

The sheer volume of people coming into the U.S. overwhelms security efforts. Not only do we need a massive reduction in legal immigration and an end to illegal immigration but the number of visa carriers must be severely restricted. To enforce our immigration laws, many more Interior Enforcement officers (INS Investigators, of which there are only around 2000) are required.

In this issue of *The Social Contract* we offer a lengthy section of essays and testimony given in response to the terrorist attacks. In addition, on October 21, 2001, the Twenty-Fifth Social Contract Writers Workshop was held in Arlington, Virginia. Many of the salient reports given at the meeting are reprinted here.

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If you haven't seen it, we recommend the video report, *Jihad in America: The Terrorists Among Us* by Steven Emerson whose testimony before a Congressional committee is reprinted in this issue. This hour-long program explores the Islamic terrorist network that was involved in the recent attacks, including segments from meetings held in various locations in the United States. The video retails for \$14.98, but can be purchased at a discount through the on-line retailer, www.Amazon.com.

WAYNE LUTTON, Ph.D.

Looking at Letters to Other Editors...

Under the headline, "Meatpacking: We Are Marching Backward," a police officer in Anaheim, California, and a member of the Anaheim Unified School District Board of Trustees, placed this letter to the editors of the *Dallas Morning News*:

In 1906 Upton Sinclair wrote about the horrors of the meatpacking industry in his novel, *The Jungle*. Well, the jungle has returned. The meatpacking industry has replaced hard-working Americans in a relatively safe job with, in many cases, illegal aliens in an unsafe job. They took middle-class work and turned it into a low-paying job. They made a profit... but I sure as heck didn't see a drop in prices.

I believe that every business should be able to make a reasonable profit, but when they get so greedy as to march backward in time I think they need greater scrutiny. I will no longer buy any Tyson product, no matter what it is, ever. It's time for another Upton Sinclair to scrutinize the entire meat industry again.

Harald G. Martin
Anaheim, California

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR:

I write to state that the recent issue of *The Social Contract* (Vol. XII, No. 1, Fall 2001) was truly inspired. It is a wonderful and important blend of statements as to why Garrett Hardin's views should be known and listened to, along with important excerpts from his works. Then there are the additional comments relative to the very dramatic events of this fall. Altogether this is a premier issue of *The Social Contract*. I was particularly taken by Lindsey Grant's item. I have known Lindsey over the years by correspondence — his background from work in the State Department gives him an important perspective on world affairs.

WALTER YOUNGQUIST

Eugene, Oregon

EDITOR:

I read David Simcox's excellent article about filling the gaps in our immigration laws. Among other things, Simcox explains how we should tighten up our student, tourist, and work visas. We do have big problems with that. The U.S. does not need any more people of any kind. If we would train and educate our own and produce our own harvest, we could end almost all immigration. See studies by Professor Norman Matloff of California State and the U.S. Department of Labor. This is especially urgent in a time of record unemployment.

WARREN L. BROWN

Portland, Maine

EDITOR:

I have lived all over the world and I am a native-born American. It is about time somebody spoke up about our importing millions of people who have backward ideas about women and society in general and who are basically anti-American under the skin. I have long asked myself where NOW was on this issue. NOW struggles for women's rights, and at the same time Washington imports millions of people who are basically against NOW's aims. I believe that the government wants to keep up this supply of forced labor that works cheap out of fear of being discovered as illegal and also supplies a liberal voting base.

HAROLD SCHULLER

Hallendale, Florida

Oversight Is Needed

Preserving our freedoms while defending against terrorism

Testimony by Steven Emerson

On September 11, 2001, thousands of Americans were executed, most of them incinerated, in the worst terrorist attack on American soil in the history of the United States. In the wake of this attack, the President of the United States has declared a war against the terrorists.

In the war on terrorism, the military component poses the greatest strategic challenge and incurs the greatest potential for American casualties. But from the widest political perspective, the greatest challenge to the United States is the ability to recognize terrorist groups operating under false cover and veneer. Clearly, the success of Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaeda network has demonstrated, with murderous consequences, the ability of terrorist groups to hide under the facade of "human rights," "charitable," and "humanitarian" cover. In addition, the ability of militant Islamic groups to hide under the protection of the larger non-violent and peaceful Islamic community has created a challenge for policymakers and officials, the likes of which has not been present before in American society. Sleeper cells that are believed to number in the tens, possibly hundreds, also constitute a dangerous threat to American society.

As someone who has tracked and investigated the activities of militant Islamic fundamentalist networks

for the past eight years, I am presenting in the following testimony the results of my recent investigations into the operations of terrorist networks in the United States.

My basic investigative findings are summarized as follows:

- Osama bin Laden has systematically recruited American passport holders (like Wadih El Hage, now in prison for his role in the 1998 bombings of the United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania) in order to exploit the ease with which these operatives can travel freely around the world as well as ship American communications technology to the Bin Laden network.

- Bin Laden recruited a United States Special Forces sergeant who then became the secret head of security for Bin Laden, while serving as a triple agent, pretending to assist the FBI on counterterrorism matters, even though he was serving as a top aide to Bin Laden.

- Bin Laden has created front organizations serving under false cover as groups with missions officially tethered to "human rights," "charitable," and "humanitarian" purposes. The most striking and hitherto secret organization serving under the false "human rights" facade was created by Bin Laden with offices in London, Kansas City (Missouri), and Denver.

- Hamas has created a network of cover groups, "humanitarian organizations," and commercial companies in the United States.

- Militant Islamic groups based and headquartered in the United States have exhorted their followers, behind closed doors and out of the earshot of the American public and media, to carry out and raise funds for Jihad (in this sense, referring to the concept of "holy war").

Steven Emerson, a freelance journalist, is an internationally-recognized expert on terrorism and national security. Numerous awards followed the PBS broadcast of his documentary film, Jihad in America. Mr. Emerson serves as executive director of The Investigative Project and frequently has testified before Congress on terrorist infrastructure and the threat of Islamic fundamentalism. This testimony was given before the Senate Judiciary Committee, December 4, 2001.