

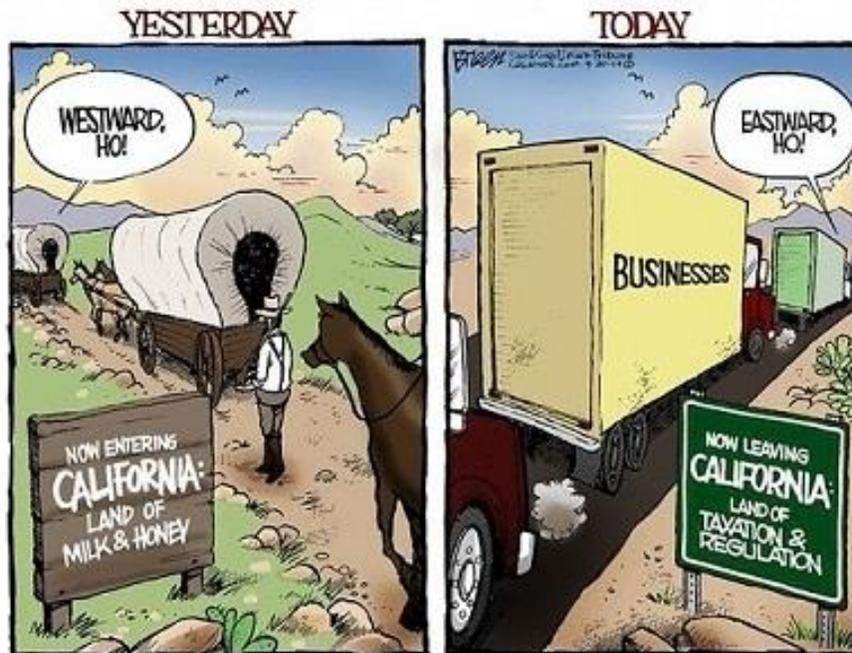


California Problems

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For many residents and businesses, California is no longer the great place that it once was!!



California is a beautiful place with its ocean views, beaches, mountains, and other great things to do and see. Plus, the weather is just wonderful. Up to a few years ago, this state was the place to live and people from other states and all over the world flocked to California to fulfill the American dream. The population exploded to about 40 million people, which made California the most populous state in the country.

But now the California Dream has become a nightmare for a lot of people and a lot of businesses. Californians are being taxed to death, traffic in the major cities is very bad, violent crime and gang activity are on the rise, millions of illegal immigrants are putting an incredible strain on social support systems, and the ultra-liberal government in Sacramento seems to have gone completely insane. In addition, the state faces constant threats from earthquakes, wildfires, droughts, and mudslides, so it is quite understandable why so many people and businesses feel motivated to leave and never come back.

Here are the Top 10 problems facing the citizens of California:

Problem #1 –Illegal Immigration



Tomorrow's Liberal Democrats



California is home to more than 10 million immigrants—one in four people are foreign-born. The state's 3 million illegal aliens and their 1.1 million U.S.-born children cost the average California household — headed by a U.S. citizen — \$2,370 annually. These people are costing U.S. taxpayers over \$25.3 billion dollars per year, and of course only law abiding citizens will be footing this bill since illegal immigrants do not pay taxes.

In several cities, most of the population is Mexican, such as Santa Ana and in other cities, most of the population is Asian, such as Irvine. It's now official: Latinos now outnumber whites in California. The new tally shows that as of July 1, 2014, about 15.0 million Latinos live in California, edging out the 14.9 million whites in the state. The shift didn't come as a big surprise to anybody.

In addition to the illegal immigrants, there are many legal immigrants who are visiting, on a work or school visa, from a foreign country such as China. Most of these people are not U.S. citizens and have no plans to be, refuse to assimilate, speak limited English, and most importantly and worse, they send all their high-income earnings back to their home country, siphoning it away from the local economy. No wonder the state is going broke.

But wait – it gets worse! The liberal State Government of California is giving these illegal immigrants free housing and welfare money. Why would any of these immigrants want to leave? Hopefully Trump's plan for resolving the illegal immigrant problem works.

