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## **A CONTINENT OF LOSERS - PART I** ***THE YOUTH BULGE***

**Introduction:** *This is a much abbreviated commentary on a theory dealing with reasons for historical and current terrorism by a German social scientist, historian and genocide scholar, Professor Gunnar Heinsohn. You can read a longer and much more detailed version by googling "Continent of Losers" or "Heinsohn".*

*Part II - in a future issue of "Graffiti" - will deal with the role played by religion, ideology and immigration in determining the future of the Judeo-Christian civilizations. S.F.*

A friend in England sent me an English translation of a Danish interview with a German professor, Gunnar Heinsohn. He said that it was interesting but depressing and, at first, I was reluctant to read it – it was about 16 pages long and I have plenty of depressing stuff of my own to read. But then I forced myself to open the attachment and start reading. I haven't regretted it - by page three I was hooked.

The interview was a follow-up of his sensational book, "Söhne und Weltmacht: Terror im Aufstieg und Fall der Nationen" (*Sons and World Domination: Terror in the Rise and Fall of Nations*) published in 2003,



became a worldwide best-seller but is still not available in English! The introduction quotes a contemporary German philosopher who feels that this book is as important and groundbreaking as Karl Marx's *Das Kapital*.

By now I was curious – and impressed – so I googled and was even more impressed. Heinsohn is a 63-year old tenured professor at the Bremen University, a sociologist, economist and genocide researcher. He has published dozens of books on the rise and fall of civilizations that range from the Bronze Age, ancient Greece, Middle Eastern and Buddhist societies to the Holocaust and contemporary Europe.

In his 2003 book he presents an explanation for the inexplicable and unanticipated wave of terrorism and violence that is currently afflicting our world: the Youth Bulge.

**The definition and calculation are sim-**

**ple: compare the number of men aged 40-44 to boys aged 0-4. Demographic capitulation is imminent when for every 100 males in the 40-44 age bracket there are less than 80 boys aged 0-4. In Germany the numbers are 100/50, in the Gaza Strip they are 100/464.**

Heinsohn uses the term "demographic capitulation" to characterize the countries that will not be able to resist the pressure of youth bulges from elsewhere. Germany and Japan have capitulated demographically to countries like Muslim Afghanistan (100/403), Iraq (100/351), and Somalia (100/364).

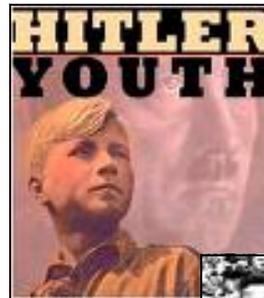
Violence tends to happen when 15 to 29 year olds make up more than 30% of the population. The causes – religion, nationalism, Marxism, fascism - in whose name violence is committed are immaterial. There are 67 countries in the world with youth bulges now - 60 of them are undergoing some kind of civil war or mass killing.

He does not believe that economic aid and hunger relief in countries with large youth populations can prevent wars, social unrest, terror or killings. On the contrary, in some cases, it is the well-intentioned material aid that is the cause of violence. He deplores America's decision to deploy troops in Iraq or Afghanistan and sees the campaign for interven-



tion in Darfur as useless. He advises that the Palestinians should be told that the West would no longer pay for the unrestricted childbirths that produce 10-children families and condemns the prevalent pet theory of West's elite that virtually all violence in a belt

from Northern Africa to the Philippines - in addition to the spread of terror throughout the rest of the world - is caused by the unsolved Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



Starving people do not fight, they just suffer. But violence is the predictable and unavoidable outcome if young men do get enough to eat, live in a society where there are too many young men who are aware of and resent being denied the recognition and positions that is due

them.

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large parts of the Muslim world that is going through a population explosion. Over the course of just five generations (1900-2000) the population in the Muslim world has grown from 150 million to 1200 million – an increase of over 800%. By comparison, the population of China has grown from 400 million to 1200 million (300 %) and the population of India has risen from 250 million to 1000 million (400%).

Between 1988 and 2002, 900 million sons were born to mothers in the developing world and the trouble spots are almost predictable: on the eve of the Taliban takeover in 1993, the population of Afghanistan had grown from 14 to 22 million; Iraq had 5 million people in 1950, but now, in spite of a quarter century of wars, has 25 million; since 1967, the population of the West Bank and Gaza has grown from 450,000 to 3.3 million, with 47% of them under 15!

