

MEMO

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Dear Friends:

For the closing session at the forthcoming Writers' Workshop, I've scheduled the topic of "Breaking Out of the Trench Warfare Stage of the Immigration Reform Battle."

Trench Warfare is perhaps not a bad metaphor for the stage we're in: we gain a little, they gain a little, and neither side comes up with a clear victory. We get faster faxes; they get better e-mail. We place articles, they place articles.

Is there any way out of this box? What will it take to finally turn the tide decisively in our favor? Is it a new set of ideas? Is it a new set of arguments about old ideas? Is it some unforeseen disaster? Would developing a population policy do it? Is it just a question of money? What would we do if we had more money?

We can hope that four or five people will participate. We should leave half of the time allocated for discussion from the floor. So that means short statements by each person — maybe five or six minutes. Hence the need to hone things down to a concise statement of what you think would be most decisive.

Please let me know if you would be willing to participate in this panel.

JHT/nlc