

Hanson's logic is 'nonsense'

Columnist Victor Davis Hanson seems to be blaming "immigrants" and "explosive population growth" for the water crisis that we now face. Nonsense.

First of all, California's population growth is not exploding. Between 1900 and 1920, California's population grew by 131%. Between 1940 and 1960, California grew its population by 127%. In contrast, between 1990 and 2010, California's population only grew 25%. Our neighboring states of Nevada, Utah, Arizona and Idaho, all have current growth rates that exceed California's growth rate.

Hanson seems to suggest that we should not welcome "newcomers," which he defines as "Californians not born in the United States," without "making liberal investments for them in water supplies and infrastructure." I believe that Mr. Hanson needs to be reminded that unless one happens to be a Native American, he is, in fact, a member of an immigrant family.

California needs to seek solutions to its water shortage, but blaming a nonexistent population explosion fueled by immigrants is misguided at best.

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