



The Phyllis Schlafly Report

VOL. 50, NO. 12

P.O. BOX 618, ALTON, ILLINOIS 62002

JULY 2017

The Trump Train Rolls On

While the fake news media were focused on the negative and obsessed with the trivial, the Trump administration moved forward on several fronts to implement policies the president campaigned on. Here are some welcome actions that you may have missed during the last week in July.

Fulfilling Trump's promise to crack down on sanctuary cities, on Tuesday Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced exactly how that will be done. The Justice Department awards \$380 million annually in grants to local police departments, and at least 10 percent of that money has been going to agencies with sanctuary policies.

That same evening, the president went to Youngstown, Ohio, one of the areas where Trump attracted the support of thousands of people who had previously voted for Obama. Some 15,000 supporters crammed into an auditorium that was designed for 6,000.

"American cities should be sanctuaries for law-abiding Americans," Trump said to the cheering crowd. "The predators and criminal aliens who poison our communities with drugs and prey on innocent young people will find no safe haven anywhere in our country."

The next day, Trump's policy was reinforced by Thomas Homan, acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Homan is now the nation's top immigration enforcement officer, after working his way up through the ranks of the Border Patrol.

Homan is the point man to enforce the deportation policies previously issued by the outgoing secretary of homeland security, General John F. Kelly, who is now the White House chief of staff. We say "point man" advisedly because arresting criminal aliens is a man's job, and the burly Tom Homan is clearly fit for the task.

Homan created a stir back in June when he told a House appropriations subcommittee that "If you're in this country illegally, you need to be worried. No population is off the table." The next day he said he had "no regrets" for that statement, based on the experience of finding the bodies of 19 illegal immigrants, including a 5-year-old boy, who suffocated inside a locked tractor trailer in Victoria, Texas in 2003.

"Sanctuary cities are a criminal's biggest friend," Homan declared, hinting that local officials risk being prosecuted for violating the federal law that punishes anyone who tries to "conceal, harbor or shield" someone who is in this country illegally.

On Friday, President Trump went to a section of Long Island, New York, where the Salvadoran youth gang called MS-13 has been running wild. "Since January 2016," Trump said to a crowd of 500 uniformed local police officers, "MS-13 gang members have brutally murdered 17 beautiful young lives in this area on Long Island alone."

Murder is normally a local issue, but not in this case. MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha, is a transnational organization almost entirely composed of young citizens of other countries, primarily El Salvador.

MS-13 had been a declining problem until the summer of 2014 when 150,000 unaccompanied alien minors from Central America illegally crossed our southern border. Instead of turning them back to their own countries, Barack Obama treated them as refugees and released them into unsuspecting communities all over the country, including 4,000 to that area of Long Island.

We don't know how many MS-13 members arrived as part of that wave of illegal immigration in 2014 or how many other young people were recruited to the gang after they got here, but 12 of the 39 gang members arrested in June were part of that influx. Ten MS-13 members were charged with the vicious killing of four young men in a local park in April, while four members of the gang were charged with the brutal murders of two defenseless teenage girls last September.

No good deed goes unpunished, and Trump's speech was predictably protested by groups that advocate amnesty for illegal immigration. "We are outraged to see President Trump use local tragedies to fuel his hateful agenda," said community agitators who claimed that "what's really causing this" is "the severe underfunding of our public schools and the lack of access to programs."

As if on cue, the enforcement agenda of Donald Trump and Tom Homan was justified by the news that a criminal

illegal alien named Sergio Jose Martinez broke into a 65-year-old woman's home in Portland, Oregon, tied her up and sexually assaulted her, and then stole her car, after local authorities refused to honor an ICE detainer. Next he allegedly assaulted a second woman at knifepoint in the basement of a parking garage that same day.

Martinez was known as a meth-using street person with a long record of arrests, and had previously been deported at least 20 times, yet he was released by the local sheriff in defiance of ICE's request. Earlier this year the Multnomah County Sheriff issued a letter to reassure illegal immigrants that "The sheriff's office does not hold people in county jails on ICE detainers or conduct any immigration enforcement actions."

To round out the week of good news, on Sunday Chuck Todd of Meet the Press went to Kenosha, Wisconsin to sample the opinion of "everyday voters" on the question, "Has Donald Trump been a successful president?" One of Kenosha's everyday voters, Rosemary Brunner, spoke for many when she replied: "I think with him, God has given this country a second chance to redeem itself."

