

Illegal Immigration: Aberrant Aliens or Aspiring Americans?

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This paper examines illegal immigration to the United States through historical, legal, and biblical lenses, arguing that compassion for immigrants must be balanced with respect for the rule of law and national sovereignty. From biblical accounts—such as post-Babel migrations and the Israelites' journey to Egypt—to ancient legal codes like Hammurabi's and Greco-Roman treatment of foreigners, history shows that ethical and legal frameworks have long shaped migration. Today, the influx of illegal immigrants into the U.S. calls for a similar balance. While many illegal immigrants seek better lives, bypassing legal procedures undermines fairness and national security. Americans should support government efforts to secure the border and uphold immigration laws. Citizens bear a responsibility to maintain the rule of law, preserving national strength and international respect. Enforcing immigration laws protects the country and honors those who pursue legal entry, often at great personal cost. Ultimately, the paper urges Americans, particularly Christians, to advocate for secure borders and an immigration system that reflects both mercy and justice. By pursuing legal reform and encouraging compassionate outreach through the Church, society can uphold individual dignity while protecting the integrity of its legal and economic foundations.