Border Walls Gone Green

John Hultgren 2015-10-15 How is it that self-identified environmental progressives in America can oppose liberalizing immigration policies? Environmentalism is generally assumed to be a commitment of the political left and restrictionism a commitment of the right. As John Hultgren shows, the reality is significantly more complicated. American environmentalists have...
supported immigration restrictions since the movement first began in the late 1800s, and anti-immigration arguments continue to attract vocal adherents among contemporary mainstream and radical “greens.” Border Walls Gone Green seeks to explain these seemingly paradoxical commitments by examining what is actually going on in American debates over the environmental impacts of immigration. It makes the case that nature is increasingly being deployed as a form of “wailing”—which enables restrictionists to subtly fortify territorial boundaries and identities without having to revert to cultural and racial logics that are unpalatable to the political left. From an environmental point of view, the location of borders makes little sense; the Mexican landscape near most border crossings looks exactly like the landscape on the American side. And the belief that immigrants are somehow using up the nation’s natural resources and thereby accelerating the degradation of the environment is not held up to scrutiny. So, Hultgren finds, the well-intentioned efforts of environmentalists to “sustain” America are also sustaining the idea of the nation-state and in fact serving to reinforce exclusionary forms of political community. How, then, should socially conscious environmentalists proceed? Hultgren demonstrates that close attention to the realities of transnational migration can lead to a different brand of socio-ecological activism—one that could be our only chance to effectively confront the powerful forces producing ecological devastation and social injustice.

Shifts in the Social Contract
Beth Rubin 1996

The 5C Challenges of Cohesion
Five Cs to Manage Integration

The Goals Matter, So Does the Journey
Singaporeans’ Well-Being: It’s Not Just About Government in Singapore. A common theme that runs through these essays is what David calls “People Matter.” “People Matter” refers to both the critical issues that matter to the people and the idea in society, public expectations, rationality and emotions, approaches to policy making, modes of thinking, democracy, shared values and principles, and the social compact between people and government. The essays discussed a wide range of topics including happiness and well-being, fairness perceptions, the immigration debate and population policies, social cohesion and integration, social mobility, trust and policies, ideas, and key groups from historical and contemporary perspectives. • More than 150 A–Z entries on the key features of anti-immigration sentiment from political, economic, ethnic, and historical perspectives • Photographs • A separate volume of more than 50 primary documents recording the history of anti-immigration movements and legislation, including famous letters from Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln • A selected bibliography drawing from the fields of anthropology, economics, ethnic studies, geography, political science, sociology, and urban planning

Refugees and the Myth of Human Rights
Gerald Neuman 2010

Anti-immigration restriction actually acquired more influence under the Clinton presidency than even during the so-called Reagan revolution, resulting in dire consequences for millions of immigrants. Revealing the roots behind much of today’s nativist sentiment, The Walls Within examines debates about who is entitled to the American dream, and how such dreams can be subverted for those already calling the country home.

The 1965 Hart-Celler Act transformed the American immigration system by abolishing national quotas in favor of a seemingly egalitarian approach. But subsequent demographic shifts resulted in a backlash over the social contract and the rights of citizens versus noncitizens. In The Walls Within, Sarah Cohen explores those political clashes, focusing on an attempt to stop immigration at the border, but on efforts to limit immigrants’ rights within the United States through domestic policy. Drawing on new materials from the Carter, Reagan, and Clinton administrations, and immigration and citizenship policies, Cohen exposes how the politics of immigration control has undermined the idea of citizenship for all. Cohen shows that immigration politics was not just about building or tearing down walls, but about employer sanctions, access to schools, welfare, and the role of local authorities in implementing policies. In the years after 1965, a rising restrictionist movement sought to marginalize immigrants in realms like public education and the labor market. Yet throughout the 1970s and 1980s, restrictionists faced countervailing forces committed to an expansive notion of immigrants’ rights. In the 1990s, with national politics gridlocked, anti-immigrant groups turned to statehouses to enact their agenda. Achieving strength at the local level, conservatives supporting immigration restriction actually acquired more influence under the Clinton presidency than during the so-called Reagan revolution, resulting in dire consequences for millions of immigrants. Revealing the roots behind much of today’s nativist sentiment, The Walls Within examines debates about who is entitled to the American dream, and how such dreams can be subverted for those already calling the country home.

