

POINT AND COUNTERPOINT in the IMMIGRATION DEBATE

A One-Act Play by John Tanton

Cast: Two persons. "WE" represents those who favor reduced immigration and cite in general the environmental, social and economic carrying capacity of our country. "THEY" represents those favoring expanded immigration who cite in general a desire for more diversity, a larger population and perpetual economic expansion.

WE: Shortages.

THEY: *Unlimited resources. An aging society.*

WE: Later retirement. Brain drain.

THEY: *No jobs at home. Diversity.*

WE: Division. Bilingualism.

THEY: *Biculturalism. Bilingual.*

WE: Bi-illiterate. Emphasize commonalities.

THEY: *Celebrate our differences. Family reunification.*

WE: Chain migration. Skills-based selection.

THEY: *Jobs Americans won't do. Challenge your motives.*

WE: Challenge YOUR motives. Effect on U.S. underclass.

THEY: *No job displacement. Restrictionist!*

WE: Border anarchist! Population problem.

THEY: *Must grow to compete. Globalism.*

WE: The national interest. Border security.

THEY: *Berlin Wall. Borderless economy.*

WE: Strategic industries. Limits to assimilation.

THEY: *Compassion. It worked in the past.*

WE: Times have changed. Employer sanctions.

THEY: *Discrimination. Xenophobia.*

WE: Xenophilia. Costs.

THEY: *Benefits. Albert Einstein.*

WE: Sirhan Sirhan. Mafia.

THEY: *Arturo Toscanini...*

EMMA LAZARUS...

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!!

WE: Touché! Nolo contendere! Checkmate!

[Exeunt]

