

IMMIGRATION *by Dan Pemble, Kissimmee, Florida*

I think all established/assimilated Americans will agree that clearly stating the expected behavior for immigrants arriving in the USA is absolutely POLITICALLY CORRECT! Perhaps all immigrants currently arriving in this country and those arriving throughout all future years need to read and signify their understanding and acceptance of what Mr. Roosevelt so wisely stated so many years ago? Other than adding this to immigration requirements, I see no need at all for our glorious elected representatives to be “meddling with existing immigration laws! We only need them to assure us that the current laws will be strictly enforced – sooner than later!! However, I do believe that we need some new laws that establish conditions/limitations/guidelines on exactly how many so-called “refuges and down-trodden individuals” are to be granted admittance to this country - with a whole lot of thought given to the security of our nation and the financial burden associated with accommodating these aliens!! This country simply cannot continue to provide welfare for the whole world and allow our Nation to be made up of countless “sub-cultures”; our government needs to wake up to this reality while America is still America!! As Donald Trump has stated, “Let’s stop all immigration until we figure out what the Hell is going on!!” He is exactly right because I don’t believe anyone knows what is going on at the moment! A temporary ban on all immigration would not be prejudicial to any one group.



Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants And being an AMERICAN

In the first place we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here does in good faith become an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed or birthplace or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American and nothing but an American.

If he tries to keep segregated with men of his own origin and separated from the rest of America, then he isn't doing his part as an American.

We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile. We have room for but one language here and that is the English language, for we intend to see that the crucible turns our people out as Americans, and American nationality, and not as dwellers in a polyglot boarding house; and we have room for but one soul [sic] loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people."

Theodore Roosevelt 1919

Author's note: Mr. Roosevelt's statements as I have included here are his exact original statements as he provided to the American Defense Society on January 6, 1919. Some time ago, similar, but slightly modified and not completely original, statements became "viral" on the internet. Even though the internet version is not precisely verbatim, the statements are equally profound!