Problem #2 – California's State Government and Legislation

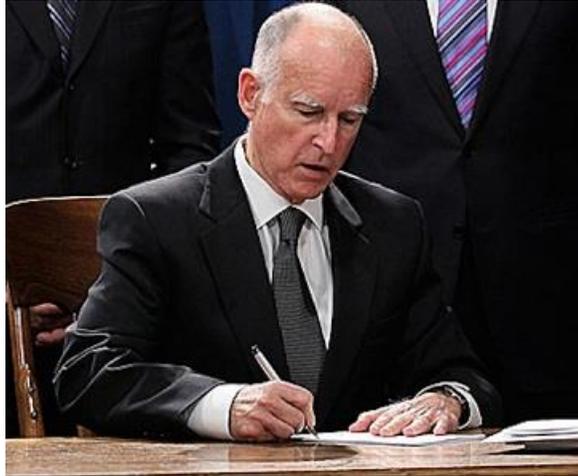
California's state government and legislators implement far more new laws every year than any other state. Here are the statistics for the last 6 years:

2011 – 747 new laws	2012 – 760 new laws	2013 – 873 new laws
2014 – 800 new laws	2015 – 930 new laws	2016 – 807 new laws

How in the world does the California's State Government expect the citizens to know and obey the law? I bet the police and courts can't even keep up with all the new laws.

In 2016, eighteen statewide ballot propositions were placed on the ballot in California. One appeared on the June 7, 2016, ballot and was approved. The other 17 propositions were on the November 8, 2016, ballot. Of the 17 propositions, 12 were approved and five were defeated. Some of the issues that California electors addressed on the ballot included:

Marijuana legalization	Gun control	Healthcare and drug prices
Condoms in porn	Plastic bags	Repealing the death penalty
Tobacco taxes	Bilingual education	Tax on incomes over \$250,000



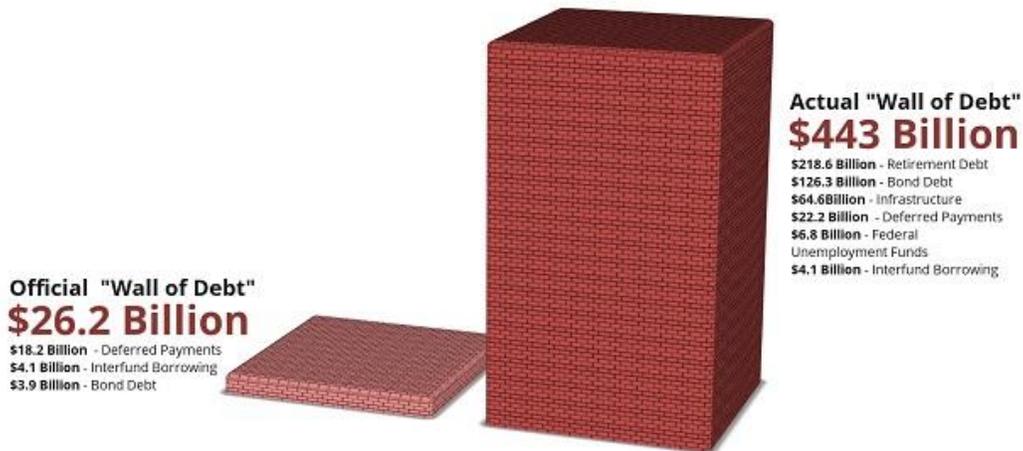
Gov. Jerry Brown Signing Budget

Enacted 2016-2017 Budget Detail

State Agencies	Amount
K thru 12 Education	\$51.5 Billion
Higher Education	\$14.9 Billion
Health and Human Services	\$53.8 Billion
Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$13.3 Billion
Transportation	\$10.9 Billion
Natural Resources	\$ 5.1 Billion
Environmental Protection	\$ 3.2 Billion
Business, Consumer Services, Housing	\$ 2.1 Billion
Labor and Workforce Development	\$ 888 Million
Government Operations	\$ 1.0 Billion
General Government	\$ 7.2 Billion
Legislative, Judicial, and Executive	\$ 7.0 Billion
TOTAL	\$ 171 Billion

Please note that the most costly item in the above 2016-17 California Budget is \$53,800,000,000 for Health and Human Services. This is the politically correct way of saying, “This money is for Welfare that includes Food Stamps, Housing, and spending money for the poor, disabled, homeless, illegal immigrants, and the lazy people living in California.”

