

The majority supports Arizona

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BIG SANDY, Texas--Because of the abundance of material for "Eye of the World" this weekend, I decided to move the following seven short news items to the "Among Friends" section of the Web site. You will notice that all these articles are about the new Arizona law against illegal immigration.



A speech given by Rep. Tom McClintock in the House Chamber in Washington, D.C., as a response to an earlier speech by Mexican President Felipe Calderon (on May 19, 2010) has been posted at various Web sites on the Internet. Here is the text:

"I rise to take strong exception to the speech of the President of Mexico while in this chamber today.

"The Mexican government has made it very clear for many years that it holds American sovereignty in contempt and President Calderon's behavior as a guest of the Congress confirms and underscores this attitude.

"It is highly inappropriate for the President of Mexico to lecture Americans on American immigration policy, just as it would be for Americans to lecture Mexico on its laws.

"It is obvious that President Calderon does not understand the nature of America or the purpose of our immigration law.

"Unlike Mexico's immigration law—which is brutally exclusionary—the purpose of America's law is not to keep people out. It is to assure that as people come to the United States they do so with the intention of becoming Americans and of raising their children as Americans.

"Unlike Mexico, our nation embraces immigration, and what makes that possible is assimilation.

"A century ago President Teddy Roosevelt put it this way. He said:

" "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 person's becoming in every facet 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 . . . 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.'

"That is how we have built one great nation from the people of all the nations of the world.

"The largest group of immigrants now comes from Mexico. A recent RAND study discovered that during most of the 20th Century, while our immigration laws were actually enforced, assimilation worked and made possible the swift attainment of the American dream for millions of immigrants seeking to escape conditions in Mexico.

"That is the broader meaning of our nation's motto, 'E Pluribus Unum'—from many people, one people, the American people.

"But there is now an element in our political structure that seeks to undermine that concept of 'E Pluribus Unum.' It seeks to hyphenate Americans, to develop linguistic divisions, to assign rights and preferences based on race and ethnicity, and to elevate devotion to foreign ideologies and traditions, while at the same time denigrating American culture, American values and American founding principles.

"In order to do so, they know that they have to stop the process of assimilation. In order to do that, they must undermine our immigration laws.

"It is an outrage that a foreign head of state would appear in this chamber and actively seek to do so. And it is a disgrace that he would be cheered on from the left wing of the White House and by many Democrats in this Congress.

"Arizona has not adopted a new immigration law. All it has done is to enforce existing law that President Obama refuses to enforce. It is hardly a radical policy to suggest that if an officer on a routine traffic stop encounters a driver with no driver's license, no passport, and who doesn't speak English, that maybe that individual might be here illegally.

"And to those who say we must reform our immigration laws—I reply that we don't need to reform them—we need to enforce them. Just as every other government does. Just as Mexico does.

"Above all, this is a debate of, by and for the American people. If President Calderon wishes to participate in that debate, I invite him to obey our immigration laws, apply for citizenship, do what 600,000 *legal* immigrants to our nation are doing right now, learn our history and our customs, and become an American. And then he will have every right to participate in that debate.

"Until then, I would politely invite him to have the courtesy while a guest of this Congress to abide by the fundamental rules of diplomacy between civilized nations not to meddle in each other's domestic debates."



An article by Chris Hawley titled "Activists Blast Mexico's Immigration Law" was posted at usatoday.com on May 25, 2010.

It said: "In Mexico, illegal immigrants receive terrible treatment from corrupt Mexican authorities, say people involved in the system.

"And Mexico has a law that is no different from Arizona's that empowers local police to check the immigration documents of people suspected of not being in the country legally."



An article by Joshua Rhett Miller titled "Arizona Sheriff Wants Apology From Mexico for Its 'Threatening' Tourism Ad" was posted at foxnews.com on May 24, 2010.

It said: "An Arizona sheriff is calling on Mexican officials to apologize for a 'threatening' advertisement that depicts a camouflage-clad man looking through binoculars with the words: 'In Sonora we are looking for people from Arizona.' "

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio was the person who reacted to the advertisement placed in *The Arizona Republic* on Friday [May 21].



An editorial by Brad Wilmoth titled "FNC's Megyn Kelly Analyzes AZ Immigration Law, Finds Less Stringent Than Federal Law" was posted at newsbusters.org on May 23, 2010.

It said: "On Thursday's [May 20's] *The O'Reilly Factor*, FNC's Megyn Kelly appeared to give her take on the Arizona immigration law that has so upset the left in America, relaying her conclusion that the law actually holds the police to higher standards against racial discrimination and the conditions under which police can enforce the law than current federal laws."

The article quoted Ms. Kelly as saying: "And my legal opinion is, it is a little bit like the federal law, but if anything it's less problematic. Did you know that the Supreme Court [of the United States] already ruled a few years ago that under federal law cops can pull you over for no reason and demand to see your immigration papers? For no reason. They don't have to have reasonable suspicion."

The article also quoted Ms. Kelly as saying: "And the court, this was written by then-Chief Justice Rehnquist, who said in that case, hold on, let me get it because it's here in front of me someplace. He said the officers did not need reasonable suspicion to ask Menia for her name, date and place of birth or immigration status. The cops do not need reasonable suspicion to ask you about immigration status. Under Arizona law, they do. They do."

Referring to restrictions against police application of the law, Ms. Kelly concluded: "It's tougher. Arizona's tougher."



A legal immigrant commented before the city counsel of Tucson, Ariz. (which wants to file a lawsuit against the State of Arizona). She articulated her rejection of illegal immigration. Her comments can be seen at [youtube.com/watch?v=Shkp09Rflbo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Shkp09Rflbo).



An article by Paul Haven titled "Cuban Lawmakers Denounce Arizona Immigration Law" was posted at ktar.com on May 20, 2010.

It said: "Cuban lawmakers have passed a resolution denouncing Arizona's new immigration law as 'racist and xenophobic,' recalling an old dispute in the process: the argument that the United States' purchase of Arizona from Mexico in the 19th century was tantamount to theft."

The article later said: "The tightly controlled, communist-run island has long been criticized for its human rights record, which includes the jailing of 200 political prisoners, the banning of a free press and the outlawing of opposition political parties.

"Cuban citizens are required to carry identification with them wherever they go, and can be stopped by police and sent home if they are found in a part of the island where they don't belong."



An article by Jana Winter titled "Feds Issue Terror Watch for the Texas-Mexico border" was posted at foxnews.com on May 26, 2010.

It said: "The Department of Homeland Security is alerting Texas authorities to be on the lookout for a suspected member of the Somalia-based Al Shabaab terrorist group who might be attempting to travel to the U.S. through Mexico, a security expert who has seen the memo tells FOXNews.com.

"The warning follows an indictment unsealed this month in Texas federal court that accuses a Somali man in Texas of running a 'large-scale smuggling enterprise' responsible for bringing hundreds of Somalis from Brazil through South America and eventually across the Mexican border. Many of the illegal immigrants, who court records say were given fake IDs, are alleged to have ties to other now-defunct Somalian terror organizations that have merged with active organizations like Al Shabaab, al-Barakat and Al-Ittihad Al-Islami."

The article continued: "Security experts tell FOXNews.com that the influx of hundreds of Somalis over the U.S. border who allegedly have ties to suspected terror cells is evidence of a porous and unsecured border being exploited by groups intent on wreaking deadly havoc on American soil."