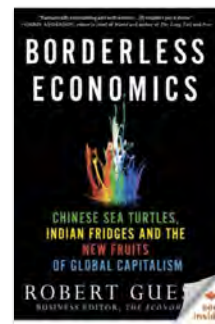
Open Immigration?

* Britain's experience since it opened its borders to the eight much poorer central and eastern European countries which joined the European Union in 2004 is instructive.

* All 75 million people there could conceivably have moved, but in fact only a small fraction have, and most of those have already left again. Many are, in effect, international commuters, splitting their time between Britain and Poland.



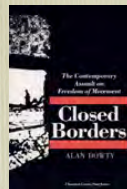
Migration, Cities, and Economic Prosperity



Closed Borders

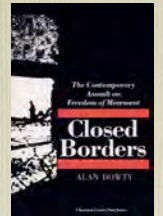
The Contemporary Assault on Freedom of Movement by Alan Dowty. A Twentieth Century Fund Report; Yale University Press, 1987

- Human history is the history of movement.
- Migration the principle drivewheel of historic change.
- Migration the means for diffusion of ideas, techniques, and cultures, and new advances stimulated.



Free Trade & Migration

- “As supporters of free trade argue that the flow of goods will regulate itself, so defenders of free movement contend that the unhindered flow of people will find a natural balance. p. 58
- “In this view, the accumulation of millions of individual decisions will produce a better social result than any centralized scheme of control.
- The movement of people thus serves as a ‘thermostat’ of the relative pressures and opportunities existing in different societies.”



Migration

- After railroads & steamships, but before Passports... (“temporary wartime measure”)
- Migration: 1895-1920: 145,000 Romanians came to the United States. Many others migrated to Western Europe.
- 450,000 Hungarians to U.S. - 1894 to 1914.
- World’s largest migration: Europeans to North & South America in this period.
- Immigration in the 1980s and 1990s...