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By the end of this generation, Afghanistan will have as many people under 20 as France and Germany combined. Palestinian violence of recent months and years cannot



be explained by Israeli occupation (after all, it began 30 years ago), poverty (the most violent parts of the Muslim world are not the poorest), or humiliation. It is just violence.

Admittedly, the Hitler and Mussolini movements, the early Bolsheviks, the Maoist movement in China and many other wars and mass killings were not the result of youth bulges. But, if the Germans after 1945



had reproduced as they did between 1900 and 1914, then we would have had a German nation of almost 500 million citizens,

and we would have now about 80 million German men between 15 and 29 instead of the current 7 million. And we may well ask ourselves whether these 80 million would have been as peaceful as the present 7 million, or would have been blowing themselves up in the formerly German cities of Breslau (now renamed Wroslaw), Danzig (now Gdansk) or Koenigsberg (now Kaliningrad) that were ceded to Poland and the USSR in 1945.

Palestinians present an especially telling example: they receive more international help per capita than any other displaced or refugee population in history while the family income is based on the number of children in it. Thus, children are not a burden that has to be supported and paid for – they are an indispensable source of income.

Conversely, Lebanon, Tunisia, Algeria, Iran, Turkey, the Emirates and several others have reduced their birth rate to the replacement limit because children have to be supported and paid for. While these countries still have a youth surplus that was created previously, in a few years these youth bulges will be gone and they will no longer be dangerous.

American welfare changes present an additional example of how a youth bulge may be reduced. In 1935 the U.S. passed the 'Aid to Dependent Children Act' which guaranteed help from the state to every mother with small children in families where the husband had died or was disabled. At the time, it was unthinkable for a woman – whether she was white or black – to become pregnant, hide the identity of the father and then let the public pay for her kids. But in 1965 societal morality had changed; a male in the household of an unemployed mother became a liability while a child – legitimate or not – was a source of income.

The number of welfare-dependent American families exploded. From 1965 to 1995 their share rose to 10% of all American families and 15% of the children.

Since most of these dependents were black, there were racist claims that the problem was caused by black genes even though rates of illegitimate and teenage black pregnancies in the first half of the century were comparable to the rate among whites.



In 1997, a new law went into effect. It provided welfare for women and their children for up to five years. The recipient was given the option to take the entire five years at once or in several shorter periods. It was

controversial – several top officials in the Clinton administration quit in protest against what they saw as an attack on the weakest, the single mothers and their children. Experts predicted that by 1997-98, the number of adversely affected recipients would grow from 12 million to 14 million. In fact, this prediction turned out to be a case of racism by the well-intentioned and well-meaning liberals who apparently didn't expect rational behavior from blacks. The black girls were smart enough to go on the pill and the welfare-dependent population shrank from 12 million to 4 million making this law the most successful social reform in history.

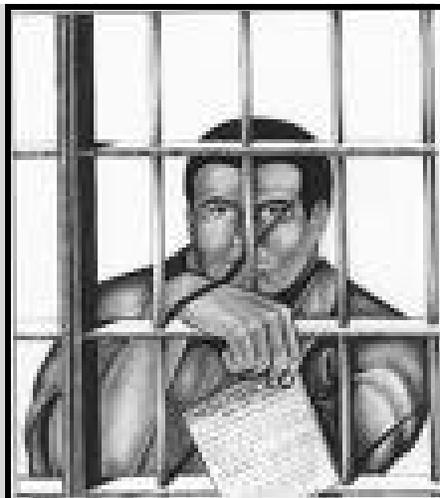
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"Friday I finished Mame's "The Wicked Son – Anti-Semitism and the Self-hating Jew", and this morning I started Esther Schor's "Emma Lazarus". Mrs. Sadorf of "Nextbook" was kind enough to send me these advanced readers editions. Before she did so, I had no source for Jewish literature except for the occasional accidental discovery.

"Your offer to have other people correspond with me would be a monumental blessing! So, yes, you have my permission to make my name and address available as you see fit. Thank you for understanding that I would have such a need to communicate with people 'out there'".

Robert writes that he is one of the editors of the "Unchained", a "very cheesy" and "heavily censored" prison paper. He mentions the new war-



den who censored out his article on voting – "too political" – out of the most recent issue. "I have lived all over the world, though since 1976 all my traveling has been done in dreams, reading books and listening to others. I was very lucky to have had all those memories.

