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The proposed increase in fees for those applying for US citizenship is the latest in a series of anti-immigrant proposals and a travesty of moral and social justice. The fees are already high, particularly for the majority of the population that is making application. To triple them only constructs a second wall to prevent immigration. And there is no logical reason for this. The agency should be funded by the government in the same way that other government agencies are.

The INS/CIS has long been a broken beaurocratic vehicle, as witnessed by the inordinate length of time applicants must wait to be processed, as witnessed by the newspaper report several years ago of boxes of applications being tossed. Overhaul of this system is long overdue, but not at the expense of those least prepared to pay for it.

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