

## MOVCAC – Reproductive Freedom?

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Does anyone else find the focus on abortion by the democrat party to be suspicious? With the world on fire, our economy in shambles, our border wide open, and excess death running rampant, should terminating a pregnancy be at the top of any priority list? For the record, I am a man who has never had an abortion. I am the father of five and the grandfather of five.

At MOVCAC, we believe that every human conceived has a right to the life God implanted in them at the moment of conception.

Having said all that, the following analysis has very little to do with abortion. The inspiration for the following analysis arose when I saw Vice Presidential candidate Tim Walz comparing Donald Trump’s rally at Madison Square Garden to the Nazi rally held at MSG in 1939.



"Donald Trump's got this big rally going at Madison Square Garden," said Walz. "There's a direct parallel to a big rally that happened in the 1930s at Madison Square Garden."

@TrumpWarRoom/X

[Republicans tear into Tim Walz for comparing Trump’s MSG rally to Nazi event: ‘More offensive than any joke’](#) – New York Post October 28, 2024

I keep hearing about Reproductive Rights and I noticed that Mr. Walz was speaking behind a podium that reads “Fighting for Reproductive Freedom.”

Like so many things in this upside-down world, I couldn’t help but notice that when some people speak about Reproductive Rights or Reproductive Freedom, they are twisting the meaning of the word “Reproductive” and bending the minds of unwitting and uninformed voters to convince them that reproductive freedom is the freedom to terminate a life rather than to reproduce a life.

### **Reproductive is a form of the word “Reproduce:”**

**reproduce** /rēˈprə-do̯s̄, -dyo̯s̄/ 

**intransitive verb**

1. To produce again or anew; re-create.  
*"The lab failed to reproduce their original results. The movie reproduces life in the 1950s."*
2. To produce a copy, imitation, or representation of.  
*"reproduce the sounds of a live concert in a recording."*
3. To generate (offspring) by sexual or asexual means.

The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition • More at [Wordnik](#)

In previous writings, I have focused on the excess death phenomenon in our nation and our state because I believed that once my fellow Americans noticed that we were dying o[ at an accelerating rate, people much smarter than I would begin highlighting this and focusing on ways to mitigate this catastrophic loss of population. Below is West Virginia’s experience with total death since 2011:

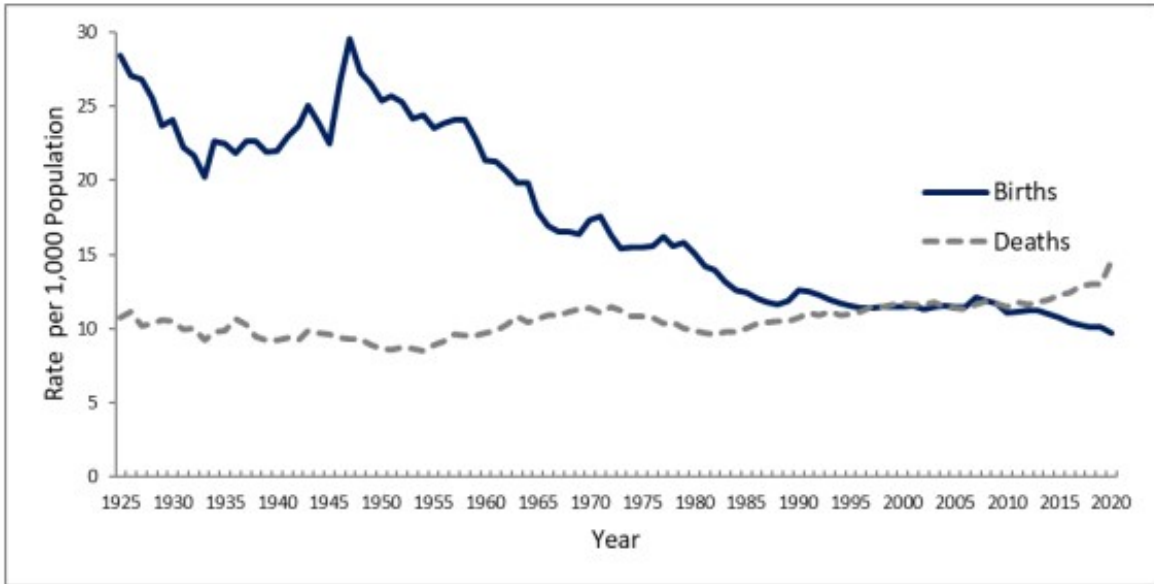
Year	Total WV Death	Percent Change
2011	21,870	
2012	21,651	-1.00%
2013	21,846	0.90%
2014	22,164	1.46%
2015	22,643	2.16%
2016	22,721	0.34%
2017	23,290	2.50%
2018	23,462	0.74%
2019	23,291	-0.73%
<b>2020</b>	<b>26,108</b>	<b>12.09%</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>29,402</b>	<b>26.24%</b>