Over the last decade, California amassed extensive debt that it will have to repay over the coming decades. More recently, the state government and media began referring to the state’s billions of dollars of mounting debts as a “Wall of Debt.” Generally, state government officials and the media depict that “wall” as \$26.2 billion, far smaller than what it actually is. California’s actual wall of debt is \$443 billion.



A decade ago, California vowed to dramatically slash greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. On October 7, 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown charted a new goal to further cut carbon pollution by extending and expanding the landmark climate change law. It will "keep California on the move to clean up the environment," Brown said moments before signing a pair of bills in a Los Angeles park amid opposition from the oil industry, business groups and Republicans. Experts said going forward will be more challenging because the new goal—to reduce emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030—is considerably more ambitious and many of the easy solutions have been employed. Many people are worried that more businesses will be forced to leave the state because they are unable to meet these unreasonable goals.

But wait – it gets worse! Did you hear about the new law that Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law on Wednesday, 30 Nov 2016? It is now against the law in California for cows to FART!!!!!! Hey, don't laugh – I'm not making this up.



It is now against the law in California for cows to FART!!!!!!

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's Legislature has approved regulations on cow flatulence and manure – both blamed for releasing greenhouse gases.

The measure was approved shortly before the end of the legislative session Wednesday after its author, Democratic Senator Ricardo Lara of Bell Gardens, agreed to give dairy farms more time to comply.

The legislation seeks to reduce methane emissions associated with manure to 40 percent below their 2013 levels by the year 2030. Methane is one of several gases known as short-lived climate pollutants that don't persist for long in the atmosphere but have a huge influence on the climate.

The law won't stop cows from farting, of course, because cows are notoriously disrespectful of human-passed laws. Instead, it will make life more difficult for dairy farmers and ranchers in California who will probably be forced to leave the state by 2030.

Problem #3 – California Crime Rates are Continuing to Increase

Not all cities are unsafe, but many are. Los Angeles, San Francisco, and many others are bad and continuing to get worse. Formerly nice areas are degrading, and crime is spreading. Things have gotten so bad in Stockton, California that the police union put up a billboard with the following message: "Welcome to the 2nd most dangerous city in California. Stop laying off the cops."



Stockton California Police Department

Anthony Batts, the Police Chief for Oakland, California, announced last year that due to severe budget cuts there are a number of crimes that his department will simply not be able to respond to any longer. The crimes that the Oakland police will no longer be responding to include grand theft, burglary, car wrecks, identity theft and vandalism.

The crime rate in the San Diego school system is escalating out of control. The following is what San Diego School Police Chief Don Braun recently told the press

about the current situation: "Violent crime in schools has risen 31 percent. Property crime has risen 12 percent. Weapons violations (have gone up) almost 8 percent."

But wait – it gets worse! There are about 175,000 adults behind bars in California but that number has started to go down due to a new law called the Realignment Act that the California Legislature approved in 2014. This law reduces sentences for many non-serious, nonviolent, nonsexual crimes by making them misdemeanors. It also dictated that the state must reduce its prison population to 137.5% of its capacity. Since many of the prisons were at 300% of capacity, about 25,000 criminals were set free. GREAT!!

Problem #4 – California is Terrible for Business



It isn't just the people who are leaving the state but the businesses are moving too. This is the first time in California's history where more people and businesses are leaving than are coming in. California is the 48th worst state in the nation for doing business, following only New York and Hawaii. Excessive taxes and regulatory policies are destroying businesses leading to a mass exodus to other states like Texas and Nevada.

More than 9,000 businesses have left the state, reduced their operations or curtailed plans to locate here between 2008 and 2015. Companies that are leaving California can move to Texas or Nevada that have no income tax and high relative purchasing power. The Bureau of Economic Analysis estimated the difference in purchasing power for \$100 in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Only Washington D.C., New York, and New Jersey got less purchasing power than California's \$88.97. That compares to \$103.52 in Texas and \$102.35 for neighboring Nevada. California

companies that moved to more business friendly locals have experienced “astonishing” operating cost savings of 20 to 35 percent.

More California businesses are starting to move out of the state after lawmakers raised the minimum wage to \$15.

