

story of high adventure and intrigue. Perhaps his public will be led to ponder what these sobering facts and trends portend for the future of their country.

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Will America be ready for *The Next War*? That is the question behind each of the hypothetical war scenarios that compose this sobering yet readable book.

Former U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Hoover Institution Visiting Scholar Peter Schweizer dramatize the outbreak and progress of major wars that realistically could occur over the next decade. They include conflicts in the Far East, the oil-producing Gulf States, and Russian aggression following the emergence of a dictator who promises to restore national greatness.

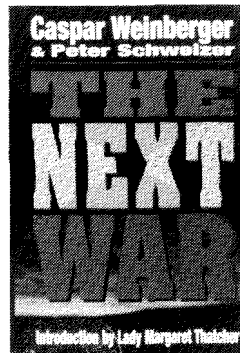
Readers of THE SOCIAL CONTRACT will be especially interested in Part Three, set in the Spring

of 2003. Here the authors outline a crisis along our southern border. The economic collapse of Mexico, triggered by a government beholden to drug lords, leads millions of Mexicans to tramp northward. The U.S. President calls out Army troops to reinforce the Border Patrol. But they are swamped. Latino terrorists set off bombs and touch-off riots in cities in California and Texas. As the story unfolds, the U.S. President is unafraid to take decisive action to restore order and protect American interests.

That someone with Weinberger's credentials should look upon Mexico as a likely national security threat should lead at least some of those who view conditions there with complacency to re-evaluate their position. Clearly, the authors see that the current unwillingness of Washington policy

makers to deal with Mexican-related problems could soon have disastrous consequences.

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Fifty-eight Good Reasons To Oppose Immigration

Book Review by Samuel Francis

Probably the greatest irony of the debate over immigration is that there is no debate. With more than 80 percent of Americans believing that immigration should be essentially halted, most people have already made up their minds. As for those in the other 20 percent who favor immigration and more of it, they've made up their minds too. Since the latter happen to control both political

parties and most of the media, there is no debate.

But if there were a debate, one publication that

both sides should read would be a short monograph by immigration expert Lawrence Auster titled *Huddled Clichés: Exposing the Fraudulent Arguments That Have Opened America's Borders to the World*. I'll bet you can guess which side of the non-debate Mr. Auster is on.

Mr. Auster's booklet — 58 pages long — is published by the American Immigration Control Foundation, which for some years has published some of the most

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thoughtful studies of the impact of immigration on American life. Mr. Auster's most recent monograph — he published a similar study of immigration some years ago called *The Path to National Suicide* — is one of the most useful of its publications.

What makes it particularly useful is that Mr. Auster simply walks through most of what we hear in favor of immigration and shows very succinctly and simply that it's all flapdoodle. There may be a valid argument for immigration, but if there is, Mr. Auster hasn't met it.

The arguments he surveys and demolishes one by one are not simply straw men that he invented. Everyone who's ever gotten into a discussion of immigration has heard them, and every such argument is dissected and pinned to the pages of Mr. Auster's pamphlet. Moreover, he actually quotes the arguments from those who spin them — not only liberals and leftists but also conservatives who have fallen for the clichés of the left.

One such cliché is that: "if we didn't have immigrants doing all kinds of jobs in America today, there would be nobody to do them." This is a favorite of the agribusiness boys, who claim that unless they hire illegal immigrants, their crops won't get picked. In fact, Mr. Auster picks their crops for them.

The claim, he says, is "empirically false," but also it's based on "a false assumption, which is that the American economy could only have developed in one way, with lots of immigrants coming here and taking lots of jobs." As he points out, the jobs the immigrants perform exist *because* of the immigrants. If it were true that no one except immigrants would do the jobs, the jobs would not exist because those who offer them would invest in other enterprises.

Mr. Auster gives as an example the exclusion of Chinese from California after 1882. Had there been no such exclusion, Chinese immigrants would have come to California and taken various kinds of jobs and started various kinds of businesses. But state law excluded them from coming and so they didn't. Nevertheless, California's economy somehow managed to develop in other ways without the Chinese.

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The "no immigrants, no jobs" line is common among libertarians, but conservatives have their own species of clichés. One that is especially common is that immigrants are socially conservative and have strong family values. Mr. Auster points out that this based on a "deeply cynical premise: we Americans are so degenerate that we are no longer a viable society."

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Moreover, whether the "cynical premise" is true or not, Mr. Auster cites statistics showing that Hispanic immigrants "are significantly more likely than white Americans (and East Asian immigrants) to drop out of school, go on welfare, and end up in jail. The illegitimacy rate among Mexican-Americans is 28.9 percent, more than twice as high as that of white Americans. This is not exactly *Leave It To Beaver* with a Mexican accent.

Of course, there is no bottom to the bucket of clichés about immigration, and Mr. Auster in his 58 pages can't scrape out every one of them. "We are a nation of immigrants," "America is based on an idea, not ethnicity," "immigration is inevitable and can't be stopped" — all of them are dealt with summarily in the pamphlet, but for every dragon he slays, ten more pop out of the mental software that throbs between the ears of the immigration lobby.

The reason there is no real debate about immigration is that there are too many vested interests, too much political power, and too much money bound up with keeping the tide of immigrants coming. Mr. Auster and his clear thinking can't stop that, but at least his busting of the immigration thought-balloons will help expose the special interests that keep the debate stifled.

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This home page also hosts the newsletter of the Biocentric Institute edited by William Dickinson. In addition, the Biocentric Institute also has its own web site at ultralink/net/IAPM.

In addition, here are some other sites that readers may be interested in exploring:

- Philip Martin publishes *Migration News* and can be reached at migration.ucdavis.edu.
- Professor Norman Matloff has many articles and a great deal of data at: heather.cs.ucdavis.edu/pub/Immigration/Index/html.
- Joseph Daleiden heads the Midwest Coalition to Reform Immigration. His web site is: www.enteract.com/~mcri97.
- Glenn Spencer leads Voices of Citizens Together and their web site is www.instanet.com/~vct.
- *People and Place* is a journal published by the Centre for Population and Urban Research at Monash University in Australia. They can be reached at www.swin.edu.au/sbs/pub/pnp.
- *Mankind Quarterly* — mankind.org.
- The Aztlan Organization is at aztlan.org.
- fedpub.com/immigration brings up Federal Publications, Inc. which has a sub-heading for developments in immigration law.
- The American Immigration Lawyers Association aila.org/home.htm.
- cofcc.org reaches the Council of Conservative Citizens.
- lra.com/swtaboo/index.html is based on Garrett Hardin's idea of "stalking the wild taboo."
- "Immigration by the Numbers" continues the thrust of Roy Beck's video at numbersusa.com.
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- *Politically Incorrect — An On-line Magazine* is at cyad.com/cvgibin/pinc/july97/index.html.

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