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Rep. Steve King Is Featured Speaker At ProEnglish Congressional Briefing



Rep. Steve King of Iowa was the featured speaker at the recent ProEnglish Congressional Briefing held in the North Congressional Meeting Room at the United States Senate and Capitol Visitor Center on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Rep. King broke away from immigration votes in the U.S. House of Representatives and spent several minutes speaking about official English legislation in a meeting room filled with several Legislative Directors, Legislative Assistants, and other Congressional aides and staff members.

Rep. King spoke at length about the various reasons why he always sponsors and strongly supports HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – including talking points about how HR 997 is vital for economic, financial, labor, workplace, and cultural assimilation purposes. Rep. King also recently tweeted about how assimilation “is our American strength.”

HR 997 was originally authored by Rep. King, and

he also has made some very important floor remarks about the bill. During his floor remarks, Rep. King stated: “America needs to establish English as the official language, because it is our common language. We are extraordinarily blessed to have English as our common language, and we can eliminate, then, the billions of dollars that we spend as we hire interpreters, and we slow down our process. And if we establish English as the official language, we will accelerate the learning of our language all across the land.”

HR 997 designates English as the nation’s official language of governmental operations and also establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

ProEnglish greatly appreciates Rep. King’s strong leadership in authoring and driving the passage of HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – in the U.S. House of Representatives.

ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov and ProEnglish Director of Government Relations Dan Carter also both spoke at the Congressional Briefing and they informed the attendees about the progress of the English Language Unity Act in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, as well as offering updates about the progress of the RAISE Act, the COST Act, and a potential repeal by President Trump of former President Clinton’s onerous Executive Order 13166 which mandates foreign language translations and interpretations for all federally-funded agencies and contractors, and which costs Americans at least \$2 billion a year according to a study by the Government Accountability Office.

ProEnglish greatly looks forward to holding additional Congressional Briefing events on Capitol Hill to engage members of Congress and their aides about the vital importance of passing the English Language Unity Act as soon as possible!

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Trump, Obama, Language, And Assimilation



Current President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama have very little in common from a political standpoint; however, there may be a certain exception when it comes to the issues of language and assimilation.

President Trump frequently has stated: “We have a country where to assimilate, you have to speak English.”

President Obama, in a recent speech in South Africa,

observed that “newcomers [to a nation] should make an effort to adapt to the language and customs of their new home. Those are legitimate things....”

President Trump and former President Obama agree on almost nothing else politically; however, given Trump’s frequent statements about assimilation and speaking English, and Obama’s recent comments about immigrants making an effort to adapt to the language and customs of their new home, then perhaps these issues of language and assimilation may serve as an area of common ground.

The best way to build on this potentially bipartisan common ground concerning language and assimilation would be for Congress to embrace English’s historic role as America’s common, unifying language, and to adopt English as the official language of governmental operations by passing the English Language Unity Act.

Rep. Diane Black Is 71st Supporter Of English Language Unity Act



ProEnglish is very excited to announce that there are now 71 supporters of HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – in the United States House of Representatives, as Rep. Diane Black of Tennessee has become the newest co-sponsor of the bill.

HR 997 was originally authored by Rep. Steve King of Iowa, who also made some very important floor remarks about the legislation, and the bill has added 70 co-sponsors since that time, for a current total of 71 House supporters.

HR 997 designates English as the nation’s official language of governmental operations and also establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

ProEnglish continues to engage House members on a daily basis on Capitol Hill as we seek to add even more co-sponsors to the English Language Unity Act.

Please support ProEnglish today and also please urge your representative to support HR 997 – The English Language Unity Act – if he or she has not already done so!



Puerto Rico, Statehood, And Official English Status

Puerto Rico is making its biggest push for statehood in years, with legislation recently having been filed in Congress that would make the island the 51st state by 2021.

Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon filed a bill that would make Puerto Rico a state by January of 2021.

Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello declared: “No longer do we want ambiguity. No longer do we want this kicked down the road. In Congress you’re either with us or you’re against the people of Puerto Rico.”

Puerto Rico is mired in a deep financial crisis after the island declared a type of bankruptcy last year, and currently it is under the supervision of an oversight board.

Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens but cannot vote for President. Rep. Gonzalez-Colon is a non-voting member of Congress.

ProEnglish Board of Directors Chair Dr. Rosalie Porter has stated that “any legislative attempt by the island to become the 51st state must stipulate that English become its primary official language of the government, courts, and school system.”

Dr. Porter added: “Let’s remember that the 2011 recommendations from President Barack Obama’s Task Force on Puerto Rico’s Status says that if the U.S. commonwealth ever applies for statehood, Congress has ultimate authority over admission and English must play a central role in the daily life of the island. At a minimum, we believe a large majority must become fluent in English for statehood to be even considered.”

Accepting Puerto Rico as a new state, without a specific designation of English as the primary official language of the island, would automatically transform the United States into a bilingual nation. ProEnglish believes that the U.S. should look to Canada’s experience as a bilingual nation in order to remind us of the potential consequences, including sharp cultural and political divisions and much higher costs for government-mandated translation and interpretation services.

It will be extremely expensive for U.S. taxpayers if Puerto Rico becomes the 51st state in the union. This new economic burden, along with potential divisions related to cultural politics and a possible lack of assimilation, and combined with no current demand or stipulation that English become the primary official language of the government, courts, and school system on the island, all serve to make Puerto Rico’s statehood bid a very risky proposition at the present time.



Dunkin' Donuts Receives Pushback Over English Language Sign



A Dunkin' Donuts in Baltimore, MD, received pushback after the franchise's general manager posted a sign asking customers to report employees who were speaking any language other than English in the workplace.

The Dunkin' Donuts sign read: "If you hear any of our staff SHOUTING in a language other than ENGLISH Please call 443-415-7775 immediately with the name of the employee to receive a coupon for FREE Coffee and a pastry."

A spokesperson for Dunkin' Donuts confirmed that the sign had been posted by the franchise's general manager "based on her own personal judgment to ensure...the goal of creating a welcoming and hospitable environment for all guests."

Dunkin' Donuts soon received pushback on social media and removed the sign.

ProEnglish has been at the forefront of efforts to educate employers about their rights to English-in-the-workplace policies and to inform Congress and others about the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's ("EEOC") renegade efforts to litigate against employers that establish English-in-the-workplace policies. The EEOC presumes that English-in-the-workplace policies are discriminatory, and therefore are illegal under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. As a result, the EEOC aggressively targets and attempts to punish employers that adopt English-in-the-workplace rules.

Courts, however, repeatedly have affirmed that employers have the right to establish English-language policies in the workplace. The EEOC continually disagrees with these court decisions, even though the EEOC has no basis to assert a Title VII violation based on language or to presume that English-language workplace policies are illegal.

Texas Skydiving Company Defends English Language Requirement

TANDEM SKYDIVER REQUIREMENTS

- * YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD. YES, WE CHECK ID.
- * YOU MUST BE ABLE TO READ / WRITE / SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND AND FILL OUT LEGAL PAPERWORK, AND WE CAN COMMUNICATE.
- * YOU MUST BRING A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID TO PROVE YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE WHEN SIGNING LIABILITY WAIVER FORMS. YOU MUST SIGN MANY WAIVER STATEMENTS ACKNOWLEDGING YOU UNDERSTAND SKYDIVING IS DANGEROUS AND NEITHER YOU OR ANYONE ELSE WILL SUE US IF YOU ARE INJURED OR KILLED.
- * IF YOU ARE IN THIS COUNTRY ILLEGALLY PLEASE GO HOME AND SKYDIVE IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY. WE DON'T WANT ANY MONEY YOU OBTAINED IN THE USA ILLEGALLY.

A North Texas skydiving company is defending its requirement that skydivers must be able to speak English.

The Dallas Skydive Lodge, located in Greenville, Hunt County, Texas, has a list of tandem skydiver requirements, including that customers must be over 18 years old, must have a government-issued photo ID, must sign a waiver, must understand that skydiving is dangerous, and must be able to speak English.

The Dallas Skydive Lodge website specifically states: "You must be able to read/write/speak fluent English so you can understand and fill out legal paperwork, and we can communicate."

Owner Hank Schraeder has defended his company's policies, and has stated that the English language requirement is a safety requirement, and has further claimed that race is not a factor in his policies.