Source – [West Virginia Excess Deaths by County](#) – MOVCAC

**Note** – In the above table, each year is compared to the previous year except for 2021. The 26.24% increase in death in 2021 is calculated using 2019 as the comparative year. It does no good to compare 2021 to the already pandemic affected 2020 data.

As I analyzed the [death data published by our Department of Health and Human Resources \(DHHR\)](#), one chart continually caught my eye:

**Number and Rate of Resident Births (Compared to Deaths)  
West Virginia, 1925-2021  
Exhibit 2**



Source – [WV DHHR Vital Statistics Report 2021](#)

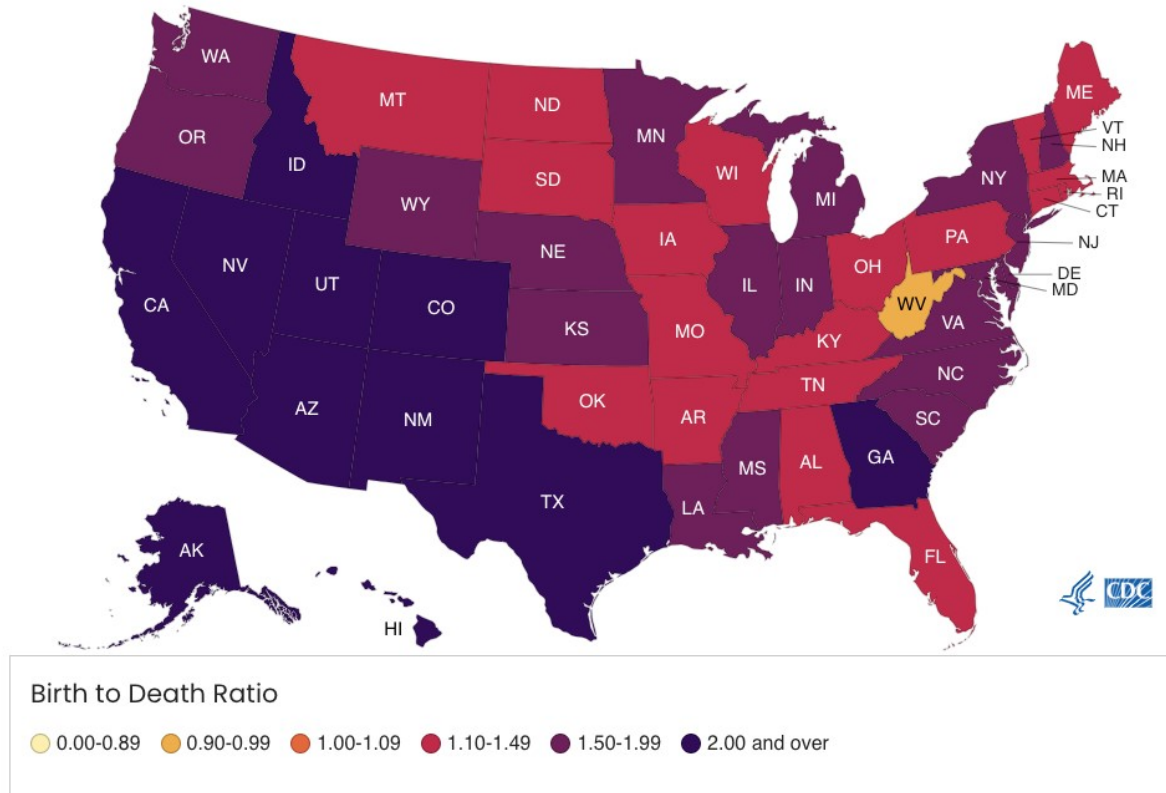
As you can clearly see in the chart above, West Virginia’s birth rate always exceeded our death rate from 1925 through the late 1990s. Beginning around the year 2000, death began to equal or exceed births. In order to replace and sustain a current population, the ratio of births to deaths should equal or exceed 1.0. Any number above 1.0 means we are producing more humans than we are losing. Any number below 1.0 means that we are no longer reproducing our population. If this goes on long enough, our population will collapse.

