

NUMBERSUSA

NumbersUSA serves as the grassroots mobilization arm of the John Tanton Network. Founded in 1997 under the financial and administrative umbrella of Tanton's U.S., Inc., NumbersUSA eschews overt white nationalist rhetoric strategically focusing instead on emphasizing the alleged negative economic and environmental impacts of immigrants. NumbersUSA legally separated from U.S. Inc. in 2002. Based in Arlington, VA, NumbersUSA presently consists of three legally distinct but intertwined organizations:

- NumbersUSA Education & Research Foundation,
- NumbersUSA Action, Inc.,
- Americans for Better Immigration.

Tanton associate Roy Beck is the executive director of NumbersUSA Education & Research Foundation, NumbersUSA Action, Inc., and chairman of Americans for Better Immigration. Each of these Numbers-related organizations, while primarily web-based, is utilized as a vehicle to mobilize grassroots support for the John Tanton Network.

Roy Beck's ties to Tanton and Tanton-founded anti-immigration groups go back at least to 1991. Tanton hired Beck as a consultant "because of his unique background in environmental reporting, and his understanding of the immigration issue," Tanton wrote in a 1997 memo. At least through the summer 2000 issue, Beck served as editor of John Tanton's *The Social Contract*.

Beck remains a regular contributor to the quarterly white nationalist journal. Current TSCP editor Wayne Lutton has been active with the Council of Conservative Citizens, a documented white supremacist organization. Beck carries his own connections to the white nationalist organization having in 1997 presented his well-known presentation "Immigration by the Numbers" at the Council of Conservative Citizen's National Conference.

In 1998, in a letter obtained by the Center for New Community, Tanton appointed Beck as his "heir apparent" at U.S., Inc. Part of the reason he needed an heir, Tanton told Beck in the letter, is because of "the possibility that I might run for the Senate in the year 2000." From 1994 - 2001, U.S., Inc. paid consulting fees to Roy Beck totaling over \$750,000, according to IRS Form 990s obtained.

In addition to its website, NumbersUSA distributes books, videos, and posters, the majority of which are the work of Beck. One of Roy Beck's books, *Re-Charting America's Future* was published by the white nationalist *The Social Contract Press*. While Beck's extensive writings and speeches contain none of the vulgar race-baiting or rabid xenophobia his unwillingness or inability to publicly break his relationship to the John Tanton Network taints the legitimacy of NumbersUSA.

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