THE LATINO THREAT

CONSTRUCTING IMMIGRANTS, CITIZENS, AND THE NATION

LEO R. CHAVEZ
• Dowell Myers called for a “new narrative” about demographic reality of California.
• Old narrative dating from 1990s emphasized a state besieged by invaders, especially by people from other countries.
Three Themes in the Latino Threat Narrative

• The invasion
• A Latino Reconquest of the Southwest
• Latina fertility:
  - Fertility out of control
  - Latinas immutable
OUR ILLEGAL ALIEN PROBLEM

SEVERSKY—AVIATION'S VERSATILE GENIUS
A Pause to Observe
THE BILL OF RIGHTS
FAREWELL TO YOUTH
SHOULD THE U.S. BAN NONRETURNABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS?
Paul Ehrlich
The Population Bomb: Population Control or the Race to Oblivion? 1968

“We’re very close in this country to a zero population growth through births. As we get closer to that zero growth, immigration will become an even larger percentage of the population increase.”
The Population Curse

• HISPANIC FERTILITY IN U.S. FOUND ABOVE NORM

• "The fertility rate for women of Hispanic origin was 97.5 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years, 50 percent higher than the rate for non-Hispanic women," the National Center for Health Statistics reported.
“The social science literature has often portrayed Mexican-American women as sacrificed to childbearing. … An assumption behind these evaluations of Mexican-American women is that traditional cultural values and religious traditions promote attitudes favorable to continuous childbearing, opposition to contraception, and opposition to abortion.”

Hortencia Amaro 1988
“The Latin Onslaught”

• “Will the present majority peaceably hand over its political power to a group (Latin American immigrants) that is simply more fertile? ... On the demographic point: Perhaps this is the first instance in which those with their pants up are going to get caught by those with their pants down!”

• John Tanton, past President Zero Pop and founder of FAIR
Home Depot 3 Miles Exit 40
1990s and The Browning of America

U.S. Population

1970 and 2050 (Projected)
HEY, WHITEY, YOUR TURN AT THE BACK OF THE BUS. Sometime soon, white Americans will become a distinct minority in a largely brown cultural and racial mix. A hard story for many of our readers. But then again, TIME has never tried to be easy. It’s what our readers expect. Call it relevance. Call it perspective. If it’s important to you, you’ll find it on this cover and inside these pages.
José, Can You See?
SAMUEL HUNTINGTON
on how Hispanic immigrants threaten America’s identity, values, and way of life
Samuel P. Huntington, Foreign Policy 2004

• “In this new era, the single most immediate and most serious challenge to America’s traditional identity comes from immense and continuing immigration from Latin America, especially from Mexico, and the fertility rates of those immigrants compared to black and white American natives.”
John Gibson FOX News “Make more White babies.”
Population Control?

• Old slogan:

• RECREATE BUT DON’T PROCREATE

• New Slogan:

• PROCREATE DON’T JUST RECREATE
DEMOGRAPHIC REALITIES
Declines in Fertility

Mexican-origin Women and Anglo Women, ages 18-44

Source: U.S. Census
Total Children Ever Born

Mexican-origin Women and Anglo Women
20-40 Years of age in Greater Los Angeles Area
by Generations in U.S.

Source: IMMLA 2004--05
Total Children Ever Born

Latinas and Anglo Women in Orange County

Source: CRLGS 2006 Survey
Los Angeles Times
October 4, 2004

California Cuts Its Population Projection

The state is reconsidering the demands for new schools and other services primarily because of an unexpectedly large decline in the Latino birthrate.

By DAVID KELLEY

California analysts have sharply reduced estimates of the state's future population, and state planners are reconsidering long-term needs for new schools and other public services. A result of an unexpectedly large decline in the birthrate among Latinos.

The state's population will keep growing as the result of two things: immigration, and births continuing to outpace deaths. But the increase will be notably slower than once believed.

Demographic experts now project California's population to hit about 51 million by 2050, five million fewer than they forecast a few years ago, according to new state estimates. The state currently has about 38 million residents.

So instead of 660,000 new residents a year, officials now project the state will average about 407,000 annually.

"That maybe takes some pressure off. But even at 51 million, that's nearly a 60% increase over today's population," said Terry Roberts, a director in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

"We still have to take care of the people who are here today and who arrive next year. And less 35 years down the line," she said. "And we've already behind." Much of the drop in projected population results from about 6 million fewer births than originally estimated.

"I think you could safely say more than half the reduction (in births) is because of the reduced birthrates among Latinos," said
U.S. Birth Rate Not Recession-proof: Declines for Second Year

By Susan Brady
HEALTH NEWS Sunday, 29 August 2010
What happens 18 years from now?

Demand for immigrant labor?
Mexican Immigration and Fertility Decline
The Population Curse
Mexico: Fertility rate

Source: TheGlobalEconomy.com, The World Bank

2.22 in 2012
Figure 1.3
Annual Immigration from Mexico to the U.S.: 1991-2010
(in thousands)

Source: Pew Hispanic Center estimates compiled from various sources; see Methodology

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Figure 1.2
Five-Year Migration Flows Between the U.S. and Mexico, 1995-2000 and 2005-2010
(in thousands)

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Note: Estimates are for February 1995 through February 2000 and June 2005 through June 2010. Migration from U.S. to Mexico includes persons born in Mexico, the U.S., and elsewhere; Mexico to U.S. includes Mexican-born persons only.

Source: U.S. to Mexico: Pew Hispanic Center estimates from population, household and migrant microdata samples of Mexican censuses of 2000 and 2010; Mexico to U.S.: Based on Pew Hispanic Center estimates in Figure 1.3 from various sources; see Methodology.
New Narrative

• The Latino Threat
• Time to put it to rest
• Counter productive
• New narrative?
Immigration Is No Fix for an Aging Society
Report finds immigrants 'fertility dropping faster than natives'

"Those, like Jeb Bush, who assert that 'immigrants are more fertile' and as a result they will 'rebuild the demographic pyramid' are grossly exaggerating the impact of immigration," stated Dr. Steven Camarota, the Center's Director of Research.

"Immigration's impact on the aging of American society is actually quite small, and the rapid decline in immigrant fertility means it's getting even smaller."
CAP Group says California immigration policies contributed to drought


Less immigration = less population growth and water use

Immigrants problem rather than resource
Fertility Rates in Selected Countries

Source: Population Reference Bureau's 2002 Population Data Sheet
Stock of Foreign-born People
As Percentage of Total Population

Source: EuroStat, 2006
German parents now eligible for benefits aimed at reversing falling birthrate

By STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press
OC REGISTER Jan. 3, 2007
The Guardian February 12, 2015

• Italy is a 'dying country' says minister as birth rate plummets

• New figures [for 2014] show the lowest total number of births since the formation of the modern Italian state [in 1861]
Sex Education in Europe Turns to Urging More Births

• Danny Hakim, NY Times April 8, 2015

• It is all part of a not-so-subtle push in Europe to encourage people to have more babies. Denmark, like a number of European countries, is growing increasingly anxious about low birthrates. Those concerns have only been intensified by the region’s financial and economic crisis, with high unemployment rates among the young viewed as discouraging potential parents.
Students at a Copenhagen school during a discussion of sex led by a group seeking to raise Denmark's birth rate. Credit Sofie Amalie Klougart for The New York Times