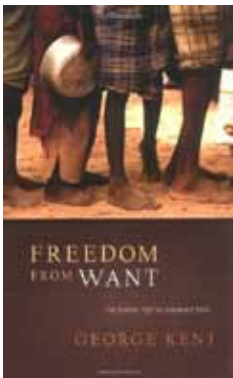


BOOK REVIEW

Immigration Policy and The Terrorist Threat in Canada and the United States

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Immigrant and terrorist issues have recently become a significance polemic in North America especially Canada-United States border. In Canada, immigrants take an important role in national security issue and it's government political issue. The national security issues arise from the relation to the terrorism activity as the impact of the lenient border in Canada and the government political issue arise from the political parties and the officers that seem reluctant to eradicate this issue. The strictless border of the country increase the possibility of the terrorist networks to build their own local network starting from the grassroots. As the result, the possibility that they may use the host country as a place for recruitment, fund-raising, and a staging ground for terrorist attacks, abroad or in the host country, poses a clear and present danger is clearly predicted.

The movement of the terrorist is also the main concern to be diminished. This book is a festschrift from many different experts as the author of the articles. This book tries to formulate how the terrorist threats is truly exist by examines the policies between Canada and United States and compares the strength and weakness of the policies so that the balance between immigration and national security will be maintained.

This book contains 11 articles that grouped into four (4) systematic themes, e.g. (1) Mass Immigration and The Growing Threat of Terrorism, (2) Troubled Immigration and Refugee System, (3) Balancing Liberty and Security in the New Environment, (4) The Challenge of Strengthening the Canada-US Border. Involving 12 authors, from US and Canada, from various expertise and education backgrounds guarantees that the this book had been delivered by many perspectives that is important for the decision makers to read.

The first theme of this book explains us some main idea on massive immigration that can connected to the terrorism activity. The authors of this section focuses on several issues like massive immigration impact on labour and fiscal policies, immigration patterns recently, also highlighted the serious terrorism threat that already exist like terrorist plot in Toronto in 2006. Another issue is that immigration, asylum, and visa systems are overwhelmed, those issues guide us to main idea on how terrorism threat is coming closer caused by massive immigration movement.

The second theme is intended to examines the core problem on immigration system policies. The authors in this section describes several main ideas that leads us to know further, especially in Canada, why the immigration system is so hard to be fixed. In Canada, refugee and immigrants system is clearly imperfect, the system is also dysfunctional. In Canada, immigrants are able to have permanent residents based on self-selection and in the enforcement of such system in Canada is lenient. Other important issue is that politicians in Canada seem reluctant to eradicate this issue for fear of losing votes from immigrants. They prefer their party's electability to their own national security.

The third theme specifically describes about the liberty and security in both countries. Both authors deliver their own perspective in viewing the liberty for each people. One of the author this section explains about the liberty of civils, newcomers, and cultural diversity could be maintained in the face of terrorist threats. Another emerged issue is about the lack of coordinations between Canadian academics and government officials when making policies regarding immigrations issue and also another discussion on the lack of eagerness from the politician on taking such measures to eradicate immigrants issue. They make de-

cisions reluctantly for securing electoral support for their parties.

The fourth theme, as the last theme, elaborates the potential challenges in order to combat threatening immigrants. The authors in this section suggest a better cooperation between US-Canada government to solve this problem together. Another suggestion is by strengthening the border control between both countries by highlighting the infrastructure and manpower aspect and also suggest a smarter, more cooperative and more coordinated perimeter efforts that will not costly.