Here is an example. Toyota decided to move its North American headquarters from Torrance, California to Plano, Texas bringing in more than 3,000 jobs, mostly from California. The primary reasons for this move was the low housing costs, low taxes, and relaxed regulatory environment in Texas.

But wait – it gets worse! As more high-paying jobs leave California, the state's liberal government and press appear to not know what’s going on or don’t care about this situation. They are silent!

Problem #5 – California Taxes are Outrageously High



With some of the highest taxes in the nation, California taxes everything, from some of the highest state income taxes, to taxes on gasoline, food, water, tags, smog, luxury taxes, hidden taxes, and anything else you can think of. Tax-Tax-Tax!! Can it be taxed? If yes, then tax it. If it is already taxed, then increase the tax. To top it off there is the 8 - 9% sales tax rate depending on the county. California has the highest state sales tax rate in the nation by far at 8.25%. Some counties have a 10% tax rate. Indiana has the next highest tax rate at 7%.

But wait – it gets worse! More than 60% of a Californian's income goes to some form of taxes. Homeowners have an even higher tax rate due to the property taxes on absurdly high priced houses. Fortunately (for them), the illegal immigrants don't

have to pay taxes because they are illegal. Well, technically they have to, but they just don't. Instead, the legal taxpayers subsidize their welfare food stamps, section 8 housing, and even spending money so the illegal immigrant population of 3 million illegals can all live for free while the legal citizens slave away and give more than half of their income to the state and federal government.

Problem #6 – California Housing Prices are Out of Control

For the first time ever, the median single-family home price for any U.S. city hit above \$1 million in one California housing market, according to the National Association of Realtors. The median existing single-family price hit \$1,085,000 in San Jose in the second quarter of 2016 making it the most expensive housing market in the nation. And, as usual, the top five most expensive housing markets were dominated by California – median prices hit \$885,600 in San Francisco, \$742,200 in the Anaheim-Santa Ana area and \$589,900 in the San Diego area. \$926,000 in Honolulu and \$760,000 in New York City are the others on the list.

For the entire state of California, the median single-family home price is \$516,200. The only state with higher home prices is Hawaii with a median of \$720,000.



New Homes being built in San Jose

What is driving the surge in house prices? Like most things, it's a supply versus demand situation. The number of housing starts hasn't been able to take care of that pent-up demand. The pricing has gone up accordingly, and that has been accommodated by low mortgage interest rates.

There are people in California that are taking out million dollar mortgages for houses that will inevitably fall in price, because what goes up must come down. They naively believe that the prices will continue to climb, and ignore the massive debt burden they are taking on, in a market that could make them lose their job any day and be stuck with a million dollar foreclosure and a total loss of an amount of money that could have fully paid off a house in another state.

Renting is no better, with apartments in nice areas starting at \$2,500 per month for a small 2-bedroom apartment (a bigger one starts at \$2800), and \$1,800 as the lowest for less nice areas, the renting prices are just absurd. Add to that some of the highest electricity costs in the country, and even renting is unaffordable for many people who have below an upper-middle class income.

But wait – it gets worse! California has had more foreclosure filings than any other U.S. state since 2010. The 546,669 total foreclosure filings during last year means that over 4 percent of all the housing units in the state of California received a foreclosure filing at some point during the year.

Problem #7 – California is Experiencing the Worst Drought in History

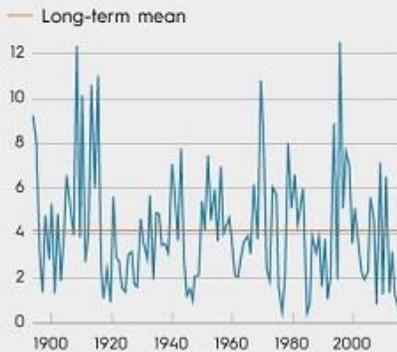
California gets its water from 3 main sources—snowpack, water stored in reservoirs, and water pumped from underground aquifers—but each have been uniquely affected. What factors are contributing to this drought? The following pictures and charts tell the story.



