

[ CHAPTER TWELVE ]

## Restoring Value to American Citizenship



After 1964, as American leaders became complacent, U.S. citizenship lost its value. In my time, foreigners acquired citizenship with ease; it was awarded through amnesty to unlawful aliens already living in the country and sold to wealthy foreigners.

Penniless illegal Hispanic immigrants paid nothing and received amnesty. Prosperous legal immigrants paid by proving a net worth of either 1,300 or 2,600 gold ounces along with a pledge to start up a rural or urban business and employ American workers. Between these extremes, hundreds of thousands of other foreigners found ways, both honest and dishonest, to obtain citizenship.

Without conscience and without historical precedent, Senator Alan K. Simpson's bill granted amnesty to millions of illegal aliens, thus rewarding acknowledged lawbreakers with citizenship. This act announced to the world that an impotent United States could not protect its borders from illegal entry. Whether the purpose of entry was benign or hostile, foreigners could enter and reside in the country at will.

Many new immigrants found freedom from want as recipients of federal and state largess. They merely had to apply to have welfare showered on them. Others found freedom pursuing crime. Lax American justice let newcomers have their way in every form of criminal activity, quite different from the punishment given

lawbreakers in their countries of origin. New citizens from these two groups became increasingly parasitic. Not content with what they got — wanting more and getting more became synonymous. The costs of welfare and theft became unbearable. A two-tiered American citizenship emerged: newcomers getting, oldcomers giving.

You began the process of restoring value to American citizenship when you rescinded all laws enacted since 1964. This stopped the depletion of state and federal funds previously wasted on bilingual public schoolteachers to conduct primary classes in Spanish for Hispanic children. Prior to 1964, all immigrants, including those from Spanish-speaking countries, learned American English on their own, and many rose to the highest levels of American success. Forced bilingual education produced a multitude of Hispanic busboys, waiters, and criminals and scarcely any Hispanic scientists. As electives, second languages are excellent opportunities; when mandated as a contrived bridge-language for a group, they confer secondary citizenship.

From this country's early days, Puritan New Englanders, Dutch New York burghers, Pennsylvania Quakers, and aristocratic Southern slaveholders resented each other's cultures, values, and sometimes language. Too many years elapsed, including a civil war, before the United States achieved a single identity and a standard, broad-based culture. Earlier American demands on immigrant groups for assimilation brought benefits for most in the ensuing "melting pot."

American English paved the way for that unification. It began in 1778, eleven years before the Constitution of the United States was ratified, when the Continental Congress decreed that messages to foreign emissaries be issued in the language of the United States. In 1789, 90 percent of the country's Caucasian inhabitants were of English descent. Even then, as new words and meanings were added, American English was changing rapidly from the mother tongue.

Languages have lifetimes: thriving and growing in energetic countries, dying in lethargic ones. During a great nation's growth, words multiply dramatically. In England, few people living in the second generation after Shakespeare could understand the written

language of just two generations before Shakespeare. Later, when England declined in prosperity and power, its language stagnated.

Similarly, as America grew, American English mushroomed and its usage worldwide escalated. Theodore Roosevelt was prescient when he stated, “The one absolute certain way of bringing this nation to ruin would be to permit it to become a tangle of squabbling nationalities. We have but one flag. We must also have but one language, and that language is English.”

The nation must be unified again. It is a mockery, Mr. President, that you must reinvent this wheel of unity, but reinvent you must. Without action, American citizenship continues to mean little more than a second home for foreigners. Your success and the success of American English are inseparable.

Conduct all business, private and public, in American English. A few newspapers and television and radio stations will test your determination, particularly those with Hispanic audiences. Revoke their licenses, confiscate their assets, and sell them to the highest bidder. Old-fashioned competition provides buyers; let them profit from the stupidity of those who question your resolve.

Deport and revoke the citizenship — which they do not appreciate — of those who agitate for a multicultural and multilingual society instead of assimilation. For those not content to be Americans with one language, one culture, and one identity, but who do not foment unrest, merely encourage them to return to their native homelands.

After 1987, a few American-born citizens renounced their citizenship to avoid federal and state taxes. These wealthy former Americans took advantage of all our nation’s good and left with their own goods before the ship sank. Their citizenship meant nothing to them. These turncoat tax avoiders are the easiest to deal with. Ban them from our country and never allow them to return. Prohibit all Americans, even relatives, from transacting business with them. Have the Internal Revenue Service audit every income tax return filed during their lifetime. Apply the penalties set forth in your crime agenda for any criminal actions uncovered in the audit. Bring absentee criminal proceedings against them, as they can never again set foot in America. Sentence those found guilty to confinement in overseas prisons (and expect Africa to be

the destination for most). Since they were absent when tried and convicted, they are unlikely to appear on time at the foreign prison gate. Thus, treat them as escaped prisoners — outlaws. Bounty hunters will locate even the most cunning of these fugitives.

Deal differently with other citizenship categories. The prerequisite of losing something is first to have it; one cannot lose what one does not have. Little merit lies in making it harder to acquire American citizenship, while much good lies in taking it away. Demonstrate your determination to restore the value of American citizenship through your actions.

Revoke the citizenship of all immigrants who became American citizens after 1964 and who, as citizens, received a felony conviction. Return those not in prison to their native countries with seventy-two hours' deportation notice. They can settle their American affairs from their home country. Family members residing in the United States can join the felons in the old country or decide not to follow those felonious ways and remain as law-abiding American citizens. Regardless of country of origin, treat all revoked citizenships equally, without appeal.

Make one exception, however, for the country of Nigeria. Immigrants and visitors from no other country equal the percentage of upper-class Nigerian crooks in the United States. They are world-class masters of white-collar theft and financial scams. Upper-class Nigerian culture lauds dishonesty more than does any other nation. Rarely is anyone so displeased at having his own things stolen to the extent that upper-class Nigerians are displeased at not having stolen someone else's goods. In my time, it was stated that over 75 million ounces of gold were looted from Nigeria by government officials, most sent to Switzerland. Six thousand Nigerians were reported to be worth over 2.5 million gold ounces each. Another six thousand were said to have a net worth far exceeding 2,500 gold ounces each, and fifty-five thousand were reported to have a net worth of at least 2,500 gold ounces each. At the same time, 22 million poor Nigerians each earned slightly more than one ounce of gold per year.

Every former Nigerian who became an American citizen after 1964, his descendants, and his relatives should have their American citizenships revoked and be deported to Nigeria within forty-

eight hours. Revoke old visas and deny new visas; have no involvement with Nigeria. With one stroke you stop Nigerians from ever pirating Americans again. Let other countries cope with Nigeria's culture.

Americans and the world will soon see that what was given freely can be withdrawn just as easily. You have the power to rescind the citizenship of individuals or the entire American population emanating from specific countries. Having restored value to U.S. citizenship, you will benefit immediately from the new-found pride in being an American. World leaders will reassess your resolve. You also serve notice globally that you, America's Man on Horseback, can and will act decisively and move quickly without the restraint of politics.