

# Using Illegals

## Reapportionment counts people, not citizens

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**T**HE DEMOCRAT LEFT-WING leadership will never support any kind of effective immigration policy, and for a very pragmatic reason. To do so would cut their own political throats. They will, however, enthusiastically support a bad bill that grants amnesty. They benefit politically from the flood of illegals, not only from the possibility that they may someday register to vote as Democrats, but also from *the impact they have on the census*.

The Democrats' dirty little secret is knowing how to use illegals, although not registered to vote, to help them elect a disproportionate number of left-wing Democrats to office. Few know that reapportionment\* of legislative districts is based on census data — body count — not registered voters. Law requires the same number of people (men, women, children, and babies) living within boundaries of each district. If it is a state near Mexico, it inevitably has a large body of illegals who are counted in the census and comprise a sizable segment of the Spanish-speaking population.



### Opportunity for activists

The Mexican-American population eligible to vote tends to register mostly as Democrats, with only a small percentage choosing to be Republicans. Illegals, out of necessity and for cover, gravitate to population centers where they can mingle with those who speak their own language. Therefore they enlarge the ranks of the Mex-

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\* *Reapportionment* follows each 10-year census of the entire nation. It is Congress's reallotment among the 50 states (to reflect shifting population) of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. *Redistricting* is the redrawing of the individual district boundary lines, both for House seats and for state legislative seats. In California (and 43 other states), redistricting is done by the Legislature, with lawmakers selecting the voters they will represent by drawing their own district lines. — *editor*

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ican-American population. Like black Americans, a high percentage of Mexican-Americans do not register to vote, creating an opportunity for a small body of left-wing activists within the Mexican community to run for office (usually helped financially by affluent left-wing groups that live outside the district).

**A**S AN EXAMPLE: imagine border state X with a census count of two million people, of which 20 percent (400,000) are illegals. According to law, each state Senate district in state X should have 100,000 people living in it. Out of the population of two million (including illegals), one million of those legally *eligible* to vote actually *register* to vote, half of them Democrats and half Republicans.

One could then assume that in a normal election all the seats would be competitive with either party having a chance to win control of the Legislature. However, look what could happen if liberal Democrats are in control of the committee responsible for redistricting state X. Using just three districts as an example, see what can happen with an abundance of illegals.

	Population	[D]	[R]	Illegals & unregistered citizens
Dist. 1	100,000	20,000	5,000	75,000
Dist. 2	100,000	30,000	10,000	60,000
Dist. 3	<u>100,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
	300,000	60,000	60,000	180,000

### Safe Democrat seats

The Democrat redistricting committee's careful maneuvering of district lines accomplishes the following: By combining the large number of illegals and unregistered Americans, they use a relatively small number of registered Democrats and a much smaller group of registered Republicans to create a sizable majority of safe Democrat seats. As required by law, they adjust all the state Senate district lines to include 100,000 people.

To create that majority of safe Democrat seats, they must cram as many registered Republicans as they can in as few districts as possible. They do this in secret and without knowledge or input from Republicans or the public. And they don't care if a few Republicans are elected as long as they aren't the majority and as long as they don't influence the Legislature. By creating a few fat, safe Republican districts, it's easy pickings to find a few moderate Republicans who will vote with them if

given one of the safe Republican seats. This kind of gerrymandering makes a mockery of the elective process.

### Twelve million illegals

The nation has an estimated 12 million illegals within our boundaries. With porous borders, the numbers grow year by year. By the 2010 census, this population will have increased

by millions more. Illegals therefore play a definite role in who is and who isn't elected, especially in states that border Mexico. California's population accounts for close to one out of every eight Americans. California illegals number in the millions. Directly, although unknowingly, they play a dominant role in how this state is governed — without one of them ever registering to vote. This is just one more reason why illegal entry in the country must be stopped. People wonder how California can elect a Ronald Reagan and still have a Democrat-controlled Senate and Assembly. It *can* because liberal Democrats have controlled California redistricting for the past 50 years. Californians, when given a chance, are more conservative than people believe.

**I**CAN GUARANTEE FEW Americans have a glimmer of understanding about how they are being used and cheated out of a fair elective process. One reason I can guarantee it is that — believe it or not — many elected *legislators* haven't a clue about how redistricting operates either. Redistricting should never be left in the hands of a left-wing Legislature.

We would have a better chance of fairness by turning the drawing of district lines over to a collection of mental patients, skid-row derelicts, and pot-heads than leaving it where it now resides.

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## Looking for a moderate Democrat

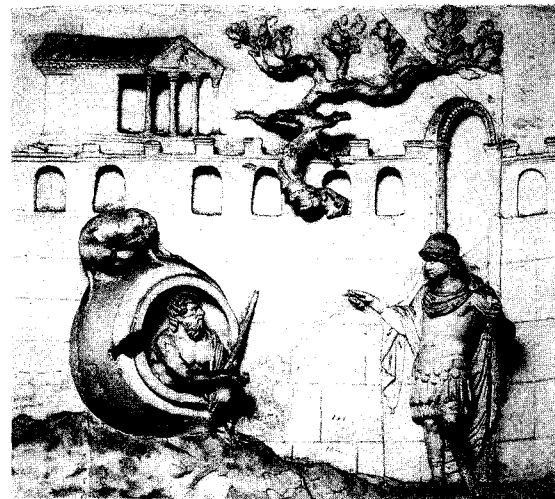
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**I**N SEVERAL RESPECTS, the June Primary defied the conventional wisdom that super-low-turnouts — and 28 percent certainly qualifies as that — translates into an electorate dominated by both parties' base voters: conservatives over-represented in the GOP primary; liberals in the Democrat. The "CW" seems to have been correct about Phil Angelides, the darling of the hard-core, quite left of center Democrat voter. Most observers expect that had statewide turnout been 35 instead of 28 percent, Westly would have won. On the GOP side, turnout undoubtedly helped former Assemblyman Tony Strickland win his narrow victory over the better financed, much less conservative state Senator Abel Maldonado.

Yet had the "CW" held form, you would expect the less rabidly liberal candidates favored by business to have been clobbered in Democrat legislative primaries. They were not. In fact, given the woeful lack of success business has had in past Democrat primaries, their winning almost as many as they lost in June is a noteworthy achievement.

In the same vein, the Primary's biggest puzzlement of all, given a heavily liberal Democrat turnout, was the defeat of Proposition 82. Masquerading as a tax increase on the super wealthy to help "the kids," turnout seemed tailor-made for a Prop. 82 victory. Yet the measure received a mere 39 percent of the vote, carrying only three counties (Imperial, San Francisco, and Alameda). It got clobbered even within certain regions of fever-swamp liberal-land, receiving 44 percent in Marin County and 46 percent in Santa Cruz County.

I've yet to hear or read a satisfactory explanation for why that happened. Until I do, I'll stick with my own concoction, which is that Rob Reiner's combination of physical ugliness and mental vacuity is too lethal even for most liberals to abide. This



Diogenes, who looked forlornly 'for an honest man,' is visited, at his 'home,' by Alexander the Great.

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