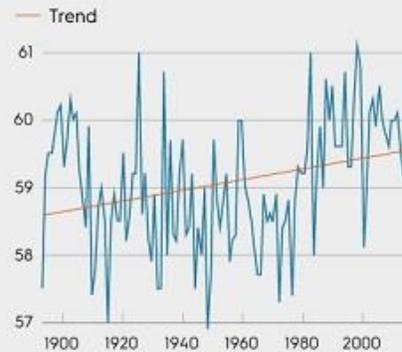
No Rain, High Temperatures

California has always battled drought in many forms, both meteorological drought (caused by below average precipitation rates) and hydrologic drought (caused by below average runoff from water sources). But the last few years have been unique. Precipitation rates are the lowest on record, and temperatures are rising.

PRECIPITATION (Inches)



TEMPERATURE (Degrees Fahrenheit)



SOURCE: National Climatic Data Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

VISUAL NEWS

Snowpack Low, Groundwater Depleted

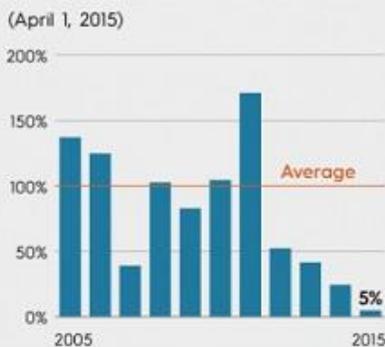
Mountain snowpack provides 1/3 of the state's water through reservoirs, but in 2015 the snowpack was only 1/20 of its annual average. The Sierra Nevada snowpack also has a much lower water content, at only about 5% of the average for April 1.

Water pumped from underground aquifers is quickly being depleted. In the Central Valley, water pumped during droughts exceeds the water replenished during rains. This means that the groundwater level never breaks even, resulting in a steady decline of the amount over time.

SNOWPACK (Inches)



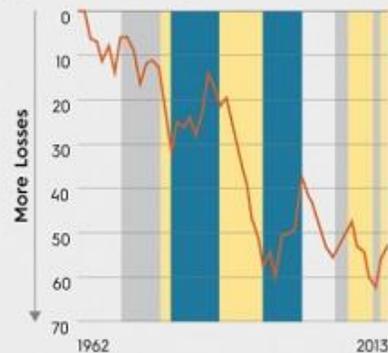
WATER CONTENT PERCENTAGE



- Wet ■ Variable to wet
- Dry ■ Variable to dry

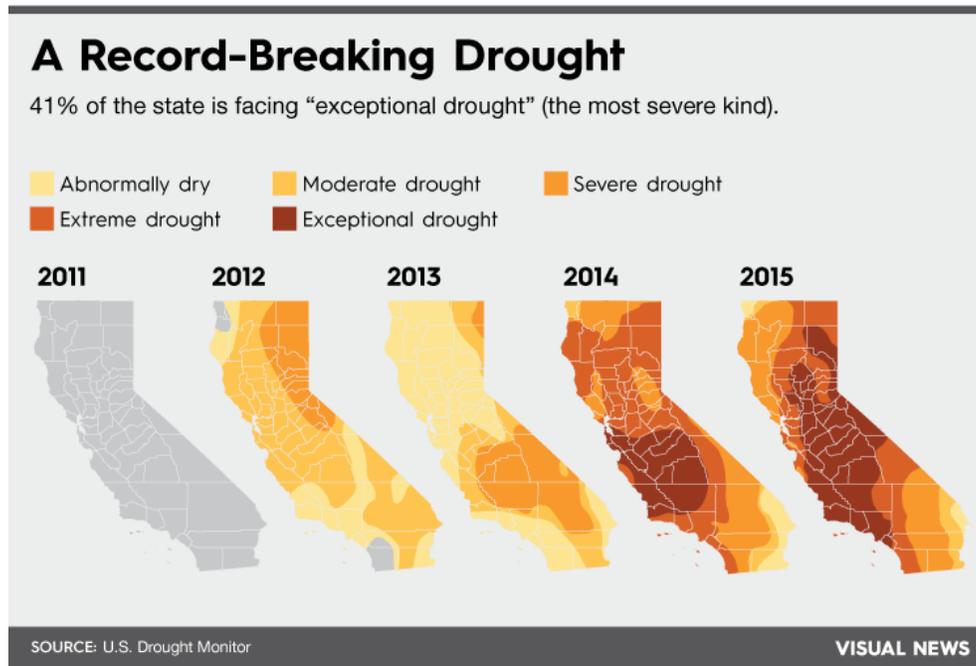
GROUNDWATER LOSSES

(Millions of Acre-Feet)



SOURCES: California Department of Water Resources; Jay Famiglietti, UC Center for Hydrologic Modeling, UC Irvine; USGS; NASA; National Center for Atmospheric Research

VISUAL NEWS



The last five years have left California facing a historic drought.

