

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION/ILLEGAL ALIENS*

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- Total Financial Costs: On May 21, 2010, ABC News reported (<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/illegal-immigrants-cost-us-100-billion-year-group/story?id=10699317>) illegal aliens cost U.S. taxpayers more than \$100 billion each year.
- Costs: Education, incarceration, housing, foodstamps, welfare, medical care, emergency room visits, paying for the birth and then subsequent care of babies born to illegal aliens in America who are automatically U.S. citizens, police protection, increased insurance
- Costs: Gang proliferation and drug cartels
- Costs: Loss of jobs for U.S. citizens—there are tens of thousands of people in Utah alone whose jobs have been replaced by people who are working this country illegally
- Costs: Identity Fraud—especially child identity theft...and other types of fraud...and the costs associated with the victims and prosecution of these crimes
- Court costs: Interpreters, defense and prosecution and aliens who commit crimes and can't afford to pay for an attorney, drug rehab, etc.
- Costs: Loss of taxes paid to the cities and the state
- Costs: Loss of disposable income by alien workers who send their disposable income to Mexico. Studies show that remittances amount to tens of millions of dollars. Legal U.S. citizens would have spent their money in the U.S.A. to boost the economy and help businesses get back on their feet.
http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/2006-04-11-immigrants-payments-home_x.htm
- Costs: Loss of home values when restrictive covenants are not enforced in neighborhoods where several families live together in a single home in order to afford living here on less than minimum wage.
- Costs: Loss of jobs for legal U.S. citizens and legal aliens
- Costs: Businesses--especially contractors and subcontractors—who cannot compete with employers who hire illegal aliens and many are forced out of business.

- Costs: “Dumbing down of wages” for employees who work for lower wages because of the gradual decline in wages by employers who hire illegal aliens for less money...which result in U.S. citizens being forced to work for lower wages in order to “just get a job” even though living expenses are higher for U.S. citizens who may not qualify for welfare benefits and only live one family per household.
- Costs: Printing everything in two languages. (If the U.S. is going to print in a foreign language, shouldn't the U.S. print ALL the languages of ALL the cultures that live here? Why does the U.S. favor one language/culture/country over another ?)
- Human Costs: American citizens who are murdered, killed, raped, or other types of victims by illegal aliens
- Human Costs: Human smuggling and employers treating their illegal employees like slaves...because they can get away with it simply with the threat of reporting them to the law enforcement officials
- Human Costs: Poor driving
- Human Costs: Racial tension...much of it being caused by what legal U.S. citizens perceive as illegal aliens who don't want to integrate and embrace U.S. culture. When U.S. citizens see Mexicans defacing the U.S. flag and then flying the Mexican flag. When U.S. citizens can't get jobs because of the influx of illegal aliens taking jobs. When U.S. citizens continue to see their political leaders “turn a blind eye” away from the problems inherent with illegal immigration and see a gross injustice and perception of people who are not even U.S. citizens receiving benefits that U.S. citizens need, but are unable to receive. Also, as Utahans, we are concerned for our American citizens in cities and towns along the Mexican border who are being terrorized and even murdered by illegal aliens who are crossing the border illegally and even forcing some landowner/ranch owners to leave their ranches and homes behind because they fear for their lives.
- Other Costs: We would like to invite input from members of this commission and members of the public to add to this list.

*Wikipedia Definition: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alien_\(law\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alien_(law))

An alien who is present in a country (which is foreign to him/her) unlawfully or without the country's authorization is known as an **illegal alien** of that country.^[2] An illegal alien commonly refers to a foreign national who resides in another country unlawfully, either by entering that country at a place other

than a designated port-of-entry or as result of the expiration of a non-immigrant visa.