

Germany is overdrawn. In fact, more than 70 percent of Germany's Jews managed to escape the Third Reich before World War II began. Unfortunately, most European Jews did not leave the continent before the war broke out, either because they did not live under Nazi rule or because they thought that the troubles in Germany would soon pass. Once the war began and the Final Solution was implemented in the latter half of 1941, the United States and its allies did not sit idly by while nearly six million Jews perished. The only way to stop the Holocaust was for the United States and its allies to win the war, which is exactly what they did. Given those facts, there is little reason for Americans to feel a sense of guilt about the Holocaust.

Furthermore, the Holocaust analogy has not contributed to sound American foreign policy. While there are good reasons why the United States should help Israel defend itself within its UN-mandated borders, the Holocaust analogy's demand for unquestioning American support for all the policies of the Jewish state undermines U.S. national interests in the Middle East. The United States also has an obligation to do what it can to prevent or mitigate grave humanitarian crises. However, it should act not out of a sense of guilt about the past, but rather from common human decency tempered by a sober assessment of what can reasonably be accomplished in each case and what best serves America's national interest. ■

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**In recent meetings in Washington, Ariel Sharon's Chief of Staff Dov Weisglass told Colin Powell that the Israelis are worried**

that their proposed withdrawal from Gaza will produce serious civil unrest and a takeover by the Islamic extremist group Hamas. Weisglass's impromptu comments contradicted Israeli public assertions and came as a surprise to the Bush administration. In light of the revelation, Powell urged the Israelis to postpone the withdrawal until after November. As there is significant risk of civil violence inside Gaza spilling out into Israel itself, the Bush administration is concerned lest Gaza in chaos give the impression that there has been a policy failure. Chaos does not play well at election time. Sharon will likely agree to postpone his pullout but will demand in return American acquiescence to his planned unilateral annexation of more Arab land on the West Bank and around Jerusalem. Palestinians' complaints that Sharon intended from the start to draw new borders at their expense appear to be vindicated.



**In Europe, the danger posed by uncontrolled immigration has borne fruit.**

The door has been opened wide and for too long, with millions of legal and illegal unassimilated workers from North Africa and the Middle East living precariously in both Eastern and Western Europe. Many are second generation, now citizens of countries that they do not respect and whose governments they would gladly overthrow. Some security experts believe that the recent terror bombing in Spain that killed 200 should serve as a warning of European vulnerability to attacks planned and executed by well established terror networks sheltering in the vast subculture of European Muslims. Al-Qaeda has condemned the "coalition of the willing" that supported the U.S. in Iraq and may intend to punish each of the countries involved. Some intelligence analysts believe that a series of devastating terrorist attacks in Europe might plausibly be expected.



**The bombing in Madrid is having an immediate impact on the Athens Olympic Games.**

Greece's new conservative Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis has stated that his country's reputation rides on successful completion of the Games, but the task before him may be Sisyphean. Many Olympic sites and infrastructure projects are unfinished, while tabletop exercises run to test the enormous security effort have been plagued by poor communication and bad decision-making. The unprecedented, overly muscular involvement of seven foreign countries' representatives and security agencies in the planning has also been a case of "too many cooks ..." Four hundred U.S. government "experts" are in Athens providing assistance. For the first time, foreign soldiers, in this case American and British, are participating in Olympic security training exercises. NATO will provide additional resources to detect incoming nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons—another first. But some observers warn that all the planning and resources in the world might not stop a major incident. Many Greeks, brought up on a steady diet of anti-Western propaganda, identify strongly with resistance groups and terrorists. Just one terrorist sympathizer embedded within the security network could produce devastating results. ■

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# Open Borders, Closed Wallets

A Republican fundraiser learns firsthand that the GOP grassroots resent the president's amnesty proposal.

By Phil Kent

THE TELEPHONE RANG and an old wealthy conservative friend answered. After the usual pleasantries, I told him I was a co-host for the upcoming Jan. 15 Bush-Cheney event at Atlanta's World Congress Center and pitched him for \$2,000 to attend and see the president on a rope-line. For \$20,000, I explained, he could have a personal audience and photograph with the commander-in-chief. Before I could even finish my last sentence, though, I was cut off. "You should know I wouldn't be writing a check after his crazy amnesty proposal."

I was not surprised, replied that I was as disgusted as he was, and pressed on with my next call. Same response—but angrier. "Why are you even helping Bush?" was the question from the third conservative donor on my list. The fourth rejection was emphatic—"I'm not giving him a dime because of that immigration announcement." The fifth person got right to the point: the president "is pandering to the open borders crowd." No check. My sixth target, who said he was "maxed out" to the campaign, was the only one to "support" the president: "Bush has given up on immigration, but I'm not concerned. Let's deal with the Democrats on other issues."

There was more of the same on my second day dialing for dollars, so I gave up. Then I warned the Georgia Bush-Cheney chairman, Jamie Reynolds, that I was failing to receive checks because of the president's stand on illegal immigration. His response was a polite

admission that he had heard rumblings too but that we all should press on.

The problem, of course, was that earlier that week—on Jan. 6, 2004—President George W. Bush proposed that Congress "adjust the legal status" of the 10 to 12 million illegal immigrants in our country. He insisted his proposal was not amnesty. Yet it most certainly is. It is also a blatant undermining of the rule of law, a threat to homeland security, a death blow to Social Security, and a below-the-belt punch to American workers.

Goaded for months by adviser Karl Rove, Bush proposed that an illegal immigrant could apply for temporary worker status for up to six years, getting all the benefits of citizenship ranging from a driver's license to Social Security checks. To facilitate this, the president asked Congress to raise the number of legal green cards to immigrants each year (currently 140,000)—yet never specified how many millions would be needed. As one of the Georgia Bush-Cheney fundraisers whispered to me at the World Congress Center: "It's all pretty dumb, isn't it?"

Even more incredibly, Bush said these temporary workers could apply for citizenship "in the normal way." Well, then, they wouldn't be temporary, would they? Furthermore, Bush's plan would allow these so-called temporary workers to bring their entire families with them for the duration of their work permits, no doubt producing American anchor babies in the process.

The fundraising reaction in my home state of Georgia was swift, as my usually reliable donors let me know. But more was to come.

On Jan. 31, at a packed Georgia Christian Coalition event in Atlanta's Mount Vernon Baptist Church, all of the candidates vying for the state's 6th Congressional district seat—perhaps the most Republican enclave in the country—blasted the amnesty plan. In addition, all of the GOP U.S. Senate primary candidates took the president to task for his remarks—to loud applause. But the most sustained applause was reserved for Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.), the head of the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus who blistered Bush and urged attendees to put "country over party" when it came to fighting illegal immigration. Congressman Tancredo underscored that Bush placed no effective limit on "temporary workers" admitted at any time. The Bush proposal allows all businesses to post any job in the country on an Internet website (presumably at any wage and working condition), and if an American does not take the job in some vague short timespan, then the business can import a foreign worker. Employers will naturally be hiring more foreigners—and the Bush proposal makes no mention of what this will do to salaries. In fact, the *Washington Times* quotes a White House official as saying that the fact that a job is open will be assumed to mean that the marketplace has determined the need for