

IN MY EXPERIENCE

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This is the latest in a series of fact based articles on global over-population. Immigration, both legal and illegal, and their offspring cause over 80% of population growth in the United States.

An article in the October issue of Middle American News www.manews.org tells us what is happening to the 700 mile fence that Congress voted for and we taxpayers paid for over two years ago. It's headlined "Border Still Insecure, Says Report."

"Eight years after the murderous terror attacks of 9-11, America's borders are still insecure, allowing most illegal border activity to occur uninterrupted, according to an alarming report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

"GAO reported last month that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is in charge

of protecting the border from illegal penetration, has set performance goals for fiscal years 2008 through 2010 that would achieve stopping only 30 percent of serious illegal activity at border points of entry. GAO dryly noted that the goals indicated "that 70 percent of criminals and contraband may pass through ports and continue on interstates and major roads into the interior of the United States.

"GAO also said that DHS has failed to put in place even questionable technological improvements to detect illegal entry. In 2006, DHS pledged it would establish a system of radar, sensors and cameras to aid border guards by 2009. But now the completion date has been moved to 2016, 15 years after the terror attacks of 9-11.

"The technological gadgetry, also called a 'virtual fence,' has been touted as a solution to border

security. But the technology, even if working properly, only records illegal entry and does not prevent it. Prevention requires a real fence or real manpower on the ground to deter penetration.

"The system has also been plagued with performance difficulties, raising serious questions among security experts about its efficacy. The GAO has warned that the effectiveness of the multibillion-dollar non-fence has not been fully tested, and that even the manufacturer hasn't corrected major defects. Some of the new cameras slated for installation, for example, still register false readings on windy days.

"According to the GAO report, the U.S. Border Patrol in 2008 'encountered 530 aliens from special-interest countries, which are countries the Department of State has determined to represent a potential terrorist threat to the United States.'

"It is unknown whether that number represents just 30 percent of the total number of aliens from terror-exporting countries that DHS should have detected. If so, more than 1,000 other possibly dangerous aliens may already have entered the country."

If I were an elected member of the U.S. Congress I would certainly make this one of my top priorities. Please ask yours to address this issue the next time that you contact them.

TO THE EDITOR:

I just finished reading your article "What's Happening Here" and I agree with everything Bob Marcom had to say.

Then I read the recent votes in the U.S. Senate. I can't believe they passed the increased salaries for themselves. When do they have enough money?

This country is so messed-up and there doesn't seem to be any end in sight. I feel disgust and am worried what my children are going to inherit in their lifetimes.

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(Includes deaths due to violent criminal acts - estimated 10 per day; deaths due to negligence - estimated 3 per day; deaths due to drunk or reckless driving - estimated 12 per day.)

SOURCES: U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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