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Here's the real Christmas story of illegal invaders

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This is the season that Christians around the world recount the story of the Nativity. Many try to draw comparisons between the birth of the Christ child and the northern migration of the illegal invaders from the south.

Let's compare them:

As Luke recounts: "... There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. ... All went to be taxed, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee ... unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem ... to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with Child."

Joseph and Mary were honest, law-abiding subjects of the Roman Empire. They made the journey to Bethlehem in obedience to the decrees of Caesar.

On the other hand, Jose´ and Maria decide to come to the land of food stamps and Women, Infants and Children nutrition assistance by slipping through a fence, climbing over the fence, passing through a tunnel, wading a river, jamming themselves into the back of a pickup, van or train car, paying a coyote who might require them to carry some illegal drugs or bribing a guard.

Once they arrive, they obtain fraudulent documents by stealing someone's identity, and, most important, they pay little or no taxes.

The average illegal invader family collects \$2,700 more in benefits than they pay in taxes. Once the family becomes legal, they are able to collect \$7,700 more than they pay in taxes. Two-thirds of the illegal invaders from the south do not have a high school diploma. (Statistics are from "The High Cost of Cheap Labor," a report by Steven Camarota, research director for the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates lower immigration rates.)

They make up 5 percent of the population, but 28 percent of the federal prison population. An estimated 93 sex offenders cross the border every day, 12 of them serial sex offenders, according to data cited in "A Line in the Sand: Confronting the Threat at the Southwest Border," prepared by the majority staff, House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Investigations. Harvard University professor George Borjas has estimated that immigration between 1980 and 2000 reduced the average annual earnings of native-born men by \$1,700, or 4 percent.

The money they earn does not enrich the economy. They send it back home. According to the Inter-American Developmental Bank, \$138 million left Iowa for Mexico and Central America. Nationwide, more than \$45 billion left for Mexico and Central America.

Back to Joseph and Mary: "...While they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

Jose´ and Maria go to the emergency room. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act says they cannot be turned away. So the hospital and the U.S. taxpayers pick up the tab. Maria delivers her firstborn American child, which entitles the family to benefits until the child is 18.

Back to Joseph and Mary, as told in Matthew: "...Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews . . . and lo, the star, which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was ... and (they) fell down and worshipped him: and when they opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Today, kingpins from Mexico sent their mules to the north, bearing 80 percent of its imports of cocaine, 50 percent of its imports of heroin and, in Iowa, bringing 80 percent of its meth.

The illegal invaders also bring with them leprosy, multiple-drug-resistant TB, Chagas disease, dengue fever,

polio, malaria and intestinal parasites.

So you see, there really is no comparison.

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