**In total, the state
needs 11 trillion
gallons of water to
replenish what has
been lost to this
drought.**

I think you get the picture – the drought is bad.

But wait – it gets worse! On April 1, 2015, California Gov. Jerry Brown issued an unprecedented mandate: Californians must reduce water use by 25%—or the state will face dire consequences. This means that everyone had to cut back on lawn watering, car washing, pool filling, etc. This wouldn't be as much of an issue if the state didn't have an enormous illegal alien population straining the water supply, but I guess state government figures it's better for legal residents to bear the brunt of the suffering. The drought continues!

Problem #8 – The Traffic is the Worst in the U.S.

The ten U.S. cities with the worst traffic:

- 10. San Jose**
- 9. Boston**
- 8. Chicago**
- 7. Seattle**
- 6. Atlanta**
- 5. Washington D.C.**
- 4. New York**
- 3. San Francisco**
- 2. Honolulu**
- 1. Los Angeles**

It is hard to believe that Los Angeles beat out Honolulu again (second year in a row) for the honor of being the city with the worst traffic in the U.S. These “worst traffic” voters need to come to the island of Oahu and try to drive from Ewa Beach to downtown Honolulu during “rush hour” traffic. I promise you that it will take more than one hour.



LA Traffic is Bad but sometimes it is also quite Beautiful



If you hate getting lost, don't drive in LA



Rush Hour Traffic Coming in to LA



San Francisco to San Jose Traffic

But wait – it gets worse! There are 13 cities in California with a population of over 300,000 and they all have traffic problems.

Los Angeles	4 million	San Diego	1.4 million
San Jose	1 million	San Francisco	840,000
Fresno	510,000	Sacramento	480,000
Long Beach	470,000	Oakland	405,000
Bakersfield	365,000	Anaheim	350,000
Santa Ana	335,000	Riverside	320,000
Stockton	300,000		

Yes, California leads the nation in bad traffic.

Problem #9 – Too Many Liberals

Just in case you need a reminder on what the differences are between Conservative vs. Liberal beliefs, I'm going to tell you.

We all want the same things in life. We want freedom; we want the chance for prosperity; we want as few people suffering as possible; we want healthy children; we want to have crime-free streets. The argument is how to achieve them...

LIBERALS	CONSERVATIVES
<p>Liberals believe in government action to achieve equal opportunity and equality for all. It is the duty of the government to alleviate social ills and to protect civil liberties and individual and human rights. Believe the role of the government should be to guarantee that no one is in need. Liberal policies generally emphasize the need for the government to solve problems.</p>	<p>Conservatives believe in personal responsibility, limited government, free markets, individual liberty, traditional American values and a strong national defense. Believe the role of government should be to provide people the freedom necessary to pursue their own goals. Conservative policies generally emphasize empowerment of the individual to solve problems</p>

LEFT WING LIBERAL	DEMOCRAT MODERATE	REPUBLICAN MODERATE	RIGHT WING CONSERVATIVE
<p><u>STATES</u> Oregon California Hawaii Vermont Massachusetts New York</p> <p><u>CITIES</u> Portland San Francisco Washington D.C. Seattle Oakland Boston</p>		<p>↑ Jerry</p>	<p><u>STATES</u> Mississippi Alabama Louisiana Arkansas Tennessee Oklahoma</p> <p><u>CITIES</u> Mesa, AZ Oklahoma City Virginia Beach Arlington, TX Jacksonville Omaha, NE</p>

Where do you fall on the above political line?

Almost 100% of all liberals belong to the democratic party. However, not all democrats are liberals. A recent survey concluded that about 98% of the entertainment industry and a large majority of the mainstream media are democratic liberals. Almost all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people (LGBT) are liberal democrats. Almost all liberals believe in same sex marriage. California has by far the largest population of all these “upstanding” citizens.

What do all these celebs have in common?

