

# Seize Control of Immigration Policy Now;

## Asian Conservatives

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To the Editor:

I cannot agree more with Samuel G. Freedman's view in "Democrats by Default" (Op-Ed, Oct. 8) that attacks on immigrants hurt the Republicans. Mr. Freedman says Hispanic-American immigrants have exerted a strong socially conservative force in America because of their Roman Catholic and evangelical Protestant backgrounds. As an immigrant from China, I wish to add that Asian-Americans also share many conservative values, largely rooted in Confucian ideology, which places great importance on the family. The teaching "the father disciplines, the mother nurtures" designates parental responsibilities.

Confucianism also teaches that public security and order are the basis for a peaceful existence. Traditional Chinese legal codes dictated that those who kill, die. The death penalty is the ultimate deterrent for violent crime.

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Jersey City, Oct. 9, 1996

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