Can Trump Save Western Civilization?

Can Western civilization survive? Does it even still exist? Liberal intellectuals have already consigned that term to the proverbial "ash heap of history" along with such ailments as racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, and colonialism.

The riches of our Western heritage are no longer taught in our public schools, studied in our colleges, or cited by our political leaders. The media insist on exaggerated gestures toward diversity and multiculturalism, denigrating "dead white males" and the English language, and constantly (but inaccurately) describing the United States as a "nation of immigrants."

With one powerful speech, President Trump has changed the terms and tone of the entire discussion. He has made it not just acceptable, but necessary to speak and act in defense of the Western culture that made America.

Trump's historic speech this month in Poland was of the same importance as Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech in 1946, which marked the beginning of the Cold War, and Ronald Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" speech in 1987, which led to America's victory in that war.

It's no accident that President Trump chose Poland as the place for his powerful speech about civilization, culture, and borders. At key points in world history, the Polish nation has been on the front line of the never-ending battle against barbarism.

Surviving members of the "greatest generation" will remember how Poland was divided and dismembered by the two monsters of the twentieth century, Hitler and Stalin. Following their "non-aggression pact" of August 23, 1939, Hitler crossed Poland's borders from the west

while Stalin invaded from the east, thereby starting a new world war in Europe.

Trump harkened back to the valiant effort by the Polish Home Army to revolt against the Nazi occupation in 1944, which ended with the Nazis mercilessly destroying Warsaw. That uprising followed the 1940 Katyn Forest massacre, in which the Soviet secret police rounded up 22,000 Polish reserve officers, who included doctors, lawyers, and other educated professionals, tied their hands behind their backs, fired a bullet to the back of their heads and buried them in mass graves.

Even after the defeat of Hitler's Germany in 1945, Poland remained under Soviet domination for another 45 years. Poland threw off the Communist yoke in 1989, inspired by its native son, Pope John Paul II, who outmaneuvered official atheism to celebrate 1,000 years of Christianity in his homeland.

That was not the first time Poland helped to save Western civilization, also known as Christendom, against a barbarian invasion. Three centuries earlier, on September 11, 1683, an army led by the Polish king known as Jan III Sobieski defeated the Muslim invaders at the Gates of Vienna.

"The fundamental question of our time is whether the West has the will to survive," Trump challenged Europe and America, adding, "Do we have enough respect for our citizens to protect our borders?" Poland, of all nations, knows that borders are essential to national survival, and must be defended at all costs.

The crowd was so enthusiastic for President Trump that one might have thought he was back in the States leading one of his own campaign rallies. The flag-waving Poles frequently interrupted Trump's speech with chants of "Donald Trump! Donald Trump! Donald Trump!"

Trump's speech was brilliant not only for what Trump said, but where he said it. The successful conservative leadership of pro-life Poland has become a model for the rest of Europe to follow, not abandon.

"Where are you going, Europe? Get up off your knees. Get out of your lethargy. Otherwise you will be crying every day for your children." Those were not the words of President Trump, though they certainly could have been.

Instead, that quotation was from the conservative Polish prime minister, Beata Szydło, in May in response to threats by the European Union to fine her country if she did not accept more refugees. Mrs. Szydło properly stood up against what she called blackmail, and the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia have also taken strong stances against opening their borders to migration.

"We are confronted by another oppressive ideology — one that seeks to export terrorism and extremism all around the globe. America and Europe have suffered one terror attack after another. We're going to get it to stop," Trump pledged to applause.

“We can have the largest economies and the most lethal weapons anywhere on Earth, but if we do not have strong families and strong values, then we will be weak and we will not survive,” Trump observed. He even praised innovation, which Phyllis Schlafly long recognized as essential to maintaining continued prosperity in the United States.

“Our own fight for the West does not begin on the battlefield — it begins with our minds, our wills, and our souls.” Trump explained that “our freedom, our civilization, and our survival depend on these bonds of history, culture, and memory.”

