

Demographics rule Democrats

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Chicago's Democrat Mayor Rahm Emmanuel made headlines recently when he asked the Obama administration to ship a thousand unaccompanied illegal alien children to his unfair city - although it must be noted that he did not offer to house any of the children in his own home. Naturally, he expects the taxpayers to underwrite his generosity.

Emmanuel's offer is a bit ironic in that we're told that these children are fleeing Central American gang violence. Chicago's murder rate is competitive with Honduras' and, within the small subculture where most of Chicago's violence occurs, it's actually far higher. According to a sociological study, three quarters of Chicago's murders are committed within a subculture that numbers only 175,000. If violence were to explain this migration, then it would make sense for many of Chicago's children to flee to Honduras.

Idaho Republican Gov. C.L. (Butch) Otter made headlines by asking that the Obama administration not burden the taxpayers of his state with babysitting duties. And the illuminati predictably condemned him as a heartless racist.

Maryland Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley briefly made headlines by publicly declaring that America should welcome these hordes of illegal aliens, while secretly asking President Obama to spare his state the burden. When his duplicity was exposed, he claimed that it was for the children's safety. After all, there were Republicans in his state who would likely do violence to these kids.

Because O'Malley is considered a likely future Democratic presidential candidate, expect that story to disappear down the news media memory hole.

Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has also argued for the U.S. to make a home for these children, going so far as to compare them to the Baby Jesus. But I also noticed that she didn't offer to house them in her \$20 million wine country estate. She didn't even offer to let them sleep in her horse barn's mangers.

G. Gordon Liddy once defined a liberal as someone who feels a great debt to society, which debt he proposes to pay with your money.

But there's far more simple political theater to the Democrats' compassionate gestures. Democrats have been licking their chops for years, assuming that demographic shifts will soon make them a permanent majority.

The millions of illegal aliens who were granted amnesty during the Ronald Reagan administration vote overwhelmingly Democratic. Republicans, who think that they'll earn the everlasting gratitude of this current crop of illegal aliens, might want to consider that.

A recent article in Politico explained how the Democratic Party expects to gain majority status in Texas by 2028 and in Georgia perhaps as soon as this year. The reason for their optimism is not that they're winning the debate. They're winning the migration and reproductive battle in those states.

Democrats are licking their chops as Georgia's African-American and Latino populations rapidly grow. Along with gays and unmarried women, these demographics vote overwhelmingly Democrat. Democrats don't have to persuade anyone. They just have to nurture the grievance culture that flourishes in those demographics to keep them in the fold.

And if they can accelerate that trend by legalizing illegal aliens by the millions, then that's a good thing.

Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., made no bones about the Democrats' intentions. As a confidante of the president, he predicts that Obama will grant amnesty by presidential fiat to as many 5 million illegal aliens. And that the next step would be to get them registered as Democrats as soon as possible.

Arizona Rep. Raul Grijalva co-chairs the Democrats' Progressive Caucus. Just last week, he advocated amnesty for illegal aliens as soon as possible, even if it hurts Democrats in the next few elections, because once those immigrants can legally vote, most will vote reliably Democrat.

So that's what our democracy has devolved into. We have one party that, for all its many flaws, relies upon persuading Americans to embrace a philosophy of limited government and economic prosperity. We have another party whose goals are precisely the opposite and who knows that they can't sell that idea to a majority. So they place their electoral fortunes upon the growth of demographics, marinated from birth with a grievance mentality.

If Republicans hope to survive, they need to work harder at explaining how everyone gains from economic prosperity and not worry when the news media condemns such outreach as "pandering." And Republicans need to defend those who heed conservatism's call from condemnation as "Uncle Toms."

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