When I saw the Reproductive Freedom placard on the podium when Tim Walz was speaking, it inspired me to write about West Virginia’s reproductive failure and how it is only exacerbating the decline in our population when compared to our accelerating death rate. As I was researching this phenomenon, I stumbled across a CDC website where birth/death ratios are meticulously maintained and reported. It is an interactive website which allows the user to select a year (from 2000 through 2022) and the birth-to-death ratio is displayed for each state. I first selected the year 2000:

## Birth to Death Ratio, by State

Select Year

2000 ▾



Source – [CDC Birth to Death Ratio by State](#)

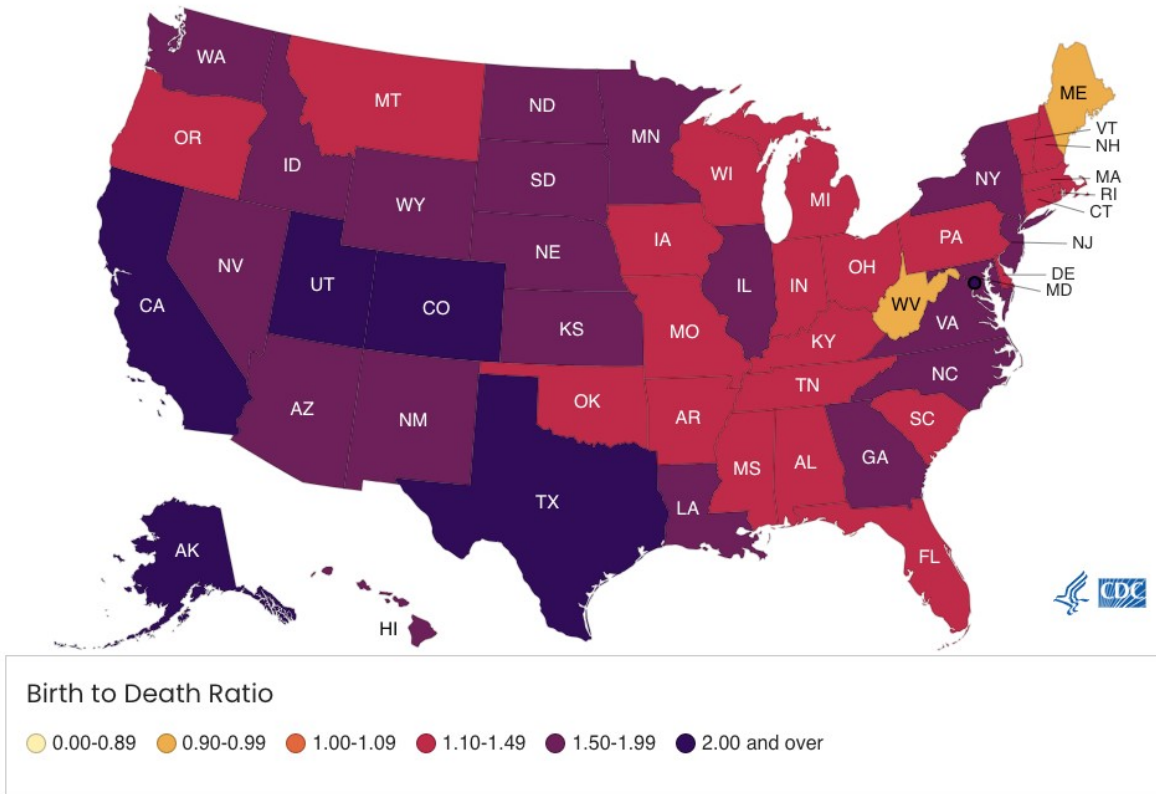
Alarmingly, West Virginia was the only state in our nation where the birth-to-death ratio was below 1.0. This means that West Virginia was the only state in the year 2000 where the population was not at the very least replacing itself. That was eye-opening. In the year 2000, eleven states had a ratio of over 2.0, meaning for each death a minimum of two births occurred; and all but West Virginia were replacing their population at a rate greater than 1.0 birth for every death.