Trump’s “Buy American, Hire American”

It is not enough to “buy American.” It is also important to “hire American,” which means curtailing corporate abuse of the H-1B visa program that gives our good jobs to foreigners. President Donald Trump traveled to Wisconsin in April to deliver on his campaign pledge to limit the H-1B visa program that allows employers to bring in lower-cost foreign labor to fill American jobs.

President Trump’s new Executive Order to “Buy American, Hire American” starts to roll back the failed policies of his predecessors, which cost American workers attractive jobs and held down wages for everyone. Despite unemployment rates at or below 5 percent for nearly two years, wages for many Americans have actually declined when adjusted for inflation. Due to a lack of good-paying jobs, particularly in engineering and manufacturing, many Americans still in their prime working years are choosing not to work.

Many engineering jobs have been going to foreigners under the H-1B visa program, which allows corporations to bring in tens of thousands of foreign workers annually to work for less, thereby driving down the wages of all Americans. While there is an official cap to this program of “only” 85,000 workers per year, the law has loopholes that allow employers to ignore the cap and replace many tens of thousands of additional American workers with foreigners.

Phyllis Schlafly rightly criticized the H-1B program beginning more than 15 years ago. “Employers want aliens with H-1B visas not only because they can pay them less than U.S. technicians, but especially because the H-1B visas lock them into sticking with the sponsoring employer and prevent them from job-hopping for better pay as Americans do” she observed in 2001.

“Why is it taking you five years to get through college?” Phyllis asked a student attending one of her college speeches, of which she gave many hundreds. “Because I changed my major from computer science to accounting after I discovered there are almost no jobs available for computer majors,” the student responded.

The misuse of the H-1B visa program has extended even to Walt Disney World, which reportedly used

it to replace American information technology (IT) workers with foreign ones. To add insult to injury, the laid-off Americans were required to train their foreign replacements.

If you have a son or grandson who dreams of playing major league baseball, his chances are far less today because foreign players are hired instead. More than 25% of the high-paying baseball jobs go to foreigners under P-1 visas not subject to the H-1B visa caps, despite how Japan sharply limits the number of foreign players it allows to play in its major league.

Manufacturer and software developer Snap-on Inc. is located in Kenosha, Wisconsin, right smack in House Speaker Paul Ryan’s district. Ryan was away on a foreign trip when the President came to town on April 18, but Snap-on welcomed President Trump instead in order to promote “the essential nature of American manufacturing to our nation’s future.”

Essential indeed. Without renewed growth in good manufacturing and technology jobs, America will continue to decline economically, with middle-class men and their families hit the hardest.

President Trump has ordered the Secretary of Commerce to review provisions in the harmful “free trade” agreements, to close loopholes on this issue. Trump’s directive will also require reforms to the H-1B visa program, in order to prevent it from bypassing skilled American workers.

Corporations prefer foreign workers because they become like the indentured servants of colonial America, who were unable to leave their master for seven years under threat of being shipped back to where they came from. H-1B visas tie the workers to the companies that brought them into our country, which reduces competition and harms the free market.

The H-1B visa racket is not true free enterprise, and it is not healthy for the United States. President Trump’s action in Wisconsin is a good first step, and Congress should take the cue and repeal this program entirely.

President Trump’s Executive Order will also enhance the use of American goods in federal construction and transportation projects, which typically support high-paying jobs. If taxpayers are funding the project, then it obviously makes sense to use American-made goods.

Only 71 percent of young adults, aged 25 to 34, who did not go to college were employed in 2016, and only about 85 percent of their counterparts who hold college degrees had a job. Moreover, many of those who had a job were paid low wages in the retail or food industries.

Donald Trump was the first Republican presidential candidate to win Wisconsin in more than 30 years, as part of his historic sweep of the Rust Belt States. The Badger State is the perfect place to begin reducing the flow of American jobs to foreigners.

Chicago Leads the Resistance

With a rising level of violence and urban decay plaguing Chicago, you'd think Mayor Rahm Emanuel would be working overtime to police his city. More than 400 homicides have been recorded there so far this year, more than New York and Los Angeles combined.

Instead of protecting Chicago's law-abiding residents from violent crime, Mayor Emanuel has decided to sue the Trump administration by filing a 46-page lawsuit against Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He wants a federal judge to stop Sessions from withholding federal grants from sanctuary cities. But a federal law (8 U.S. Code § 1373) provides that no State or local government may "prohibit, or in any way restrict" its officials, including the police, from providing the federal government with information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of persons they have in custody or even at a brief traffic stop.