The Immigration Invasion
Wayne Lutton 1994

This Quarter’s Theme-- the Role of the Churches in Population Growth, Immigration and the Environment 1993

Common Sense on Mass Immigration
John Tanton 2006

Anti-Immigration in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia (2 volumes)
Kathleen R. Arnold 2011-09-23 A comprehensive treatment of anti-immigration sentiment exploring debate, government policies, and public opinion from 1790 to the present day controversies about illegal aliens and their children, the author argues that as human beings subject to the governance of the United States should be a “stranger to the Constitution.” Thus, whenever the government asserts its power to impose obligations on individuals, it brings them within the constitutional system and should afford them constitutional rights. In Neuman’s view, this mutuality of obligation is the most persuasive approach to extending constitutional rights extraterritorially to all U.S. citizens and to those aliens on whom the United States seeks to impose control. One of Neuman’s most surprising conclusions is that an appreciation of the role of foreigners in (re)shaping people works neither solely as a cosmopolitan nor a nationalist resource. For example, in America, nationalists see one archetypal foreign-founder—the naturalized immigrant—as reaffirming the allure of deeply held American values, whereas to cosmopolitans this immigrant represents the deeply transnational character of American democracy. Scholars and students of political theory, and all those concerned with the dilemmas democracy faces in accommodating difference, will find this book rich with valuable and stimulating insights.

Strangers to the Constitution
Gerald L. Neuman 2010-07-01 Gerald Neuman discusses in historical and contemporary terms the repeated efforts of U.S. insiders to claim the Constitution as their exclusive property and to deny constitutional rights to aliens and immigrants—and even citizens if they are outside the nation’s borders. Tracing such efforts from the debates over the Alien and Sedition Acts in 1798 to present-day controversies about illegal aliens and their children, the author argues that as human beings subject to the governance of the United States should be a “stranger to the Constitution.” Thus, whenever the government asserts its power to impose obligations on individuals, it brings them within the constitutional system and should afford them constitutional rights. In Neuman’s view, this mutuality of obligation is the most persuasive approach to extending constitutional rights extraterritorially to all U.S. citizens and to those aliens on whom the United States seeks to impose control. One of Neuman’s most surprising conclusions is that an appreciation of the role of foreigners in (re)shaping people works neither solely as a cosmopolitan nor a nationalist resource. For example, in America, nationalists see one archetypal foreign-founder—the naturalized immigrant—as reaffirming the allure of deeply held American values, whereas to cosmopolitans this immigrant represents the deeply transnational character of American democracy. Scholars and students of political theory, and all those concerned with the dilemmas democracy faces in accommodating difference, will find this book rich with valuable and stimulating insights.

Refugees and the Myth of Human Rights
Emma Larkin 2016-04-08 Most Western liberal democracies are parties to the United Nations Refugees Convention and all are committed to the recognition of basic human rights, but they also spend billions fortifying their borders, detaining unauthorised immigrants, and policing migration. Meanwhile, public debate over the West’s obligations to unauthorised immigrants is passionate, vitriolic, and divisive. Refugees and the Myth of Human Rights combines philosophical, historical, and legal analysis to clarify the key concepts at stake in the debate, and to demonstrate the threat posed by contemporary border regimes to rights protection and the rule of law within liberal democracies. Using the political philosophy of John Locke and Immanuel Kant the book highlights the tension in liberalism between partiality towards one’s compatriots and the universalism of human rights and brings this tension to life through an examination of Hannah Arendt’s account of the rise and decline of the modern nation-state. It provides a novel reading of Arendt’s critique of human rights and her concept of the right to have rights. The book argues that the right to have rights must be secured globally in limited form, but that recognition of its significance should spur expansive changes to border policy within and between liberal states.