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| 1. Barbra Streisand | 7. Cher | 13. George Lopez |
| 2. Bryan Cranston | 8. Chelsea Handler | 14. Ne-Yo |
| 3. Miley Cyrus | 9. Samuel L. Jackson | 15. Rev. Al Sharpton |
| 4. Lena Dunham | 10. Whoopi Goldberg | 16. Raven Symoné |
| 5. Amy Schumer | 11. Neve Campbell | 17. Amber Rose |
| 6. Jon Stewart | 12. Keegan-Michael Key | 18. Ruth Bader Ginsburg |

These 18 Celebs said they would leave the United States if Trump won! Well, Trump won and as far as I know, none of these liberals have left the country yet.

Liberals are okay as long as they mind their own business and not try to tell me and other people how we should live our life. The problem is they just can't seem to do this! If you don't think like they do or if they don't get their way, they get mad, cry and whine like big babies. When Trump beat Hillary, liberals across the U.S. hit the streets to protest the results of the election. Some of the biggest protests (sometimes riots) took place in Los Angeles and San Francisco.



Many of these protestors were paid to participate and more than 80% of them didn't even vote.

Liberal democrats nation-wide could not believe Hillary Clinton could lose to a “blowhard” racist named Donald Trump. They want a re-count! They want to throw out the “Electoral College Process” and elect the president on the popular vote only since Hillary Clinton did win the popular vote. Here is something to think about – without California’s Hillary votes (5,931,283), Trump (3,184,721) would have won the popular vote too! Without the Electoral College, California and New York would control every presidential election. There would be no reason for the other states to vote. Liberals only believe in the U.S. Constitution when it serves their agenda.

But wait – it gets worse! Did you hear about the latest liberal movement in California called “#calexit”?

Yes, interest in pushing for California's secession from the United States has increased after Donald Trump won the presidency.

The "Yes California" campaign is backing an independence referendum in support of a constitutional exit of the state from the U.S. In the wake of 60% of the state's voters supporting the presidential loser, Hillary Clinton, the movement is getting renewed interest. The “#calexit” name stems from the successful "brexit" campaign in Britain to leave the European Union.



Don't worry - #CALEXIT will never fly. If it did, the rest of the U.S. would be better off without all of California's problems. Maybe Trump could build a wall around the new Republic of California to keep the illegal immigrants and radical liberals from invading the real United States.

Problem #10 – Homelessness is Out of Control

Here are some statistics and facts showing the huge homelessness problem in the United States and especially in the State of California:

- On any single night in 2016, there are an average of 565,000 people in America experiencing homelessness -- meaning they are sleeping outside or in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program.
- California has the most homeless people with about 120,000 followed by New York with 90,000 and Florida with 36,000.
- The highest rates of homelessness among states are in Hawaii (487 per 100,000), followed by New York (400) and California (370). The lowest homeless counts per capita come in Mississippi (80 per 100,000), Indiana (94) and Kansas (94). There are estimated 7,620 homeless people living on the streets in Hawaii.
- In Metro Honolulu, with a population of less than 400,000, there are nearly 5,000 homeless people.
- Orange County, California; Nassau and Suffolk Counties on New York's Long Island; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Springfield, Massachusetts, all have homeless populations above 3,000.
- While all states have people living in shelters and on the street, overall, more than half of the 565,000 homeless in the U.S. live in just five states:
 - California (120,000 people)
 - New York (90,000)
 - Florida (36,000)
 - Massachusetts (21,000)
 - Texas (20,000)
- In 2016, these 10 U.S. cities had the largest homeless populations:
 - Boston, Massachusetts with 6,500
 - San Jose, California with 6,570
 - San Francisco, California with 6,790
 - Chicago, Illinois with 6,800
 - District of Columbia with 7,300
 - Las Vegas, Nevada with 7,520
 - San Diego, California with 8,750
 - Seattle, Washington with 10,130
 - Los Angeles, California with 47,000
 - New York, New York with 75,330

Okay, I think you already knew there was a huge homelessness problem in the U.S. The following pictures and text help tell the homeless story in California.



Los Angeles recently declared a state of emergency over the city's growing homeless population - up 12% in two years. The City of Angels has another nickname: the homeless capital of America. The heart of this capital is in the shadows, beneath the gleaming skyscrapers, on Skid Row in downtown LA. In this land of glitz and glamour, the forgotten people have made camp.



