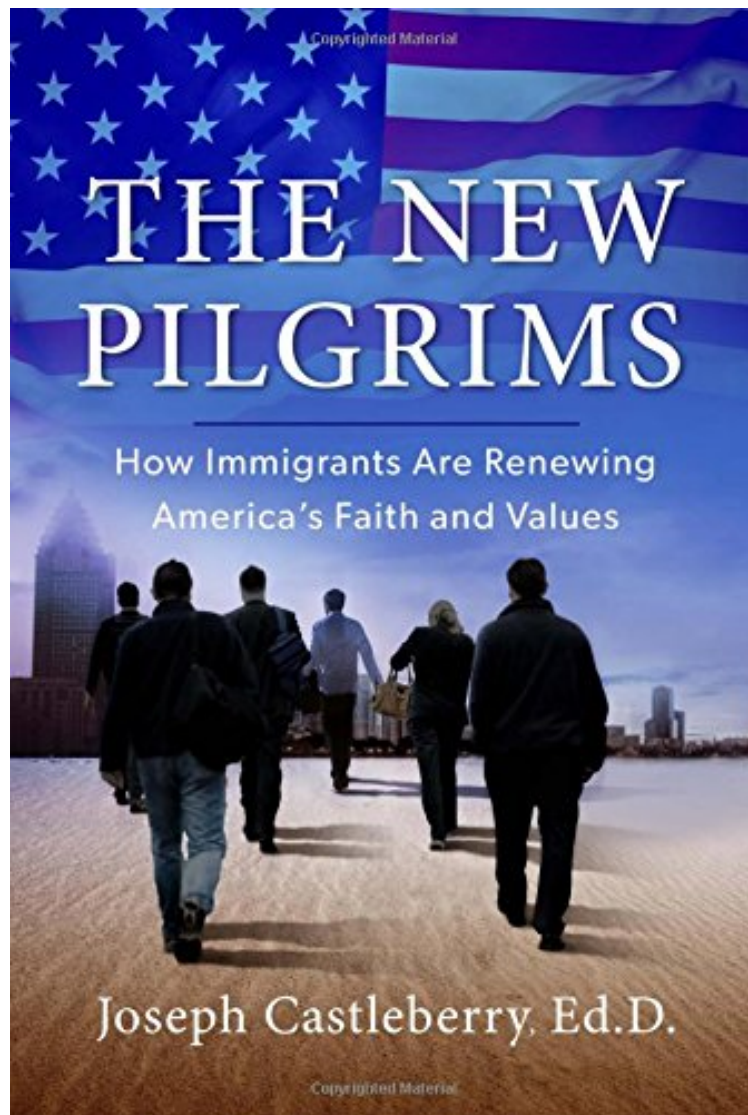


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unapologetic pro-immigration message to an audience which is predominantly Republican and Evangelical Christian. Through stories, statistics, biblical references and repeated appeals to both our hearts and minds, a powerful argument is made that immigration is good for America and more immigration is better for us--especially those of us who believe that vibrant Christianity and population growth are important. As a socially conservative Republican Evangelical minister, I represent the very demographic Castleberry hopes to convince. The bottom line is that he succeeds masterfully. His most difficult hurdle is the argument that illegal immigrants "cut in line," "broke the law," and thus violated God's commandment to obey governing authorities whenever possible. He cogently points out that there really is no orderly, lawful line that Mexicans and Central/South Americans can get into. Further, our borders are loosely guarded on purpose, so that Mexicans can come in illegally, and be paid sub-minimum wages. Then we charge them social security taxes that they can never gain a return from, since they must use false numbers. To top it off, we use liberal-progressive environmental regulations to keep poorer countries from developing, claiming that they pollute the earth when they do so. Then we provide them aid, which drives their own farmers out of business. At the same time we slap high tariffs on their products, making it impossible for them to sell to us. THEN, when the best and brightest of these poor lands attempt to come to America for a better life, we label them illegal, and criticize them doing what God created them to do--go forth, take dominion, prosper, and multiply. The New Pilgrims is a couple of years old, and does not address the potential danger that certain countries may present. However, the over-arching point that immigrants tend to be hungry for success, hard work, and vibrant optimism. We do well to welcome them. Does anyone really believe, liberal or conservative, Democrat or Republican, that the U.S. cannot update its immigration systems, and find a way to promote orderly, safe, and economically sound immigration? Sadly, it is fear-mongering and advantage-taking on both sides that keep this dilemma going. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Overlooked aspect of immigration By Tyson Supasatit Dr. Castleberry is in a great position to write this book. He correctly believes that today's immigrants are vital to the vitality of the American Church and our society at large. This aspect of immigration is overlooked in the church today. Thank God for how He is using these "new pilgrims" to bless the American Church that in previous centuries was so active in sending missionaries to other countries. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer It offers an interesting point of view

We often assume America needs to help immigrants, but in *The New Pilgrims*, Joseph Castleberry opens our eyes to how the opposite is true -- and how we can join in one of the greatest spiritual movements this country has ever seen. In the midst of an apparent religious decline in the United States, many Americans are looking for solutions to this dilemma. Our hope lies with Christian immigrants, who bring to our churches powerful testimonies of faith from cultures all over the world. As the new pilgrims settle into their lives here, they are taking the American church by storm and helping rebuild America's conservative foundations. It's time to acknowledge this exciting time of spiritual renewal and embrace the political and relational choices that will once again establish America as the shining city on a hill we all want it to be. A convincing -- and biblically grounded -- case here for the fact that we have special obligations toward those immigrants who are our sisters and brothers in Christ. -- Richard Mouw, President Emeritus, Fuller Theological Seminary Brilliant analysis of the religious and spiritual impact of immigrants on society in the United States. -- Andrew Young, Civil Rights Leader, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia Put down all those books and articles bemoaning the spiritual decline of America and learn what God is doing through immigrants committed to Christ and to the church. -- Leith Anderson, President, National Association of Evangelicals

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