Hillsdale College Speaker Discusses Principles That Unite Americans

Edward J. Erler is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at California State University, San Bernadino, and recently he delivered a speech at a Hillsdale College National Leadership Seminar in Colorado Springs on the issues of diversity, unity, citizenship, and immigration.

In his speech, Professor Erler stated: "The American people can, of course, consent to allow others to join the compact that created the American nation, but they have the sovereign right to specify the terms and conditions for granting entry and the qualifications for citizenship. Presumably the qualifications for entry and naturalization will be whether those who wish to enter demonstrate a capacity to adopt the habits, manners, independence, and self-reliance of republican citizens and devotion to the principles that unite the American people. Furthermore, it would be unreasonable not to expect that potential immigrants should possess useful skills that will



ensure that they will not become victims of the welfare state."

When Professor Erler discussed "the habits, manners, independence, and self-reliance of republican citizens and devotion to the principles that unite the American people" he was, in essence, describing cultural assimilation. Immigrants who immediately culturally assimilate to American norms and adopt said habits, manners, independence, self-reliance, and other principles stand a far greater chance of achieving success in this nation.

When Professor Erler addressed "useful skills" he was, in essence, speaking to the importance of immigrants immersing themselves in English and becoming proficient in English as soon as possible. When immigrants immerse themselves in English and become proficient in English as quickly as possible, then they are adopting the "useful skills" that will lead to a far greater likelihood of their economic and professional success in this nation.



More States Must Declare English As Their Official Language



ProEnglish is working all across the nation in order to increase the number of states that have declared English as their official language. Right now 32 states across the USA have declared English to be their official language, and Michigan may become the 33rd state this year.

ProEnglish is diligently engaging legislators in states including Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin in order to add those states to the 32 others that already have declared English to be their official language.

Please support ProEnglish today! When you partner with ProEnglish, you join us as we not only battle for the English Language Unity Act in Congress, but as we also fight to increase the number of states all across the nation that have declared English to be their official language, with our ultimate goal being to have all 50 states across the nation adopting official English!

New Jersey Judge Rejects Challenge To Ballots Printed Only In English

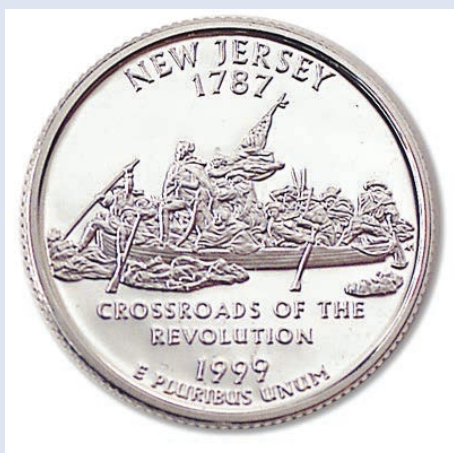
A New Jersey Superior Court judge rejected a challenge to official election ballots in the town of Dover that are printed only in English.

Superior Court Assignment Judge Stuart Minkowitz heard arguments to have the ballots modified to include instructions in both English and Spanish.

Judge Minkowitz rejected the challenge and ruled that only the Director of the United States Census Bureau, and not Morris County (New Jersey) Clerk Ann Grossi, must determine the percentage of English-proficient Latino voters in Dover and whether the official ballot should be bilingual.



English Should Be The Official Language Of New Jersey



Www.nj1015.com recently published an opinion column by Steve Trevelise in which he advocated for English to be the official language of New Jersey.

Trevelise mentioned the New Jersey bill introduced by State Sens. Anthony Bucco and Steven Oroho that would declare English the official language of the state. Trevelise observed: "If this were to happen, tax dollars could be saved in having to print in multiple languages. All forms would be in English, same with all testing as well as hiring practices."

Trevelise further noted: "People who don't learn English here are doing themselves and their children a great disservice by limiting their possibilities of success. People who speak English make more than people who don't."



Poll: 50% Of Americans Prefer Merit-Based Immigration System And RAISE Act Goals



50% of likely U.S. voters favor moving to a merit-based system for legal immigration that favors legal immigrants based on their skills, according to a new Rasmussen Reports survey.