I then thought I would look at 2011 (midway point of the years under analysis):

## Birth to Death Ratio, by State

Select Year

2011 ▾



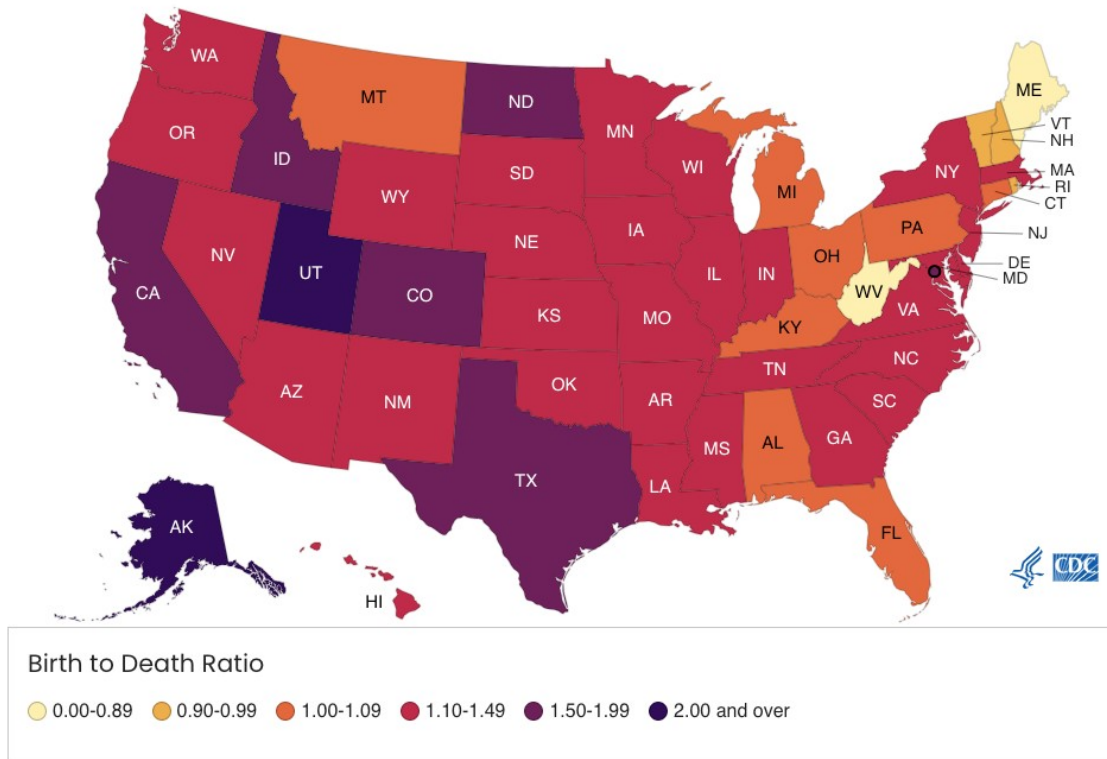
By the year 2011 Maine had joined West Virginia to be only the second state that was no longer, at the very least, replacing itself. Please note that the number of states with a ratio of greater than 2.0 had reduced from eleven to five.

I then looked at 2019 as that was the last year where our population was unburdened by the Covid pandemic:

## Birth to Death Ratio, by State

Select Year

2019 ▾



By 2019, both West Virginia and Maine had continued to decline and Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island had joined the ranks of states no longer replacing its population. In addition, the number of states where the birth-to-death ratio was over 2.0 reduced again from five in 2011 to two in 2019.

Are we noticing a pattern yet?

