

# 21st Century Anchor Babies: Endless Free Ride Paid For By You

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## Part 3: The Irish Got It Right

Does this sound familiar? “Children born to foreign parents in Dublin maternity hospitals accounted for 25 per cent of total births this year,” according to Declan Keane, Master of the National Maternity Hospital. “This number is causing major problems.”

“We were stretched last year and the situation is even worse this year,” Dr. Keane said. “We have more and more patients and no resources to hire extra staff to look after them. That means cutting corners. If you cut corners then safety is an issue.”

“It is worth noting that very few immigrant parents are actually refugees or asylum-seekers and the majority are people who have come over here to have an Irish baby and Irish citizen,” said Dr. Keane.



A member of Fianna Fail, Ireland's Republican Party, appearing on television stating that "60% of all female asylum-seekers over the age of 16 arrive here pregnant."

Ireland experienced the same abuse of their immigration laws as the U.S. The difference: they chose to do something about it. In January 2003, the Irish Supreme Court ruled in a landmark decision by a 5-2 verdict that immigrant parents of an Irish born child could be deported. This reversed Ireland's liberal policy of granting residency and possibly citizenship to anyone who had a baby on the island, including illegal aliens. Deputy Prime Minister Mary Harney was encouraged by the courts decision, saying, "It will prevent others from coming to Ireland to abuse our asylum process on the basis that they are pregnant."

Non-EU member nationals, mostly from Nigeria, came to Ireland claiming political asylum. Many came pregnant. AP writer Shawn Pogatchnik writes, "While asylum applications frequently take years to complete, until now the birth of a child has resolved matters conclusively—with Irish citizenship for the infant and residency rights for the mother, usually followed by arrivals of more relatives."

Are you getting the picture? We are not alone in this fight. This happens to every First World nation. Ireland became a destination country, just like America. The difference: they recognized their liberal immigration laws were being trashed

and put a stop to it.

By November 2001 asylum seekers had submitted 5,247 applications asking for permission to remain in the country on the basis of parenting an Irish citizen child. In 2002 residency was granted to 4000 asylum seekers based on giving birth to an Irish child, while another 10,462 remained outstanding. In March 2002 the government of Ireland stated it "would oppose granting residency rights to the parents of Irish-born children in two cases, and may seek a constitutional referendum to end birthright citizenship."

They recognized the recent Supreme Court decision wasn't working. More and more asylum seekers and illegal aliens were arriving and they were not being deported. Irish hospitals were filling up with pregnant immigrant women.

In June 2004, the Irish people took action. They voted birthright citizenship out of existence. By an overwhelming success the Citizenship Referendum passed by 79.17% Yes and 20.83% No.

The Twenty Seventh-Amendment Bill of the Irish Constitution now reads:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, a person born on the island of Ireland, which includes its islands and seas, who does not have, at the time of the birth of that person, at least one parent who is an Irish citizen or entitled to be an Irish citizen is not entitled to Irish citizenship or nationality, unless provided for by law.
2. This section shall not apply to persons born before the date of the enactment of this section.

Ireland is a parliamentary democracy and they take democracy seriously. The people decided. They experienced the usual whining and complaining by liberal groups that did not want to see this referendum succeed, but they rose above it. They did

the right thing for their country. They put Ireland and its people first.

Ireland was the last of the 15 original EU countries to abolish birthright citizenship. They did not want to be seen as a back door to the European Union citizenship. No anchor babies plague Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, and the United Kingdom. The Irish got it right!

What does it mean for America with over 300,000 'anchor babies' being fraudulently born in our country annually? Do American citizens like adding not only 300,000 welfare cases but the added 300,000 mothers that go with those babies? That's 600,000-people sticking their straws into the public trough. Why is it that we become responsible for this financial nightmare when we've got over a million homeless Americans? How about our school systems clawing for money? How about our 48 million Americans on food stamps? What about our Social Security system financing other countries like Mexico? Why does our Congress condone this ongoing 'anchor baby' nightmare? When does the insanity of this immigration nightmare end? When will you, as an American, raise your voice? If you're Irish, raise your hand. If you're just plain disgusted, do something today.

Let's stop the "anchor baby" nightmare by calling our Congressional critters and demand they introduce a bill to stop this abuse of our country and the American taxpayers.

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