Such a merit-based immigration system would be consistent with the goals of the RAISE Act, as proposed by U.S. Senators David Perdue of Georgia and Tom Cotton of Arkansas. The RAISE Act would create a point system for immigrants based on factors such as English speaking ability, education levels, and jobs skills in order to rank applicants for employment-based green cards.

CIS: Majority Of Foreign Refugees Cannot Speak English After 5 Years In USA



The majority of foreign refugees that arrive in the USA every year cannot speak English even after they have lived in this nation for 5 years.

An annual report by the Office of Refugee Resettlement was analyzed by the Center for Immigration Studies, and it showed the extent to which linguistic and cultural assimilation to life in the USA has failed for much of the refugee population.

The CIS analysis showed that 58% of refugees have “below basic” English skills even after they have lived in the USA for 5 years.

The CIS study also showed that only 14% of refugees have “proficient” English skills even after they have lived in the USA for 5 years.

According to Breitbart News, since 2008 the USA has permanently resettled more than 1.7 million foreign nationals and refugees, a number that is greater than the entire population of the city of Philadelphia.

The CIS study serves to underscore a key component of the mission, vision, and objective of ProEnglish, and that is to advocate for English language immersion, English language proficiency, and linguistic and cultural assimilation for all immigrants and refugees that come to our shores every year.

AMAC Supports English And Assimilation



The Summer 2018 issue of AMAC Advantage, the quarterly magazine of the Association of Mature American Citizens (“AMAC”), contains a compelling article entitled “Solidarity, Identity, and the American Dream: A Discussion on Immigration.”

In the article, writer Cole P. Zail urges that we “celebrate the fact that we have joined together and blended ourselves as a nation” and then Zail further

states that “[in] the true spirit of ‘E pluribus unum’ we must practice this solidarity our past leaders spoke of, and not allow our nation to be weakened by descending into tribalization and balkanization. We must remember the importance of assimilation – this includes speaking English, having an established familiarity with American history and culture, and holding strong belief in the Constitution and rule of law. America’s Founding Fathers were wise; they knew that our national strength could be preserved through unity.”

Zail’s words in AMAC Advantage align perfectly with the mission of ProEnglish: to defend English’s historic role as America’s common, unifying language, and to persuade lawmakers to adopt English as the official language at all levels of government.



Washington Examiner: Poll Shows Americans Want Immigrants To Know English



The Washington Examiner recently reported on a Luntz Global poll that revealed that Americans strongly believe that immigrants should know English.

The poll showed that respondents identified “actively integrating into American society and learning English” as descriptors of the types of individuals who should immigrate to the United States. 66% of respondents said that immigrants simply need to know conversational English to immigrate to the United States, and 11% of respondents believed that immigrants should be fluent in English.

In actuality, immigrants to our shores would be best served by immersing themselves in English and becoming proficient in English as quickly as possible. Fast-track English language immersion and proficiency will lead to greater professional and economic opportunities for immigrants and also will help them to culturally assimilate in the United States as speedily as possible.

Newsmax Examines The Problem Of Language Division

Newsmax recently examined the problem of language division as it relates to North Korea and South Korea, and there are lessons that can be learned in this nation as well.

Newsmax noted how language divisions between North Korea and South Korea may complicate matters on a range of cultural and economic issues, and also may make it more difficult to feel unified and lead to greater cultural and political isolation instead.

South Korea’s Unification Ministry even noted that preserving and unifying the language is needed in order to prepare for eventual unification.

The Newsmax article and its focus on the problem of language division, and the resulting linguistic, cultural, political, and economic ramifications, serves to underscore the mission of ProEnglish: to defend English’s historic role as America’s common, unifying language, and to persuade lawmakers to adopt English as the official language at all levels of government.



New York Post Columnist Promotes Cultural Assimilation



President Donald Trump has stated: “We have a country where to assimilate, you have to speak English.”

Rep. Steve King has stated: “Assimilation, not diversity, is our American strength.”

New York Post columnist Karol Markowicz, a legal immigrant who was born in the former Soviet Union, recently wrote a piece in which she promoted the great importance of cultural assimilation for all immigrants who come to America.

Markowicz noted how her parents “bristle at being called Russian-Americans. They consider themselves just Americans with unfortunate accents. I always wished that, like my brother, I had been born here so there was no question what I was.”

