

**Allen West:** You know, there is not - when people talk about immigration, there is a difference. There is legal immigration and we need to streamline those processes because people want to come here to participate in the American dream. But there is illegal immigration and the operative word being illegal. And America is a Constitutional Republic and there are two things about a constitutional republic. First of all, it's a rule of law. We're a sovereign nation and we have borders that have to be secured and protected and people are supposed to respect our rule of law. If we don't want to stand up for our rule of law, then the next thing you know is that we will not have a sovereign nation, we will not have a constitutional republic and if you want to study history, you can look and see exactly what happened to Rome when they decided they would not secure and protect the Northern border. And when I think about some of the second and third order effects of illegal immigration, especially in the urban centers and in the urban areas, you're seeing the black community get pushed out of working positions. And especially young, black teenagers where their unemployment rate has just skyrocketed because they are not out there in a lot of these minimum wage jobs. And minimum wage jobs are not meant to be a career pursuit. Minimum wage jobs are meant to be a stepping stone. They are meant to be the opportunity for you to get some responsibility as it was for me as a young man growing up in the inner city of Atlanta, Georgia. I loved my \$3.25 minimum wage job because it taught me responsibility. It gave me an opportunity to save up money so that I didn't have to go to my parents to say I want a car but can you also give me gas to put in the car. I was able to do it myself. And if I wanted to go to a basketball game, a football game, a movie, whatever - take my girlfriend out to a little dinner, I was able to do that. It made me feel good about being able to do that. But what I don't think that you see happening is that there are leaders such as in the professional black cause as NAACP, they are not so much concerned about the plights and the trials inside the black community as they are about the talking points and the ideology of the party that dominates them. And so therefore the party that dominates them sees no problem with illegal immigration, sanctuary cities and things of this nature. They're not standing up for the community to talk about those second or third orders or the economic ramifications and consequences that are affecting the black community especially or some of the other minority communities. But it's just a matter of the respect of the rule of law first and foremost that we have to adhere to. And when I look and see what the government has done and case in point, part of the Great Society point when Lyndon Johnson came up with this brilliant idea that the government will give a young woman a check for having a child out of wedlock and will continue to give checks for having children out of wedlock as long as you didn't have a man in the home. Well, that sounded real nice. You know, you want to help someone out. But back then in the early 60's, the two-parent household in the black community was between 73 and 77 percent. Today the two-parent household in the black community is only about 24 to 25 percent. And so it's those types of insidious policies that come down from politicians that are not seeking to enable people and really to help people with the hand up but as I say, it's not about a safety net, it's about a hammock. And you see what is happening there. And so it's just the same with illegal immigration where some people tend to believe that they can bring in a certain constituency that they can use for electoral gain. They look at the constituency that you want to continue to turn out for you and they're starting to see that you're not really helping us out. As a matter of fact, you are severely hurting us.