

# Comprehensive Immigration Political Strategy That Could Save the World

By Rick Oltman

As most adults can see, the world is becoming increasingly more unstable, and therefore more dangerous. Ronald Reagan summed up modern geopolitics in the twentieth century when he said, “Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong.”

Now, practically nobody likes being the “world cop.” And while grateful that our armed forces and our factories have vanquished our enemies and preserved freedom and liberty and our way of life, many Americans, this writer included, wish that America wouldn’t have to do almost all the heavy lifting, as we have over the last seven decades since the end of World War II.

If tyrants are going to be held at bay, and civilization, specifically Western Civilization, is to survive and continue to provide benefits to the rest of the world, somebody has to be strong, and that somebody is, apparently, still, the United States.

There is a way to win power democratically and lead America, and the West, in the world again.

1. Up to 10 state initiatives—three possible issues. Cost: \$5 million
  - a. E-Verify for all state, county, and city workers.

- b. Cutting off taxpayer funds to illegal aliens.
  - c. Cutting off law enforcement money to Sanctuary Cities.
2. State legislators authoring bills for the same three issues.
    - a. Also legislation outlawing sanctuary cities and counties.

The winning strategy for a presidential candidate, and all candidates down the ballot, should support *both* victims of illegal alien crimes *and* initiatives/legislation that deal effectively with illegal immigration.

A national candidate can point to local victims and describe what he/she will do as president to address the problem.

Regarding initiatives/legislation, the national candidate can voice support for the local measures and then promise similar action at the national level once elected.

In addition, all candidates on the ballot (national, state, county, city) can voice support for the local efforts to aid their election efforts.

## FAILED CAMPAIGNS

Failed Republican Senate bids in Montana (2012) and Oregon (2014), where immigration enforcement measures won supermajorities with the voters, but the Republican nominees failed to endorse in the respective states and lost by significant margins:

- 2012—Montana’s Referendum 121, cutting off tax dollars to illegal aliens, won with 79 percent of the vote, but the Republican failed to endorse 121, which won with an overwhelming majority of voters, and lost to incumbent Sen. Jon Testor (D) by four points.<sup>1</sup>

- 2014—Oregon’s Measure 88, as a veto referendum, if approved, would have granted driver licenses to illegals. Voters rejected the measure by a substantial majority—Measure 88 was defeated, 66 percent of voters rejected the measure. However, Republican Monica Wehby lost to Sen. Jeff Merkley (D) 55.7 percent to 39.9 percent.<sup>2</sup> Wehby failed to oppose Measure 88, which was soundly defeated.

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## WINNING EXAMPLES

- Consider California Governor Pete Wilson in 1994 and Arizona Governor Jan Brewer in 2010.
- In March 1994, California Governor Pete Wilson received 24 percent support in the polls.<sup>3</sup>
- In February 2010, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer received 23 percent support in the polls.
- Pete Wilson endorsed Proposition 187 and won the election with 55.8 percent of the vote.
- Jan Brewer signed SB 1070 into law and won the election with 54.63 percent of the vote.<sup>4</sup>

In 1994, at a critical stage of the immigration reform movement, citizens in California launched Proposition 187, which enabled Pete Wilson to overcome his low poll ratings to defeat Kathleen Brown (the daughter of a popular ex-governor Edmund G. “Pat” Brown and sister of a popular ex- and future-governor Jerry Brown). She received only 40.62 percent of the vote. In the absence of Proposition 187, Brown may likely have won that race.

More recently, Jan Brewer overcame her low poll ratings to defeat Terry Goddard, who had already won two statewide elections for attorney general. In 2006, he won re-election with *60 percent of the vote*. A two-term Attorney General and two-term mayor of Phoenix (1984-1990), *nobody was better known in the largest media market in Arizona*. He received only 42.16 percent of the vote. Without SB 1070 as a factor, Goddard wins that race.

Both Wilson and Brewer rallied *31 points* to devastate their opponents *on the strength of supporting immigration law enforcement*.

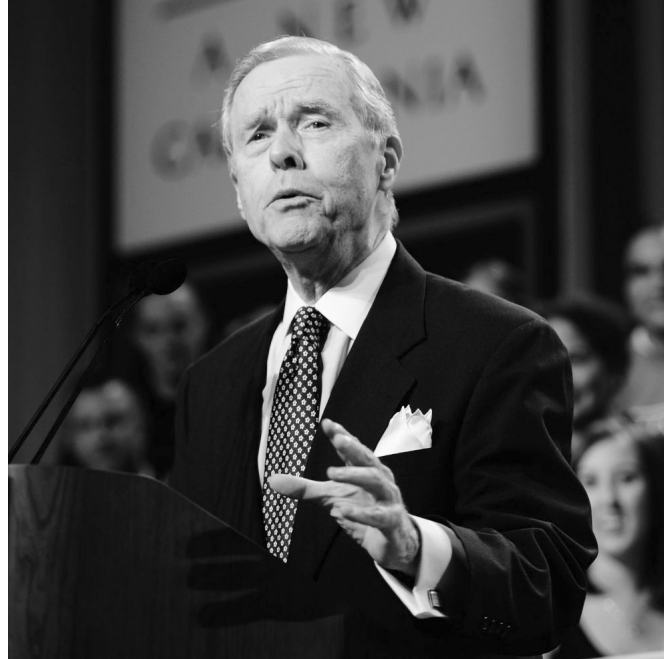
To make America strong enough to dissuade or defeat tyrants in the twenty-first century, we must take back the country by winning elections.

A presidential candidate can win the presidency by endorsing a state referendum or state legislation addressing illegal immigration. He/she can campaign in a state, voice support for “Proposition 19” or “Senate bill 345,” whatever, and say that upon becoming president, the federal government will endorse state laws and enforce federal laws.

And, every candidate down the ballot that does likewise, will also win. Candidates for U.S. Senate, Congress, State Senate, State Representative, County Commissioner/Supervisor, City Council, School Board, whatever, will win if they support enforcing the immigration laws.

Support for these measures can help a political party win power and turn around a foundering America. A strong America can take the lead in confronting the tyrants, religious fanatics, and other evils in the world and lead Western Civilization to victory...once again.

Western Civilization can preserve human rights and freedoms, will thrive from market economies and be able to help what we used to call “developing nations” into the modern world, with the basic freedoms and market economies that will result in their prosperity and safety.



Former California Governor Peter Wilson (R)

But, it must start with winning power in the next election. And, while this isn’t the only way to win it, it is a way that will win elections and power for those smart enough to use it.

Support for enforcement of our immigration laws, and assimilation of legal immigrants is a proven winner at the ballot box. For a few million dollars this can all be possible.

The world can be saved from the disaster of a Third World War. It starts, now. And if not us, who? And, if not now, when? ■

### Endnotes

1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Senate\\_election\\_in\\_Montana,\\_2012](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Senate_election_in_Montana,_2012)
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