Mayor Emanuel's lawsuit claims that the federal government has to abide by something called the Welcoming City Ordinance, which was announced by previous Chicago mayors in 1985 and 1989 and then passed by the city council in 2006 and 2012. Someone should remind the mayor that he took an oath to support the U.S. Constitution, which provides for the supremacy of federal law over local ordinances.

Justice Department lawyers will respond to Mayor Emanuel's lawsuit in due course, but the attorney general is not backing down. "No amount of federal taxpayer dollars will help a city that refuses to help its own residents," Jeff Sessions said in a statement. "To a degree perhaps unsurpassed by any other jurisdiction, the political leadership of Chicago has chosen deliberately and intentionally to adopt a policy that obstructs this country's lawful immigration system," Sessions added.

Thomas Homan, the no-nonsense head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), spoke out against Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Philadelphia as cities that harbor illegal immigrants. "Sanctuary cities, in my opinion, are un-American," he said in a recent interview. "In the last year, I've read all these stories of how the crime rate has exploded in Chicago, and the president's trying to help them. We're stepping up our game in Chicago. Is Chicago doing everything that it can to decrease the criminal activity up there? I say no," Homan said.

"I say no because if you're an illegal alien, and you get arrested in the United States for a crime, and you get booked in Cook County, Chicago, my officers aren't allowed in the jail. They don't accept our detainees. They don't share information with us," he said. "Why would Cook County not want my officers, federal law enforcement officers, to go talk to somebody that committed yet another crime against the citizens of this country?"

"It's ludicrous," the acting head of ICE continued. "These jurisdictions, these cities, are choosing to shield people who violated the laws of this country. So, what's next? Sanctuary cities for people who don't want to pay their taxes?"

San Francisco became America's best-known sanctuary city when Kate Steinle was shot and killed there on July 1, 2015 by an illegal immigrant who was released from custody by the sheriff despite his 7 felony convictions and 5 orders of deportation. In accordance with a city ordinance, the sheriff refused to honor a detainer from ICE so federal officials could intercept Juan Francisco López-Sánchez while he was in custody.

A few months after Kate Steinle's preventable death, another illegal immigrant, Pedro Figueroa-Zarceno was in police custody for an outstanding warrant. Perhaps because outrage over Kate Steinle's unnecessary death was bringing unwanted attention to San Francisco, this time the police turned the alien over to federal authorities for deportation to his native El Salvador.

Like many people who were ordered deported, Pedro didn't actually go home when ordered to do so. He remained in San Francisco while continuing to resist deportation, and in 2016 his next hearing was scheduled for 2019. Meanwhile, his lawyer sued the city for violating its own sanctuary policies, and on June 28 the San Francisco city attorney announced an agreement to settle the lawsuit by paying Pedro \$190,000. So the illegal immigrant not only gets to stay, but if the city council approves the settlement, he'll also get a lump sum from the taxpayers to enjoy life while waiting for his deportation hearing.

Seattle is another sanctuary city where local officials have joined the resistance against federal immigration laws, but that may change following a horrible crime committed in a Seattle suburb by a so-called Dreamer. Salvador Diaz-Garcia is accused of brutally attacking and raping a 19-year-old woman while she was on the treadmill of the gym in her apartment complex.

The crime occurred on June 25 in the small suburb of Burien, which had its own sanctuary policy, but residents there are up in arms. Following a petition signed by 3,600 of Burien's 33,000 residents, the city council voted 6-1 to allow the voters in November to decide whether to repeal the sanctuary ordinance.

The Phyllis Schlafly Report

PO Box 618, Alton, Illinois 62002

ISSN0556-0152

Published monthly by the Eagle Trust Fund, PO Box 618, Alton, Illinois 62002. Periodicals Postage Paid at Alton, Illinois. Postmaster: Address Corrections should be sent to the Phyllis Schlafly Report, PO Box 618, Alton, Illinois 62002. Phone: (618) 462-5415.

Subscription Price: \$20 per year. Extra copies available: 50¢ each; 10 copies \$4; 30 copies \$8; 100 copies \$15; 1,000 copies \$100.

www.phyllisschlafly.com

www.pseagles.com