Markowicz observed: “Discouraging full participation in American life, as Americans, does no favors to immigrants.”

Markowicz concluded: “Both the right and the left are doing their part to dilute the Americanness of new arrivals and their children. And, in the process, they are diluting what really makes America great.”



ProEnglish Is Featured On The Kathleen Wells Show



ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov was a recent guest on The Kathleen Wells Show on KRLA 870AM The Answer in Los Angeles.

The Kathleen Wells Show, which is also known as The Naked Truth Report, reaches a very large audience of

listeners, both locally in Southern California as well as globally online.

Guschov and Wells discussed a variety of issues, including the mission of ProEnglish, the five White House meetings that ProEnglish has had with aides to President Trump and Vice President Pence, the English Language Unity Act, a repeal of Executive Order 13166, the recent Rasmussen Reports national poll showing that 81% of Americans surveyed support English as the official language of the United States, official English legislation at the state level, and the problems that California has had because the state supports bilingual education instead of English immersion programs.

ProEnglish greatly looks forward to return engagements on The Kathleen Wells Show.

ProEnglish Discusses English Language Advocacy On Houston Morning News Show

ProEnglish Executive Director Stephen Guschov recently appeared two times on AM 740 KTRH News Radio in Houston to discuss the importance of English language advocacy and issues related to English language immersion and cultural assimilation in the United States.

Guschov appeared on the KTRH morning drive-time news show with Bob Frantz and Shara Fryer and the three discussed the rising number of people that do not speak English at home in the United States, the importance of English language immersion, and the importance of cultural assimilation by immigrants to this nation.

Guschov also conducted a separate interview with KTRH



news reporter Nik Rajkovic about ProEnglish's vital role in advocating for official English legislation, along with promoting English immersion education over bilingual education in public schools, and the need for greater cultural assimilation by immigrants once they arrive in the USA.

The Late Charles Krauthammer Supported Linguistic Unity



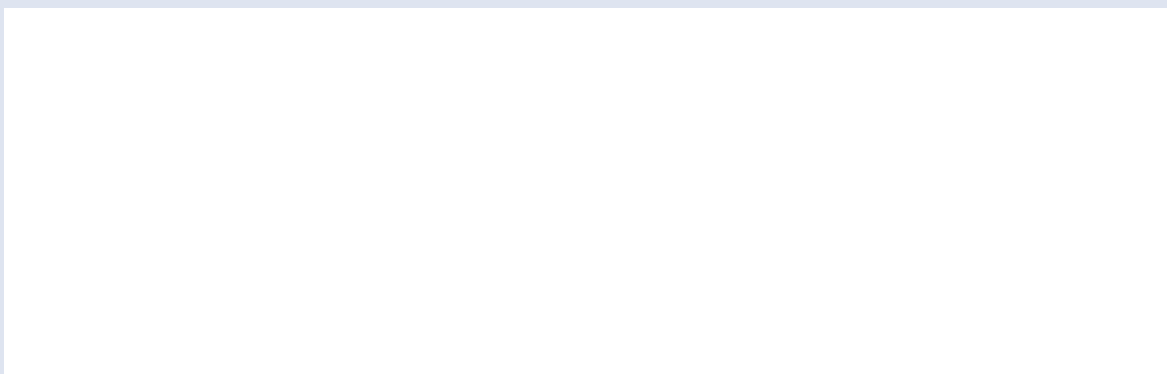
Charles Krauthammer, the longtime Fox News contributor, political commentator, Pulitzer Prize winner, best-selling author, and Harvard-trained psychiatrist, died on June 21.

In 2006, while writing for Time magazine, Krauthammer observed: "History has blessed [the United States] with all the freedom and advantages of multiculturalism. But it has also blessed us, because of the accident of our origins, with a linguistic unity that brings a critically needed cohesion to a nation as diverse, multiracial, and multiethnic as America. Why gratuitously throw away that priceless asset?"

Charles Krauthammer understood very well that English has an enduring and historic role as America's common, unifying language.

Charles Krauthammer's words ring as true today as they did a dozen years ago.

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“We have but one flag; we must also learn one language, and that language is English.”

- President Theodore Roosevelt



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