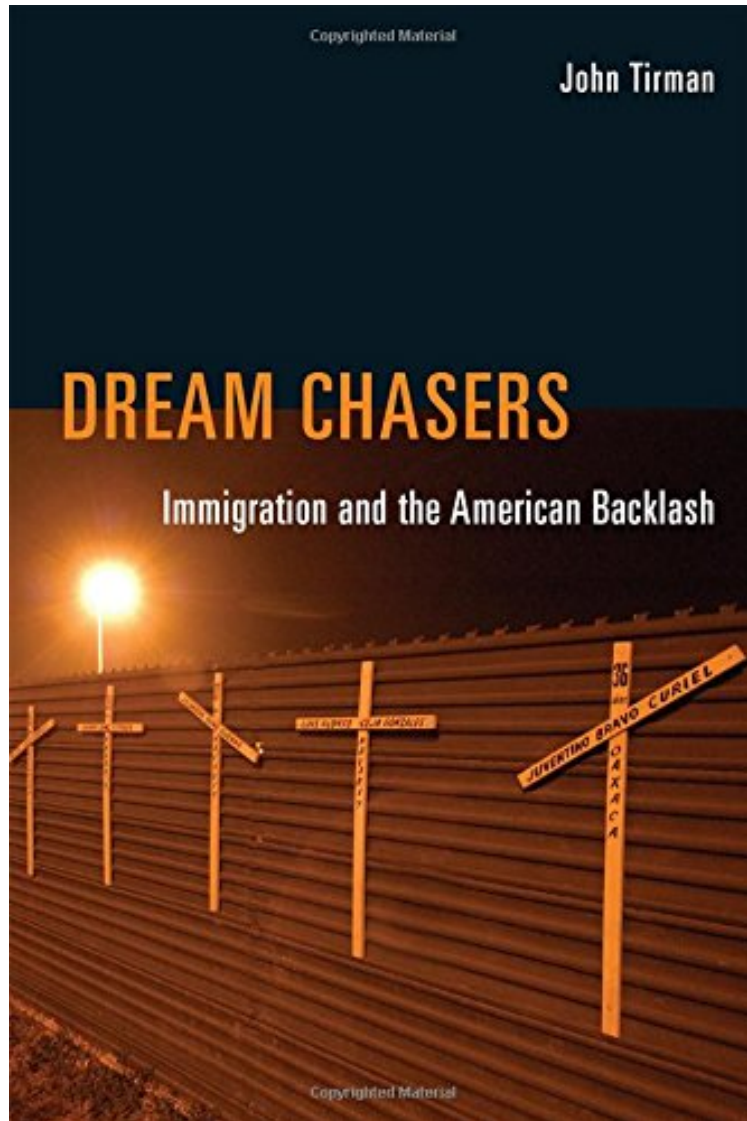


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**John Tirman : Dream Chasers: Immigration and the American Backlash (MIT Press)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dream Chasers: Immigration and the American Backlash (MIT Press):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well written and optimistic of real reform By Raymond E. Schrank II The background for the current political climate relating to Hispanic Immigrants is well written and develops the

narrative that positive reform will come 2 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Sure to be a hit with the academic and political elites who are unconcerned about the demise of the American middle class. By W. Arthur The author clearly needs to come out of his ivory tower at MIT. He seems incredibly out of touch with middle and lower income Americans who are having wages suppressed and a multitude of jobs lost. He gives the same old song and dance about immigrants just doing "farm work and menial jobs that Americans just won't do" He neglects to mention that in 20 years time the vast majority of construction jobs, iron working jobs, road building jobs and many city and state jobs have gone to illegals. When I arrived in the southwest in the late 70's and into the 80's construction jobs paid well and many American workers supported their families with them. A hard working young man could learn a skill and easily make 400.00 to 500.00 take home per week. Those dollars bought 3 to 4 times as much then as they do in today dollars. It was a haven from the dying rust belt. Now illegals make up vast majority of the workers in all phases of construction. If you can't speak Spanish you are at an extreme disadvantage. . The author also seems clueless in regards to the vast amount of taxes Americans are paying for benefits going to these same people. Tax rebates, hospital care, schooling, food stamps, housing subsidies, incarceration expenses, child care programs etc. He seems loaded with fantasy statistics that are contradicted by the verifiable facts, in my opinion. Great book if you're looking to hob knob with the corporate and academic elites, work for La Raza or Meecha or especially play footsie with Jorge Ramos on Univision. American workers know better. I was honestly shocked at just how very out of touch with the the American worker and the present day reality this author was, in my opinion. Sure to be a big hit with the US chamber of crony capitalism and those who want to see their votes become meaningless as their children become strangers and 2nd second class citizens in their own land. Extremely disappointed at the one sided out of touch view of this book.

