Immigration: What it Should Be

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This country is a nation of immigrants. We all know that. Even the native Americans were immigrants, probably via a land bridge they came across from Russia to Alaska. How do we know this? Because the human species probably began in parts of Africa and moved outward from there. There is good scientific evidence for this. So, everybody who lived in the North and South American continents were immigrants from the old world.

Early immigration to this country recognized that coming to the United States provided a refuge from European society. Some immigrants were brought here forcibly in chains and paid for their citizenship with their blood and the blood of their ancestors. Some came to escape famine. Some to escape religious persecution. But even for those who came here as slaves, once slavery ended, they all had a common goal, that was to be Americans, to form a common culture, and to make this a better country. They performed public service, they fought in our wars, they learned our common language. They formed the backbone of the United States and the freedom that we now enjoy.

So how is immigration today different than it was in the past? It's simple. If you look at various groups of immigrants, you can see which ones wanted to become part of the common culture and which ones didn't. Let's look at some examples. The Latinos came here, some legally some illegally but they shared a common religion. They wanted their children to become part of the American Dream. They did not segregate themselves away from America but accepted our laws, our traditions, and our language to a large degree. Even though Spanish is still spoken it's not much different than my ancestors speaking Yiddish or Italians speaking Italian, or Irish speaking Irish. They came to enhance this country not to separate from it. Asians came here and helped build this country. The Chinese were largely responsible for building our railroads. They believed in education of the next generation and their descendants are some of the most successful people in America today. But a lot of this has changed today. Immigration today has changed.

Courses given by the government as part of their DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) call modern immigration not a melting pot but lumps in a stew. When we learn from other cultures they call it cultural misappropriation. These groups have been given license to live in their own communities and try to impose their own laws. They want to enjoy the freedom of America, but they don't want to be part of its culture and heritage. In many cases it is just the opposite. They come here, commit fraud, and send money back to their home countries. We see this in Minnesota. These immigrants have failed to even want to blend in. They have no desire to be part of this country. Whether it is Shariah Law or Rabbinical Law in Jewish groups, they feel that the law and our American culture does not apply to them. They bring in with some of these groups their negative values that they came here with and try to foster them upon the rest of society. The war between Islam and Western Civilization has been going on for years and right now it has been rekindled, and they have chosen to use our very democracy to help destroy it. This has led to a rise of antisemitism which has now become acceptable coming from our Vice President via his friend Tucker Carlson and from the Democrats and the DSA (Democrat Socialists of America). Unfortunately, Vance, Tucker Carlson and the DSA have a lot in common. They all hate Jews. This has become a sad time in our country which was built on tolerance and spent many years overcoming hatred and intolerance. Sadly, we got to the point which we were in now. We are moving backwards.

Europe provides a good example of what we may become. There are areas of countries that even the police can't go into for fear for their lives. Essentially parts of Chicago are like that right now and we are moving like that in other cities. France is burning and they can't stop it, despite all the social programs it's just not enough. This is happening in large parts of Europe where illegal immigrants seek to take over large parts of the countries and establish their own laws. This is a multi-generational problem. And as we develop a lack of assimilation of cultures we will see in these countries something that we use to admire here.

So finally, what I am saying is not about discrimination but about assimilation. It is working to a common goal to achieve an American dream for everybody. Not to be jealous of other people's success but working hard to achieve that success. Put away your laptops, iPads, Tik Toks, FB and Instagram's and get out and talk to people in person. Go to the office and meet people. Develop a positive outlook that life can be good. And most of all, stop accepting cultures that seek to destroy this culture rather than enhance it. The greatest generation and the boomers built a country that got better with every generation. The younger generation needs to buy into this. They should accept this greatness and demand not hatred and not protests like they are doing on the anniversary of Kristallnacht, this weekend by boycotting Jews in Philadelphia but to condemn these actions, move ahead and build a country with fairness for all. Based on the national elections, this will not happen for at least the next two years. That is my prediction.