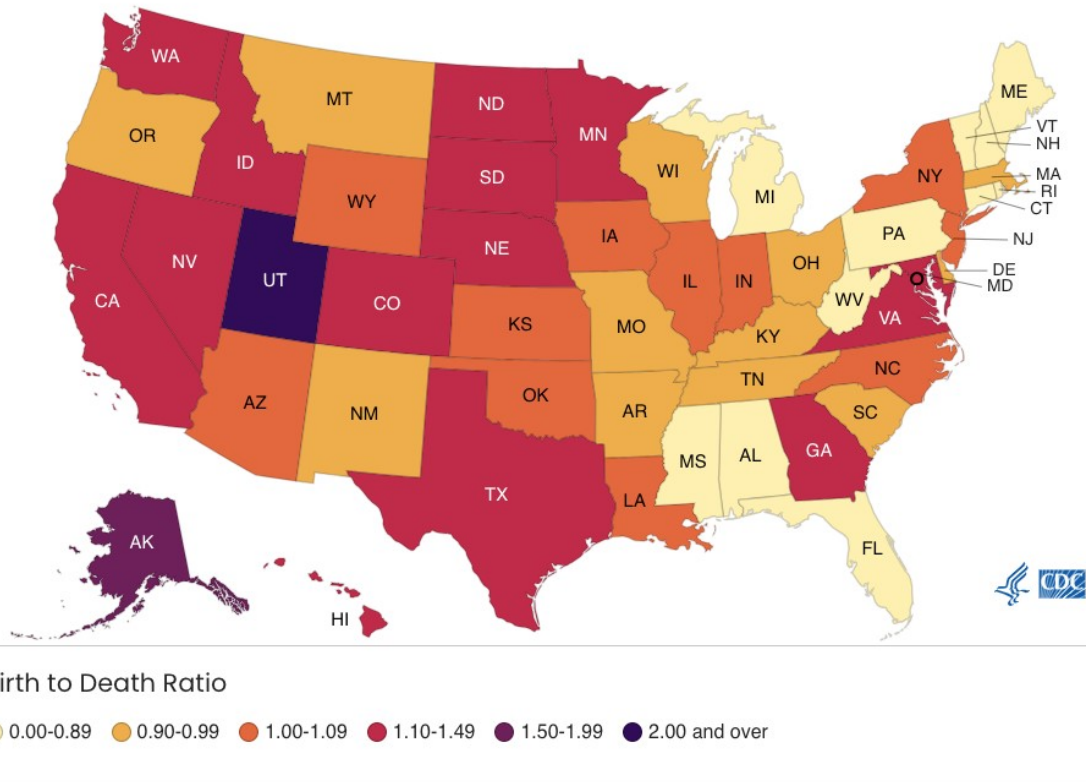
I then looked at 2020:



## Birth to Death Ratio, by State

Select Year

2020 ▾



By 2020 we were down to only Utah replacing its population at a birth-to-death ratio over 2.0. Most alarmingly, the number of states no longer at least replacing its population ballooned from five in 2019 to twenty-three in 2020.

This trend is catastrophic!

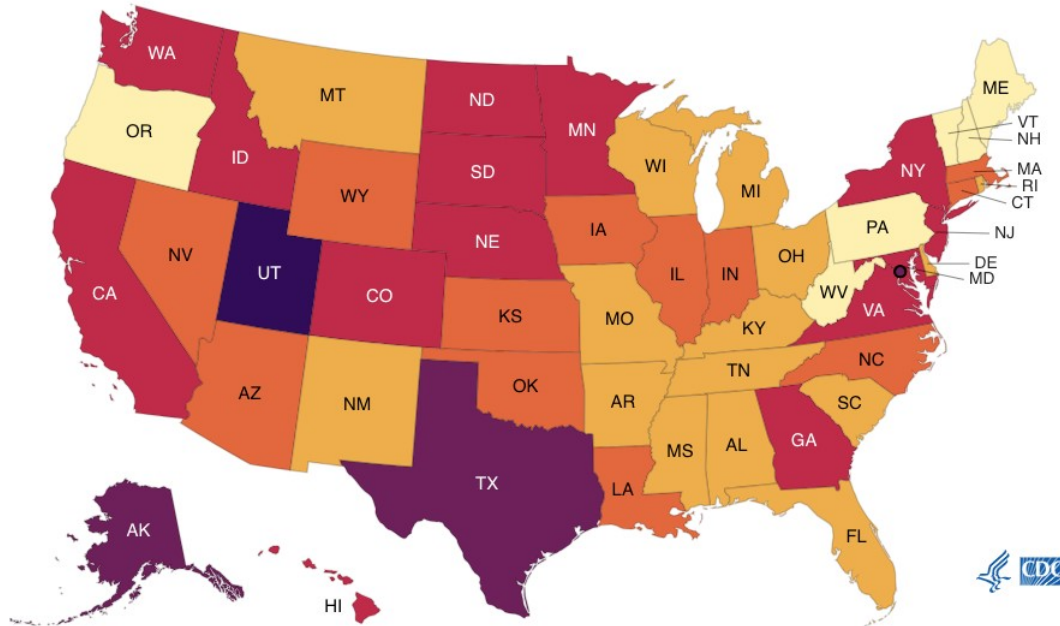
Finally, I looked at 2022:



## Birth to Death Ratio, by State

Select Year

2022 ▾



Birth to Death Ratio

0.00-0.89 0.90-0.99 1.00-1.09 1.10-1.49 1.50-1.99 2.00 and over

By 2022, Massachusetts and Connecticut had recovered slightly to again record a ratio over 1.0 leaving twenty-one states still not reaching a replacement ratio.