One tech CEO voiced his frustration over having to deal the homeless in San Francisco. "Working people have earned their right to live in the city. They went out, got an education, work hard, and earned it. We shouldn't have to worry about being accosted. We shouldn't have to see the pain, struggle, and despair of homeless people to and from our way to work every day."



San Diego was the 12th-ranked metro area in 2007, and has steadily made its way up to the No. 4 spot. Working residents believe that most of San Diego's homeless moved here from elsewhere and aren't interested in getting off the streets. One stated, "Smart homeless people are in San Diego or Honolulu, dumb homeless people are on 12-foot snow drifts back east somewhere."



Workers dismantled the nation's largest homeless encampment, notoriously named "The Jungle," in a controversial move that aims to move hundreds of transients from the center of San Jose and find them affordable housing. A year later, the Jungle is fenced off, but thousands of people are still camping out in creek beds and freeway underpasses all over the city.

But wait – it gets worse! Gov. Jerry Brown recently threw his support behind an ambitious \$2-billion plan to build housing for California’s mentally ill homeless population. Under the plan, the state would issue \$2 billion in bonds, which would be repaid over 20 to 30 years with money provided under Proposition 63, the “millionaire’s tax” for mental health services that voters approved in 2004. Proponents said money from the bond, together with federal and local funding, would finance 10,000 to 14,000 new housing units for the state's 120,000 homeless people, an estimated 30% of whom have mental illness. Los Angeles County has the most homeless without shelter in the nation and local officials have made tackling the problem a top priority.

Why is this plan bad you might be asking? Let me explain. Every plan this liberal state government comes up will costs taxpayers a lot of money and not that much good ever seems to get done. In this case, Gov. Brown says the state is going to increase taxes for all the millionaires living in the state of California (for the next 30 years) to pay for this project. Well, most of the non-radical liberal millionaires are in the process of selling their homes, moving their businesses to another state, and packing their bags. California’s debt will go up again and the homeless problem will continue to get worse.

However, other states will be watching what happens in California and hoping this effort succeeds. Because if it does, they can roundup their crazy homeless people and ship them over to California. That would be great for Hawaii – we have a lot of them!

Conclusions and Comments

I did something different for this article. I sent a “draft” copy of this article to four of my friends who live in California and one to a person who used to live in Hawaii and California. I asked them to read the article and send me their comments. This don’t matter, but I think three of these friends are conservatives, one is a liberal, and one is an independent. The one friend who has lived in both Hawaii and California told me that everything I said in the original draft was true and he could not afford to live in Hawaii or California. He moved to a small town in Colorado. However, the four friends that are still living in California told me in a “nice” way that life there was not half as bad as I made it sound in my article. They are living a good life in a beautiful state and I can’t argue with them about that. So, I did modify the article somewhat but I still wanted to point out the biggest problems they have in California. Hey, we have pretty much the same problems in Hawaii and I’m happy here and have no plans to move to Texas.

Even with all these problems, most people living in California are perfectly happy and have no plans of moving. Sure, many people are leaving the state but other people are still coming to California. Same goes for the businesses that are leaving. And as I stated in the first paragraph, “California is a beautiful place with its ocean views, beaches, mountains, and other great things to do and see.” Here are some pictures:



Pacific Ocean Shoreline



Disneyland



San Diego Zoo



Orange County Beaches



Golden Gate Bridge



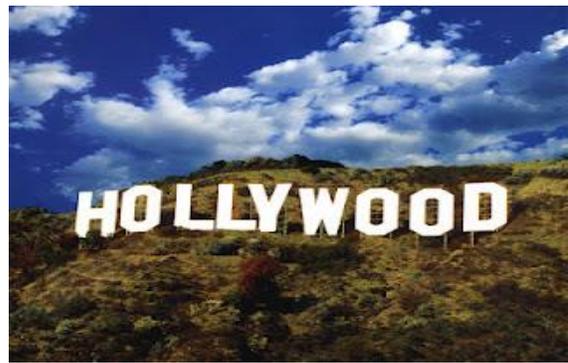
San Jose Wine Country



Lake Tahoe Skiing



Giant Redwoods



Los Angeles Hollywood