How the immigration battle plays out in America, from curriculum disputes to federal raids to the civil rights activism of young "Dreamers." Illegal immigration continues to roil American politics. The right-wing media stir up panic over "anchor babies," job stealing, welfare dependence, bilingualism, al-Qaeda terrorists disguised as Latinos, even a conspiracy by Latinos to "retake" the Southwest. State and local governments have passed more than 300 laws that attempt to restrict undocumented immigrants' access to hospitals, schools, food stamps, and driver's licenses. Federal immigration authorities stage factory raids that result in arrests, deportations, and broken families -- and leave owners scrambling to fill suddenly open jobs. The DREAM Act, which would grant permanent residency to high school graduates brought here as minors, is described as "amnesty." And yet polls show that a majority of Americans support some kind of path to citizenship for those here illegally. What is going on? In this book, John Tirman shows how the resistance to immigration in America is more cultural than political. Although cloaked in language about jobs and secure borders, the cultural resistance to immigration expresses a fear that immigrants are changing the dominant white, Protestant, "real American" culture. Tirman describes the "raid mentality" of our response to immigration, which seeks violent solutions for a social phenomenon. He considers the culture clash over Chicano ethnic studies in Tucson, examines the consequences of an immigration raid in New Bedford, and explores the civil rights activism of young "Dreamers." The current "round them up, deport them, militarize the border" approach, Tirman shows, solves nothing.

No book could be more timely. Combining first-hand reporting and nuanced analysis, John Tirman has produced an essential primer that explains immigration in the context of American politics and the global economy. If you read only one book to understand the current immigration debate, *Dream Chasers* is the one. (Derek Shearer, former United States Ambassador to Finland; Chevalier Professor of Diplomacy, Director, McKinnon Center for Global Affairs, Occidental College) Tirman argues that both sides in the immigration debate are 'dream chasers,' driven by contrasting premises of what is just, fair, and legitimate. This original cultural analysis allows him to explain why the debate is so intractable, and why reform opponents are often so mean-spirited, contradicting even their own economic interests. Most crucially, he foretells the calamity to come -- presaged in the fall of 2014 by the second-longest run of civil rights protests in US history -- if we dither much longer in response to the (pro-reform) dreamers' call to action. (Charles R. Hale, Director, LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections, University of Texas at Austin) In John Tirman's lively and fresh scorecard of the eternal immigration game in the United States, it's the 'Dreamers' -- brought faultless as babies two or more decades ago, typically from Mexico and Central America -- who catch the spirit of theory and practice evolving. 'We've paid our way into your schools and workplaces' is their effective line. 'We're harder workers and more zealous communitarians than most of the natives. We're as American as you are, and by now you know it!' (Christopher Lydon, host of Open Source, a broadcast and podcast from WBUR, Boston) *Dream Chasers: Immigration and the American Backlash* bravely wades into the complexities of this mosaic to offer a tessellated, theoretical understanding informed by social science research. Few studies could be more politically timely, as both Democrats and Republicans stake out balkanised positions in which compromise is a fool's dream. (Times Higher Education) Anyone struggling to come to grips with immigration reform will gain insight from this thoughtful book, which sheds light on the nuances about immigration that hide behind the headlines. (Los Angeles Daily Journal) About the Author John Tirman is the author of *The Deaths of Others: The Fate of Civilians in America's Wars*, *100 Ways America is Screwing Up the World*, and other books. He is Executive Director of MIT's Center for

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