

It Just Ain't So

Part 3 of 6

We've all heard the old adage of what happens when we make an assumption about anything. (ASS-U-ME). We must **never assume that what we hear "out there" is the Truth**. It is wise for each of us to do our homework on issues we are concerned about.

When considering our elections, whether in California or nationally, we are asked to believe many truisms that simply **ARE NOT SO**.

<u>Part 1 of this article series</u> called into question the widely held assumption that it is desirable to make voting easy and convenient; <u>Part 2</u> debunked the benefits of universal vote by mail.

We now turn to a growing assumption that goes against the very definitions of "nation" and "citizen".

Notion # 3: If You Live Here, You Have the Right to Vote!

For years organizations and individuals have advocated for non-citizen voting rights at the city and county level. In fact, select communities across the country have already allowed non-citizens to vote in local elections. The Constitution does not prohibit this local autonomy.

However, the United States Constitution explicitly limits the right to vote for federal office to U.S. citizens.

The Constitutions of all 50 states <u>specify both U.S. citizenship and state residency</u> as prerequisites for voting for all state offices.

Allowing non-citizens, who do not have an allegiance to this country, to vote is a clear facilitation of foreign influence in our elections.

Anyone who has not taken the citizenship oath <u>denouncing allegiance</u> to any other country or sovereign has no right to have a say in America's business, <u>especially elections</u>!

Non-citizens may choose to reside within our borders for the economic and social freedoms that are unparalleled in any other country in the world. Non-citizens may even contribute to their communities as good neighbors and business people.

But until they commit to relinquish allegiance to their previous country and embrace this one unconditionally by becoming citizens, they do not have the right to vote.

According to the Constitution, just because you live here, you do NOT have the right vote unless you are a citizen of the United States.

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