

demned numerous persons whose only crime is to take national sovereignty seriously.

As a consequence, the SPLC's bash page of Hardin remains online in its selection of 131 "Extremists" who range from true fanatics like David Duke to some who just believe that America's immigration laws should be enforced.

Here's a sample of SPLC calumny against the sensible environmentalist:

About Garrett Hardin

Hardin used his status as a famous scientist and environmentalist to provide a veneer of intellectual and moral legitimacy for his underlying nativist agenda, serving on the board of directors of both the anti-immigrant Federation for American Immigration Reform and the white-nationalist Social Contract Press. He also co-founded the anti-immigrant Californians for Population Stabilization and The Environmental Fund, which primarily served to lobby Congress for nativist and isolationist policies.

In his own words:

"Promoters of more diversity maintain that the more immigrants the better; and the greater the variety the richer America will become. Many of these promoters are 'Europhobic' — fearful of, or revolted by, European civilization and values. They say we should stop taking in North Europeans, urging us instead to solicit the Filipinos, the Taiwanese, and the Salvadorans.... Diversity is the opposite of unity, and unity is a prime requirement for national survival."

— "How Diversity Should be Nurtured,"
The Social Contract, 1991

So the world population will roll on to eight billion in a few years, and America's border remains wide open, but we should remember Garrett Hardin's admonition for the future: "To be generous with one's own possessions is one thing; to be generous with posterity's is quite another..." ■

Mass Immigration and National Survival

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The interests of the whole community, though great, are diffuse....At the present time no constituency in the United States is sufficiently informed and powerful to secure the end desired by the vast majority, namely a sharp curtailment of immigration. We suspect that democracy may be in jeopardy because of its apparent inability to meet the first test of any system—survival.

As the proportion of recent immigrants increases, their political power will increase proportionately. We already see signs of this in the growing intransigence of "Chicano" leaders, the younger generation of Mexican-Americans. At some level of population—five percent of the total population? Ten percent?—the recent immigrants may well reach a "critical mass" (to borrow a concept from nuclear physics) whose power the more comfortable and passive multitude of longtime residents will find irresistible. As militant immigrants fight to keep the borders open, they will be aided by native political activists, left over from the 1960s, who seek new worlds to conquer. When the political power of this coalition becomes irresistible, the United States will have lost control of its destiny. Hoping to diminish world poverty by neglecting to control movements across our borders, the nation will merely have become sucked into a global commons that universalizes poverty. ■



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