"Anyway, I'm confessing that I'm a little excited at the prospect of losing some portion of my solitude through your compassionate intervention. But even if it doesn't work out that way, there's still "Graffiti".

And so, when you have a few minutes, write to **Robert L. Schneider** who is now in his 31<sup>st</sup> year as **393551 Scott S P**. For the foreseeable future he will be transcribing Braille, editing the prison paper and dreaming at **P. O. Box 417 Holly A-49, Hardwick, GA 31034**.

# THE BAD, BAD, BAD FOUNDING IMMIGRANTS...

By Kenneth C. Davis, N. Y. Times, July 3, 2007

## A prominent

turned they will soon so outnumber us that all the advantages we have will not be able to preserve our language, and even our government will become precarious.”

This sentiment did not emerge from the rancorous debate over the immigration bill defeated last week in the Senate. It was not the lament of some guest of Lou Dobbs or a Republican candidate intent on wooing bed-rock conservative votes. Guess again.

Voicing this grievance was Benjamin Franklin. And the language so vexing to him was the German spoken by new arrivals to Pennsylvania in the 1750s, a wave of immigrants whom Franklin viewed as the “most stupid of their nation.”

About the same time, a Lutheran minister named Henry Muhlenberg, himself a recent arrival from Germany, worried that “the whole country is being flooded with ordinary, extraordinary and unprecedented wickedness and crimes. ... Oh, what a fearful

thing it is to have so many thousands of unruly and brazen sinners come into this free air and unfenced country.”

These German masses yearning to breathe free were not the only targets of colonial fear and loathing. Echoing the opinions of colonial editors and legislators, Ben Franklin was also troubled by the British practice of dumping its felons on America. With typical Franklin wit, he proposed sending rattlesnakes to Britain in return. (This did not, however, preclude numerous colonists from purchasing these convicts as indentured servants.)

And still earlier in Pennsylvania, the Scotch-Irish had bred discontent, as their penchant for squatting on choice real estate ran headlong against the colony’s founders, the Penn family, and their genteel notions about who should own what.

Often, the disdain for the foreign was inflamed by religion. Boston’s Puritans hanged several Friends after a Bay Colony ban on Quakerism. In Virginia, the Anglicans arrested Baptists.

But the greatest scorn was generally reserved for Catholics — usually meaning Irish, French, Spanish and Italians. Generations of white American Protestants resented newly arriving “Papists,” and even in colonial Maryland, a supposed haven for them, Roman Catholics were nonetheless forbidden to vote and hold public office.

Once independent, the new nation began to carve its views on immigrants into law. In considering New York’s Constitution, for instance, John Jay — later to become the first chief justice of the Supreme Court — suggested erecting “a wall of brass around the country for the exclusion of Catholics.”

By 1790, with the United States Constitution firmly in place, the first federal citizenship law restricted naturalization to “free white persons” who had been in the country for two years. That requirement was later pushed back to five years and, in 1798, to 14 years.

Then, as now, politics was key. Federalists feared that too many immigrants were joining the opposition. Under the 1798 Alien Act — with the threat of war in the air over French attacks on American shipping — President

John Adams had license to deport anyone he considered “dangerous.” Although his secretary of state favored mass deportations, Adams never actually put anybody on a boat.

Back then, the French warranted the most suspicion, but there were other worrisome “aliens.” A wave of “wild Irish” refugees was thought to harbor dangerous radicals. Harsh “anti-coolie” laws later singled out the Chinese. And, of course, the millions of “involuntary” immigrants from Africa and their offspring were regarded merely as persons “held to service.”

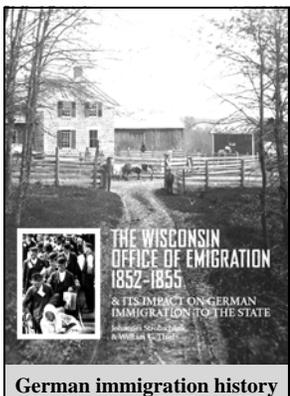
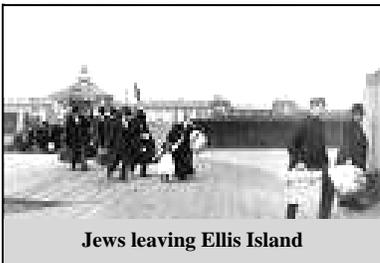
Scratch the surface of the current immigration debate and beneath the posturing lies a dirty secret. Anti-immigrant sentiment is older than America itself. Born before the nation, this abiding fear of the “huddled masses” emerged in the early republic and gathered steam into the 19th and 20th centuries, when nativist political parties, exclusionary laws and the Ku Klux Klan swept the land.

