

Aufsatzdienst September 2009

01

Suburban Ghetto / Sarah Garland

In: The American Prospect, September 2009 – 3 pages

The article analyses the gang problem related to immigrants during the last years and asserts that “the gangs’ rise to power revealed not what they offered to a new generation of immigrants and their children but what America did not: safety, dignity, and a future.”

02

The Storm over the Mormons / David Van Biema

In: Time, June 22, 2009. – 2955 words

The article focuses on the growing influence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints (LDS) and the controversy their higher profile is attracting. LDS support of California's Proposition 8, a ballot initiative banning same-sex marriage, is discussed, bringing charges of bigotry from gay-rights groups upon themselves. The article also explains the Mormon belief system and culture.;

03

The New Face of America / o.A.

In: Economist, July 11, 2009. – 2305 words

This article discusses demographic changes occurring in Texas as they indicate projected changes in the ethnic and social makeup of the U.S. Increases in political participation by Hispanic Americans are considered in light of the growing strength of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus in the Texas state legislature. The importance of anti-poverty measures, health care reform and equal educational opportunities to the Mexican American population in Texas is emphasised.

04

Michelle Up Close / Nancy Gibbs

In: Time, June 1, 2009. – 3534 words

This article discusses the work of the U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama. The changing media coverage of Obama as her husband was elected President and she began to express her personality is described. The family life that the Obamas have set up in the White House, which includes Michelle's extended family is also addressed.

05

Old Wound, Same Pain / Simon Akam

In: New Statesman, June 15, 2009. – 3 pages

In this article the author discusses a number of issue relating to Native Americans in 2009. The central focus of the article is the Indian control of gambling operations and casinos in a number of U.S. states. Also addressed are issues of tribal ancestry and the poverty that afflicts some of the tribes.

06

Undocumented -- with College Dreams / Mary Jewell

In: Educational Leadership, April 2009. – 2670 words

The article discusses the experiences of Sergio, an illegal alien and English language learner (ELL) attempting to attend college. The author notes how fear of being reported to or discovered by immigration officials can affect immigrant students' academic achievement and discusses how Sergio was inspired by the success of fellow students to pursue a college education

07

They Would Say That... / Matthew Reisz

In: Times Higher Education, June 4, 2009. – 1998 words

The article discusses the emergence of conspiracy theories and its impact on scholarship. According to Sarah Churchwell, lecturer in American literature and culture at the University of East Anglia, conspiracy theories offer a belief system in a period of uncertainty and unfiltered data that is capable of destabilising knowledge.

08

Public Enemies Keystone Cops / Peter Carlson

In: American History, August 2009. – 2403 words

The article discusses famous criminals in American history. The author profiles criminals like "Gentleman" John Dillinger, who openly mocked the government agents that pursued him while he robbed a series of banks, and law enforcement agents like Federal Bureau of Investigation chief John Edgar Hoover, who attempted to stop crime.

09

Battlefield: El Paso / Douglas S. Massey

In: National Interest, July/August 2009. – 3357 words

The article discusses U.S. immigration policy regarding its border with Mexico. The policy history is discussed, from the immigration quotas imposed in 1965 to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and efforts at immigration reform in the 2000s. Border control operations in El Paso, Texas, and San Diego, California are a particular focus, as are economic aspects of the issue and recommendations for policy reform.

10

What Did You Say? / Richard Lederer

In: USA Today Magazine, July 2009. – 2565 words

The author expresses his thoughts about the American language. He explains that the different pronunciations of a single word is one aspect of American rugged individualism and at times, even the same object has different names. He talks about the distinct accents of Southerners. According to the author, pinpointing the place of origin of a man by his speech is growing more difficult and he believes it will become impossible in the future.

11

No Room for Bigots / Haroon Siddiqui

In: New Internationalist, May 2009. – 3 pages

The author discusses the success of Canadian multiculturalism in contrast to the difficulties he sees in Europe. He notes that Canada is a nation of immigrants and enshrined minority rights in its founding documents, the 1867 British North America Act and the 1988 Multiculturalism Act, and has case law based on both. Canada has managed Quebec separatism and the rendition of a naturalized Canadian citizen and accepted the report of a 2007-08 commission on cultural rights and responsibilities.

12

Cowboys and Immigrants / Lance Morrow

In: Smithsonian, May 2009. – 2075 words

The article discusses the possibility that the two cultural archetypes of 20th-century U.S. politics, that of cowboys from the frontier and immigrants arriving at Ellis Island, could be reconciled in the 21st century. The juxtaposition between the two archetypes in U.S. politics is described, noting that figures such as Senator John McCain, former President Theodore Roosevelt, and former President Ronald Reagan represent the frontier culture and that figures such as President Barack Obama, former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and former New York Governor Mario Cuomo represent the Ellis Island culture.

13

The Farewell (cover story) / Paul Wells

In: Maclean's, July 20, 2009. – 2057 words

The article presents a retrospective of pop music singer Michael Jackson. The author presents his views on the memorial service as well as his life after his success in the 1980s and early 1990s. Attention is also given to how Jackson's behavior in regard to race and gender were a reflection of popular music in the U.S.

14

The Best Place on Earth / Jonathon Gatehouse

In: Maclean's, July 6, 2009. – 2581 words

This article introduces a section on the quality of life in Canada by noting the national characteristics, economic indicators, and social conditions that define the Canadian experience. The author notes the relative position of Canada in income, housing, and on the United Nations Human Development Index. Health status indicators such as fruit and vegetable consumption and smoking rates are also considered.

15

Black in The Age Of Obama / Andrew Romano; Aku Ammah-Tagoe; Brian No

In: Newsweek, April 27, 2009. – 2894 words

This article discusses race relations at Princeton University by examining the different experiences of two African American fathers, Henry Kennedy and Jerome Kennedy, who attended Princeton during the 1960s, and their daughters, Alex Kennedy and Kamille Davis, who attended Princeton during the 2000s. Particular focus is given to the challenges of being African American in a society that depicts itself as post-racist but is stated to display clear class and race divisions.