

Time to Take Down the Bird Feeder

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I received the following in an email. It is interesting and makes a number of good points even if a little rough in places. I left most of the text as-is but made a couple of minor changes. The target of the original was illegal aliens which is a bit narrow. So I altered some of the text to be more generic although there is still an anti-alien slant. Believe it or not, the majority of the 'illegals' are hard working and desirable to have as citizens. They actually do pay taxes – more taxes than the typical lazy American who thrives on the dole. The real issue is not where a person comes from (we all came from somewhere else) but whether they are a consumer of free services or a provider. I should mention that I regularly put birdseed on my patio and the birds that visit me are well behaved and I think even appreciative. My inside cats enjoy watching them through the den window. You can find a large number of websites where this story has shown up if you Google the phrase, "Take Down the Bird Feeder."

I bought a bird feeder. I hung it on my back porch and filled it with seed. Within a week we had hundreds of birds taking advantage of the continuous flow of free and easily accessible food.

But then the birds started building nests in the boards of the patio, above the table, and next to the barbecue. Then came the poop. It was everywhere: on the patio tile, the chairs, the table ... everywhere! Then some of the birds turned mean. They would dive bomb me and try to peck me even though I had fed them out of my own pocket. And others birds were boisterous and loud. They sat on the feeder and squawked and screamed at all hours of the day and night and demanded that I fill it when it got low on food.

After a while, I couldn't even sit on my own back porch anymore. So I took down the bird feeder and in three days the birds were gone. I cleaned up their mess and took down the many nests they had built all over the patio. Soon, the back yard was like it used to be ... quiet, serene ... and no one demanding their rights to a free meal.

Now let's see. Our government gives out free food, subsidized housing, free medical care and free education, and allows anyone born here to be an automatic citizen. Then the freeloaders showed up by the millions. Suddenly our taxes went up to pay for free services; small apartments are housing five families; you have to wait six hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor; your child's second grade class is behind other schools because over half the class doesn't speak English. Corn Flakes now come in a bilingual box; I have to 'press one' to hear my bank talk to me in English, and people waving flags other than 'Old Glory' are squawking and screaming in the streets, demanding more rights and free liberties.

Just my opinion, but maybe it's time for the government to take down the bird feeder. If you agree, pass it on; if not, just continue cleaning up the poop.