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perhaps irresistible, economic, social, and political pressures that fuel international migration. Controversially, Johnson suggests that open

borders are entirely consistent with efforts to prevent terrorism that have dominated immigration enforcement since the events of September 11, 2001. More liberal migration, he suggests, would allow for full attention to be paid to the true dangers to public safety and national security."-from Amazon.com