

# Travels With Charley II: American Cities Too Large, Too Sick, Too Unmanageable



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Part 2: Our massive cities. Our gridlocked traffic. Our polluted air.

“I saw in their eyes something I was to see over and over in every part of the nation- a burning desire to go, to move, to get under way, anyplace, away from any Here. They spoke quietly of how they wanted to go someday, to move about, free and unanchored, not toward something but away from something. I saw this look and heard this yearning everywhere in every state I visited. Nearly every American hungers to move.” **John Steinbeck, [Travels with Charley: In Search of America](#)**

What’s the first thing you hear from anyone who reaches retirement age? Answer: “I want to travel, see the world, meet people...”

You see those same individuals in monstrous motorhomes like Prevost’s, Winnebago’s, modified old school buses and vans. You see them dragging a car, boat, motorcycles, bicycles and kayaks behind them.

Yes, humans love to travel. They like to explore their world. But in places like India, Bangladesh and China...they find themselves bumping into one another from their sheer

numbers. Most people won't believe this until they see a video, but if you travel through China as I have, you will see 50 lanes of traffic going one way. India's traffic is beyond solving as people overload trains, highways and suffer monstrous cities. In fact, India this year, overtook China to become the most populated country in the world at 1.42 billion people. They've created a nightmare with no solutions.

Well, America accelerates along the same path as we are the third largest and third fastest growing country in the world. Via immigration, we're adding between 3 and 4 million annually. With Biden's open borders those numbers have accelerated dramatically.

Sandi and I drove on I-80 on the lower side of Chicago. We were caught in a 20 mile traffic jam that paralyzed vehicles from stop, to three miles per hour, to stop, to five miles per hour, to stop and go for 20 miles. All the time, we inhaled diesel fumes from thousands of idling trucks. When we turned north toward Chicago, their area population stands at 9.51 million people throughout the metro complex. All of them exhausting their cars, chimney's, ovens, and electrical plants burning coal--into the air. Our car could barely remain stable in the giant grooves in the pavement created by 18-wheelers crushing the Interstate 24/7. Some of those grooves were at least four inches deep.

What's wrong with Chicago? Answer: it's been called the murder capital of America with dozens of shootings and killings every weekend. Its inner city schools "graduate" illiterate kids who cannot speak correctly, write, read or perform simple math. The slums? You haven't seen slums until you see Chicago's south side. Correction: you can see them in Baltimore, Detroit, St. Louis, Miami and many other big cities, too.

So why haven't they solved quality of life, jobs, education and a decently safe city in Chicago? Answer: too many people,

too many kids, too few teachers, too little money, too little law and order. Chicago features "smash and grab" youths walking into convenience stores, jewelry stores, grocery stores, Apple computer stores--and sweeping them clean. Outright anarchy. What happened to Detroit's destruction now accelerates in Chicago, LA, San Francisco, Seattle, Miami and dozens of other BIG, OVERPOPULATED cities. Last week, smash and grab youth, unfortunately all African-Americans, stole \$900,000.00 in merchandise from a jewelry store. That's pretty common these days in many cities.

It's truly depressing if not disheartening to see what's become of America's cities only 60 years after John Steinbeck wrote **Travels With Charley**. How do I know? I traveled through many of America's cities as a United Van Lines truck driver in the 70's, 80's, 90's and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We enjoyed good, solid highways 40 years ago. We enjoyed law and order in those cities. We saw community pride.

Today, in New York City with 8.3 million people, Mayor Adams just announced that he is cracking down on the 2,000,000 rats scurrying around the city. How could any city allow itself to spawn 2.0 million rats and other varmints? Answer: when you suffer 80 percent dropout/flunkout rates in high schools such as Detroit or any big city, the illiterate young American youth lack any understanding of personal responsibility, personal hygiene, and personal care for their communities. They eat fast food and toss their half-eaten burgers/fries and tacos to the curb. Rats love human food. They eat it and reproduce by the millions.

We saw this same situation in city after city we visited in the past two summers. Trash everywhere! Graffiti exploding on buildings, streets and rail cars. Hundreds of thousands of homeless littering the streets, roads, woods! So much so that there is no way to pick it up fast enough. There must be billions of bottles, cans, glass, and trash along America's

highways from careless litter bums.

Additionally, in our big cities, the problems have become SO enormous that no one can solve the violence, trash, truancy, murders, slums, graffiti, and social disasters. In all the big cities, rampant murders occur every night of the week. Weekends render one, two, three and even four dozen gun fights where 10, 20 or more get killed in one city. All the gun control in the world can't stop inner-city illiterate youths from killing each other.

Lyndon Johnson's "The Great Society" didn't solve it in 1965. Aid to Dependent Children didn't solve it. WIC didn't solve it. EBT cards haven't solved it. Birth control hasn't solved it. Affirmative Action didn't solve it. Equity, diversity and inclusion isn't solving it.

How did it all start? Answer: origins of our demise as a culture, sustainable civilization and society began with the 1965 Immigration Reform Act that started dumping 1.2 million third world people into the USA annually. We jumped from 194 million people to our current 340 million, plus another 30 million illegal aliens. Those numbers have proven to explode our cities and highways.

As a United Van Lines summer truck driver from my teaching job, I drove clean, clear highways in the 1970's. You could actually breathe fresh air over most of the country...but as our country's U.S. Congress added 130,000,000 (million) more people, net gain, since 1965, we've exploded every city beyond comprehension. Example: Los Angeles is a nasty, dirty, ugly, gridlocked, air polluted, crime-ridden city with no solutions. At some point, as we add another 100 million by mid-century, we will pass "fail-safe" and not be able to save our civilization.

India has already sealed its horrible present and worsening future. I've seen their mess firsthand. China, oh my God,

what a 1.4 billion people mess they created. They can't breathe their air. Their rivers are sewers flowing into the ocean. They cannot feed their masses...that's why they are buying up the rest of the world for food. They've bought over 250,000 acres of American farmland. They're buying up our food processing plants. They are buying up land in Africa and South America.

Guess what? We're following them into the same kind of degraded, horrible and nasty future. Why? Because no one in our U.S. Congress sees it or will address it or will push bills through to stop mass immigration that is driving America's accelerating nightmare.

Part 3: Quality of life, unclean air, poison foods, accelerating consequences across America.

This video graphically and dramatically illustrates America's immigration-population crisis as well as the world's. I wrote it and narrated it. Tim Walters of Cleveland, Ohio directed and produced. Please forward it to all your friends, networks and beyond. Place it on FB, Twitter, LinkedIn, Parler and more. Just click the link below to see the video.

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