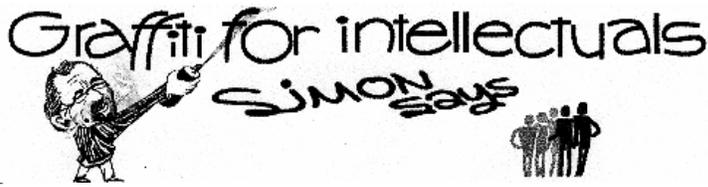
As we celebrate another Fourth of July, this picture of American intolerance clashes sharply with tidy schoolbook images of the great melting pot. Why has the land of “all men are created equal” forged countless ghettos and intricate networks of social exclusion?

Why the signs reading “No Irish Need Apply”? And why has each new generation of immigrants had to face down a rich glossary of now unmentionable epithets? Disdain for what is foreign is, sad to say, as American as apple pie, slavery and lynching.

That fence along the Mexican border now being contemplated by Congress is just the latest vestige of a venerable tradition, at least as old as John Jay’s “wall of brass.” “Don’t fence me in” might be America’s unofficial anthem of unfettered freedom, but too often the subtext is, “Fence everyone else out.”

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# A LETTER FROM A GEORGIAN PRISON

By Si Frumkin and Robert Schneider

"Graffiti for Intellectuals" is sent, without charge, to more than 1000 people every two weeks. The readership is varied - several hundred U.S. Senators and congressmen, personal friends, activists in 7 different countries, former Soviet Jews and people who had heard me lecture or visited my website. There are also a dozen or so people in several U.S. prisons. I had been sending "Graffiti" to Jonathan Pollard for many years when I got a letter from a man who had shared Jonathan's cell, read his "Graffiti", and was being transferred to another facility. He asked to be put on the mailing list and then, I suppose, he shared it with others and the word spread.

I believe that most of the prisoners who get it are Jewish - they complain about anti-Semitism by the guards and other inmates and about the lack of matzohs for Passover - but I am sure that quite a few are not. I even got a letter not so long ago from a prisoner who was an immigrant from the Soviet Union and asked for Russian-language prayer books and materials on Jewish history, Zionism, and Israel; he said he needed them for a small group of "Russians" he was teaching.

And no, I never asked anyone what they were in prison for - not really my business.

A few weeks ago I received the letter I am going to share with you. It starts with a request:

"There is a slight change in my address (the guards who work in the mailroom can



we have a new crew in the mailroom who have a serious case of cranial immersion in the anal cavity).

"So, please use this address: Robert L. Schneider, 393551 Scott S P, P.O.Box 417 Holly A-49, Hardwick, GA 31034"

He goes on: "I have now been 'in' 31 years, grrr! Georgia loves to keep a Jew locked up (not that I haven't deserved this). Anyway, for the past year I have been transcribing Braille for Georgia high school (and recently, 3rd grade) students, but I did another book on my own called "Soldiers and Slaves", the story of American-Jewish POWs at Berga, which you mentioned in your newsletter. This lesson in history is now available to the blind. I am currently doing David Mamet's, "The Wicked Son". I want, especially, for blind Jewish kids, to have such materials available. I have to do this in my spare time, and it's very time-consuming, but who else will fill this need? Do you have any books to suggest for me to Braille?"

"B'shalom, Robert L. Schneider"

I wrote back to Mr. Schneider suggesting that he consider Dennis Prager's books, "Nine



Questions People Ask About Judaism" and his study of reasons for anti-Semitism, "Why the Jews?" I wrote that if these books were not available in the prison library, I would send them to him. I also asked if he would allow me to distribute his address and ask people to corre-

spond.

I got his response less than a week later. He thanks me for writing, tells me that he enjoys getting the "Graffiti" and then, "...Rest assured that our 'library' not only does not have these books, but would choke on their pork chop sandwiches at the suggestion of their inclusion. So, I would gratefully accept them and will put them in my queue to Braille.

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