



More immigration.... not a good solution.

Many citizens in the western world now see immigration as much more of a threat than a promise, and it's now a main issue in the western political discourse.



Uncontrolled Immigration A Bad Idea!

Adding population in an uncontrolled manner, such as recently experienced in many western nations, does little to generate real growth, but is a sure way to destroy productivity, as well as over burden job availability, and stress all the support services such as housing, schools, health care systems etc. It's now very clear that adding large

uncontrolled quantities of economically nonviable newcomers from increasingly diverse cultures breeds social unrest, and eradicates any tolerance to multiculturalism, and makes assimilation into the national culture near impossible.

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Many of us who were immigrants in the late seventies came with well-respected and understood credentials and relevant experience as well as a full-time job offer that could not be filled by the existing citizen base. In this way we qualified for landed immigrant status. We provided an immediate economic benefit to our new nation. But today it appears many western nations have devalued immigration by lowering the acceptance criteria that fails to have any value to the long-term mission of the national economies.

So, it's time to re-install the process by which many of us joined a country, by following an immigration screening process with the candidate requiring a firm and specific job offer in hand, that was pre-vetted and demanded by the economy, and not easily filled by an existing citizen. Such candidates must also be screened for social compatibility, pass physical medicals, and undertake and pass a rigorous language test before granted landed status.

Soft border control must cease.

It's also very clear that national border control and security needs to be significantly changed, and based on the recoded abuse and low value to the economy the UN sanctioned refugee and migrant programs need to be abolished. In the words of a border guard..." if they think they have a chance to stay, they and many others will just keep coming." If immigration control systems communicate to migrants that a chance exists for them to stay in the receiving nation while their "asylum" claim is being processed, then of course they will risk unapproved entry, but if the consequences of such an entry is made dire, with escalating penalties on any unapproved entry attempts, then this will send a strong message to deter future attempts.

Foreign Students

To maintain revenue from foreign students' western nations could offer remote programs using electronic testing and set up final exam systems to ensure testing integrity in the student's country of origin. This would limit the drain on our public services such as housing & health systems etc. Many of these "students" are not here for education, but a back door ticket to work and entry to the western nations. They also displace educational resources that must be better provided to our current citizens of all ages.

This is the correct response to combat the massive ineffectiveness and corruption in our immigration and education systems and prevent them from drifting toward a form of global charity we can ill afford.

National productivity must be the prime goal.

The reason national governments have given for embracing significant immigration is that economists have convinced them that the greater the population level the more national output (GDP) will be generated that can provide more taxes that can be collected to support the government and its services. Also, it's argued that ageing and declining western populations needs more immigration.

The flaw in these arguments is that what is really needed is more productivity to pay for a given size of population. So, adding more population without more productivity just does not work.

The real solution is to add capital, technology and learning to an existing population to improve the productivity rate per population. This will mean the need for less population for a given consumption and suggests far better structured immigration. Any immigration that is added must be far more strategic and far better planned to contribute to maintaining or improving the national productivity.

The learning capacity liberated by restructuring the foreign student programs can be better deployed to service the citizen learning programs that we badly need to re-life the existing citizen workforce to gain back productivity and prosperity.

We need to get out of the business of assimilating and educating other nations' people and focus our efforts on our own citizens by improving our national productivity by making far better use of the current citizen resources before we import even more human resources.

Industry 4.0

It's clear that new technologies such as Industry 4.0 including Artificial intelligence will drive the need for less labor per population level and can drive more productivity.

This will also mean that the western nations must improve government productivity to reduce government resources so they can redeploy these resources from the public sector to support the growth in the private sectors.

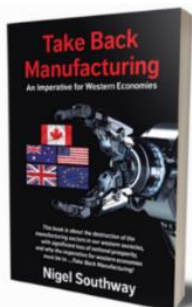
To achieve a far more balanced and productive economy the western nations must reshore the value adding industries to improve national productivity and boost citizen job prosperity.

But powerful learning systems must be in place to provide retraining to re-life the national citizen workforce to support such a transition to a far more balanced economy.

This journey may also mean that parenthood by western citizens is more economically within reach, and could self-correct the citizen population decline.

The way forward...

So, the western nations must rethink the use and shape of their national labor force and find ways to do more with less through innovation and technology in all forms. It will require an integrated learning system for its citizens, and far less unplanned immigration. The goal must be to provide the prosperity their citizen population can earn and deserve.



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