Leaders are supposed to be smarter than us, or if not smarter, a little more experienced and wiser. Society appoints leaders so that issues like depopulation can be mitigated with policies and incentives. If we incentivize the demise of our population by redefining what it means to reproduce, we will find ourselves in a depopulating climate. If, however, we stick to the real definition of “reproduction;” we would incentivize family, fertility, and the creation of new humans.

Some may argue that we are at the beginning of the end of the baby-boomer generation and that is true. We should begin seeing an increased level of death when compared to previous years if only because so many are reaching the average life-span age. If we call 1945 the beginning of the baby-boomers, the eldest in that generation will begin to turn 80 next year. Understanding that our average life-span was reduced from 79 to 76 over the last few years, this means that many of the early baby-boomers are beginning to die from “oldage” or climate change as it is now called in some spaces (wink, wink).

However, logic tells me that if more people were born to the baby-boomer generation, then there should be more children born as that generation grows into adulthood. As long as we keep a birth-to-death ratio above 1.0, our population will not only be sustained, but it will grow.

Our own data published by DHHR shows this not to be the case. As the table below shows, our births per 1,000 population have steadily declined since its high of 28.4 in 1925 to settle at 9.6 in 2021:

Year	Births		Deaths	
	Number of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Population	Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population
1925	45,240	28.4	17,132	10.8
1930	41,614	24.1	18,220	10.5
1935	41,775	22.5	18,342	9.9
1940	41,900	22.0	17,577	9.2
1945	38,446	22.5	16,464	9.6
1950	50,850	25.4	17,459	8.7
1955	44,199	23.5	16,712	8.9
1960	39,696	21.3	18,040	9.7
1965	31,958	17.9	19,121	10.7
1970	30,194	17.3	19,924	11.4
1975	27,960	15.5	19,479	10.8
1980	29,438	15.1	19,178	9.8
1985	24,108	12.5	19,425	10.0
1990	22,582	12.6	19,360	10.8
1995	21,158	11.6	20,128	11.0
2000	20,860	11.5	21,127	11.7
2005	20,834	11.5	20,773	11.4
2010	20,471	11.0	21,278	11.5
2015	19,778	10.7	22,643	12.3
2016	19,070	10.4	22,721	12.4
2017	18,679	10.3	23,290	12.8
2018	18,243	10.1	23,462	13.0
2019	18,090	10.1	23,291	13.0
2020	17,327	9.7	26,108	14.6
2021	17,189	9.6	29,402	16.5

West Virginia Bureau for Public Health  
 Health Statistics Center, Vital Statistics System 2023

How is it possible for our deaths to be increasing at an accelerating rate while our births are declining at an even greater accelerating rate? Where is the front-page news covering this at either a national, state, or local level?

Instead of creating policy to incentivize family and reproduction, we have redefined reproductive freedom to mean the right to terminate pregnancies. Not only is this backward and self-destructive, it is counter to every instinct all other life on the planet displays. Life wants to reproduce. Life wants to continue. In our current depopulation spiral, where are the politicians, academics, medical professionals, or media pundits pointing to this obvious self-destruction?

They are incentivizing illegal immigration instead of reproduction of our own citizens.

The best example of this is New York Senator Chuck Schumer. In 2022, Mr. Schumer said the quiet part out loud:

*“We have a population that is not reproducing on its own with the same level that it used to. The only way we’re going to have a great future in America is if we welcome and embrace immigrants, the Dreamers and all of them, because our ultimate goal is to help the Dreamers but to get a path to citizenship for all 11 million or however many undocumented there are here.”*

Source – [Chuck Schumer finally admits it: Democrats don’t want any real immigration law](#) – New York Post – November 20, 2022

Perhaps this is how it is supposed to work and I’m just an idiot. Perhaps we are not supposed to focus on life, family, peace, and prosperity. We have inflation to worry about. We have wars to fund. We have governments whose politics o[nd us and we must overthrow their leadership. There are weapons to make, speech to censor, borders to be destroyed, and so many people who must be killed with our weapons.

Perhaps someday, I’ll find that I’m not an idiot. Perhaps someday, my fellow Americans will awaken to this political malpractice and demand that our government focus on us and our ability to sustain our culture, our prosperity, our population, and our collective soul.

If not, it was a pretty good experiment while it lasted.

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