

## *Words of wisdom from Theodore Roosevelt:*

**W**e should insist that if the immigrant who comes here does in good faith become an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed or birth-place or origin. But this is predicated upon the man's becoming in very fact an American and nothing but an American. . . . There can be no divided allegiance here. . . . We have



room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization, just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile. . . . We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language . . . and we have room for but one sole loyalty, and that is a loyalty to the American people. (Speech to American Defense Society, 1-3-19)

**W**e should provide for every immigrant, by day-schools for the young and night-schools for the adults, the chance to learn English; and if after, say, five years he has not learned English, he should be sent back to the land from whence he came. . . . (*New York Times*, 9-10-17)

**N**ever under any condition should this Nation look at an immigrant as primarily a labor unit. He should always be looked at primarily as a future citizen . . . (*Kansas City Star*, 12-1-17)

**W**e cannot afford to continue to use hundreds of thousands of immigrants merely as industrial assets while they remain social outcasts and menaces any more than 50 years ago we could afford to keep the black man merely as an industrial asset and not as a human being. . . . We cannot afford the low wage rates and the merely seasonal industries which mean the sacrifice of both individual and family life and morals to the industrial machinery. (Speech to Knights of Columbus, 10-12-15)