

Is Mexico Subverting Congress to Reform Our Immigration Policies?



In political science, a “cozy triangle” is an alliance of a willing elected official, a government bureaucracy, and a political constituency with lobbying clout. We’d like to share with you such a cozy triangle consisting of Congressman John Lewis (D-GA), illegal immigrants represented by the “Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform,” and the Mexican Government (or at least, their department of Foreign Affairs).

“The **Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform** (CCIR) is a new collaborative developed by national and local community, immigrant, labor and policy leaders in 2004. Based in Washington, DC, the mission and central purpose of the CCIR is to pass progressive comprehensive immigration reform.”

This is the introductory paragraph for the Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. **Note their purpose – “to pass progressive comprehensive immigration reform” – legislation like the Kennedy/McCain S. 2611 of 2006, no doubt.** One of their partners was the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, which helped sponsor something called the “Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride” in 2003. A strong supporter of that ride was Congressman Lewis (D-GA). He wrote a letter to Mr. John Wilhelm, President of the Union, in support of the freedom ride. Here’s what Congressman Lewis wrote, posted on the Freedom Ride:

*“We must work together to bring attention to the basic unfairness of America’s immigration policies. In order to right these wrongs, I wholeheartedly support the launch of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. I unfortunately cannot join you and your allies in Florida on February 26th because Congress will be in session, but rest assured that my commitment to justice for immigrant workers extends beyond this letter. **I will be participating in the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in the fall. I look forward to joining you in this important struggle. Best Wishes and remember to Keep you Eyes on the Prize!**”* ([Click Here for the source](#))

To be sure, Congressman Lewis isn’t the only person who supported the Freedom Ride. On their endorsement page (<http://www.iwfr.org/endorsement.asp>), the Freedom Ride folks list groups such as the **AFL-CIO, the Communist Party USA and the Socialist Party USA**, among many. But that’s not what’s most interesting about who backs these folks. Remember the “umbrella” group supporting the immigrant freedom ride – the Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform? They provide a link to a report by a professor at UCLA – Los Angeles, a fellow by the name of Dr. Raul Hinojosa Ojeda who wrote a report titled: Comprehensive Migration Policy Reform in North America: The Key to Sustainable and Equitable Economic Integration.

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In that report, Dr. Ojeda details a speech given July 17, 2001, by **Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs Jorge Castaneda**.

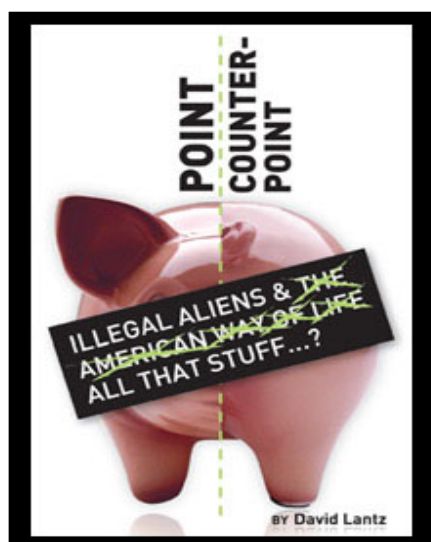
It wasn't just any speech, for he delivered it at the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union convention being held that year in Los Angeles, CA. Remember, they're the group that sponsored the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. Here's how Dr. Ojeda reported what Secretary Castaneda had to say:

"In the last few months, the Mexican Government has put forth a new comprehensive proposal that consists of five components: (1) legalization of undocumented workers currently in the United States
(2) expanded permanent visas program
(3) enhance guest worker visas program
*(4) border control **cooperation***
(5) economic development in immigrant sending regions

*Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda has presented these five components as an integral project, **suggesting in fact that the United States should agree to "the whole enchilada, or nothing."** The Mexican Government's comprehensive proposal clearly represents a major improvement over the current patchwork of policies that have accumulated over the years in both countries. Many of these policies are both highly ineffective and contradictory in addressing with (sic) the economic dynamics operating between the two countries."* (You can find the above on page 3 of the report at [Migration Policy Report](#))

So here's a question one might consider asking:

How did the "comprehensive proposal" of the Mexican Government make it into the Kennedy/McCain Immigration Bill (S. 2611)? How aware were the sponsors of this legislation, Senators Kennedy and McCain, of this link? And, who else besides Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) is conspiring to enact Mexican foreign policy objectives into U.S. law?



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