People Matter
David Chan 2015-03-18 This book is a collection of twenty-one essays by Professor David Chan, which first appeared in The Straits Times from October 2011 to January 2015. The essays discussed a wide range of topics including happiness and well-being, fairness perceptions, the immigration debate and population policies, social cohesion and integration, social mobility, trust in society, public expectations, rationality and emotions, approaches to policy making, modes of thinking, democracy, shared values and principles, and the social compact between people and government in Singapore. A separate theme that runs through these essays is what David calls “People Matter”. “People Matter” refers to both the critical issues that matter to the people and the idea that the way people think, feel and act should matter to policy making and nation building in Singapore. Contents:Drill into What Makes Singaporeans Happy: Fairness: Processes are as Important as Outcome The Heart of the Immigration Debate: The 5C Challenges of Cohesion Five Cs to Manage Integration: The Goals Matter; So Does the Journey: Singaporeans’ Well-Being: It’s Not Just About Emotions: Population Priorities and Perceptions Break the Negative Spiral over the Haze Taking Steps to Raise Social Mobility in Singapore: Sustainabilty is Key: Trust is a Masy Splendid Thing: The Art Of Immigration And The Social Contract The Implosion Of Western Societies

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The Fractured Republic-Yuval Levin 2017-05-23 A National Review Best Book of the Year Americans today are anxious-about the economy, about politics, about our government. The institutions that once dominated our culture have become smaller, more diverse, and personalized. Individualism has come at the cost of dwindling solidarity. No wonder, then, that voters and politicians alike are nostalgic for a time of social cohesion and economic success. But the policies of the past are inadequate to the America of today. Both parties are stuck presenting old solutions to new problems. In The Fractured Republic, Yuval Levin details his innovative answers to the dysfunctions of our fragmented national life. By embracing subsidiarity and diversity and rejecting extremism and nostalgia, he believes we can revive the middle layers of society and enable an American revival. Updated with a new epilogue, Levin helps us navigate our fraught political waters.

Constructing Roma Migrants-Tina Magazzini 2019-02-22 This open access book presents a cross-disciplinary insight and policy analysis into the effects of European legal and political frameworks on the life of ‘Roma migrants’ in Europe. It outlines the creation and implementation of Roma policies at the European level, provides a systematic understanding of identity-based exclusion and explores concrete case studies that reveal how integration and immigration policies work in practice. The book also shows how the Roma example might be employed in tackling the governance implications of our increasingly complex societies and assesses its potential and limitations for integration policies of vulnerable groups such as refugees and other discriminated minorities. As such the book will be of interest to academics, practitioners, policy-makers and a wider academic community working in migration, refugee, poverty and integration issues more broadly.

The Making of Modern Immigration: An Encyclopedia of People and Ideas [2 volumes]-Patrick J. Hayes 2012-02-13 Combining the insight of two-dozen expert contributors to examine key figures, events, and policies over 200 years of U.S. immigration history, this work illuminates the foundations of the ethnic and socioeconomic makeup of our nation. • 45 entries covering such issues as the Alien and Sedition Acts, asylees, immigration and customs enforcement, immigration and religion, and U.S.-Mexico border relations • Contributions from an international collaborative of 24 scholars from the social and human sciences • Photographs • A timeline • Entry-specific bibliographies and a lengthy general bibliography

Race and the American Prospect-Samuel T. Francis 2006

Re-charting America’s Future-Roy Howard Beck 1994

Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World-Ryan Muldoon 2016-10-14 Very diverse societies pose real problems for Rawlsian models of public reason. This is for two reasons: first, public reason is unable accommodate diverse perspectives in determining a regulative ideal. Second, regulative ideals are unable to respond to social change. While models based on public reason focus on the justification of principles, this book suggests that we need to orient our normative theories more toward discovery and experimentation. The book develops a unique approach to social contract theory that focuses on diverse perspectives. It offers a new moral stance that author Ryan Muldoon calls, “The View From Everywhere,” which allows for substantive, fundamental moral disagreement. This stance is used to develop a bargaining model in which agents can cooperate despite seeing different perspectives. Rather than arguing for an ideal contract or particular principles of justice, Muldoon outlines a procedure for iterated revisions to the rules of a social contract. It expands Mill’s conception of experiments in living to help form a foundational principle for social contract theory. By embracing this kind of experimentation, we move away from a conception of justice as an end state, and toward a conception of justice as a trajectory. Listen to Robert Talisse interview Ryan Muldoon about Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World on the podcast. New Books in Philosophy: http://tinyurl.com/jfg234 Also, read Ryan Muldoon’s related Niskanen Center article, “Diversity and Disagreement are the Solution, Not the Problem,” published Jan. 10, 2017: https://niskanencenter.org/blog/diversity-disagreement-solution-not-problem/

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