

Foreign Entrepreneurs as Cover for Subversive Activities

If a hallmark of a society in decay is the degree of honesty in public discourse, then the United States is pretty close to the end of the road. A classic example is the issue of the “foreign entrepreneur”.

What is a foreign entrepreneur? A foreign entrepreneur is an immigrant – a person and his family. So what is a foreign entrepreneur visa? From one point of view, it's a short cut to citizenship with a special visa called the EB-5 and perhaps EB-6 if Senators John Kerry, Dick Lugar and Mark Udall succeed getting their legislation, “The Startup Visa Act of 2011”. It was originally introduced in 2010 but that one didn't make it so they expanded it – and re-introduced it.

[Press Release posted on Senator John Kerry's website](#)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senators John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, along with Senator Mark Udall (D-Colo.), today reintroduced legislation to drive job creation and increase America's global competitiveness by helping immigrant entrepreneurs secure visas to the United States.

The *Startup Visa Act of 2011* will allow an immigrant entrepreneur to receive a two year visa if he or she can show that a qualified U.S. investor is willing to invest in the immigrant's startup venture. And in an expansion from the *Kerry-Lugar Startup Visa Act of 2010*, the pool of eligible immigrants would now include holders of H-1B visas and entrepreneurs living outside the United States with a market presence in the country.

“Every job-creating American business started as an idea in the mind of an entrepreneur. We need to keep and bring more of those ideas to our shores where they can put Americans to work.

“We want to establish a way for the smartest and most entrepreneurial individuals in the world to come to the United States and create jobs. Many are already here studying at our great universities,” said Sen. Lugar. “Helping them stay to invest in their ideas and create jobs benefits all Americans.”

“Our broken immigration system prevents talented entrepreneurs from all over the world from developing ideas that keep America competitive in a global economy. While I believe broader reform of the immigration system is long overdue, this fix is important to ensure we don't unnecessarily hinder the innovators and entrepreneurs who will help drive America's future economy,” said Sen. Udall.

The number of insults in that press release should have been enough to make any good red-blooded American go postal – especially those who received the gut punch of Section 1706 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. But that's another story for another time.

On March 11, 2011 Bloomberg Businessweek “coincidentally” had a story about a couple of Dutch Boyz who supposedly are “entrepreneurs” working on a startup called Newcope in

Mountain View, CA. The title of the article is [Visas for Foreign Entrepreneurs](#) and it's a real tear jerker story about how these young men (27 and 28) came here on tourist visas to start a business to give jobs to the poor, pathetic, stupid Americans. In the interest of honesty, there is a case to be made regarding the stupidity of Americans – but it's on their acceptance of this bullsh*t propaganda and program of subversion thinly veiled as business.

The Bloomberg story had a picture of these foreign movers and shakers. The guy on the right looks like somebody I've seen before... in a gay soft porn advertisement for men's underwear. Maybe it's just the perfect pose.



Stevens and Tegelaar may have to return to the Netherlands this spring Timothy Archibald

According to the article, these two were working on a payment system for online games and their likelihood of success in the Netherlands is close to zero. But... isn't this supposed to be a global economy? Don't they play online games in the Netherlands? Isn't there already an online payment system called Paypal? In fact, every online business that exists on the Internet today has an online payment system so is their idea unique and innovative? And why were they working when they were here on tourist visas? They were breaking the law and that shows a lack of character and integrity.

Apparently, the idea for the EB-6 visa began with Paul Graham, a partner in the Mountain View startup incubator Y Combinator. Startup incubator? What's that you say? Startup incubators are the 'all expenses paid' facilities provided by Vulture Capitalists to alleged entrepreneurs.

The following is from the information page on the Y Combinator website. Highlights added:

[Y Combinator](#)

Y Combinator does seed funding for startups. Seed funding is the earliest stage of venture funding. It pays your expenses while you're getting started.

Some companies may need no more than seed funding. Others will go through several rounds. There is no right answer; how much funding you need depends on the kind of company you start.

At Y Combinator, our goal is to get you through the first phase. This usually means: get you to the point where you've built something impressive enough to raise money on a larger scale. Then we introduce you to later stage investors—or occasionally even acquirers.

All venture investors supply some combination of money and help. **In our case the money is by far the smaller component. In fact, many of the startups we fund don't need the money. We think of the money we invest as more like financial aid in college: it's so people who do need the money can pay their living expenses while Y Combinator is happening.**

The questions at this stage range from apparently minor (what to call the company) to frighteningly ambitious (the long-term plan for world domination). Over the course of three months we usually manage to help founders come up with initial answers to all of them.

The second most important thing we do is help founders deal with investors and acquirers. Yes, we make introductions, but that part is easy. **We spend much more time teaching founders how to pitch their startups, and how to close a deal once they've generated interest. In the second phase we supply not just advice but protection;** people are more likely to treat you well if you come from YC, because how they treat you determines whether in the future we'll steer deals toward or away from them.

We also get the startups we fund incorporated properly with all the right paperwork, avoiding legal time-bombs that could kill them later. We introduce founders to lawyers who will often, because of the YC connection, agree to defer payment for legal work. We regularly help startups find and hire their first employees. We advise about what to patent, and when. One of the least publicized things we do, for obvious reasons, is mediate disputes between founders. No startup thinks they're going to need that, but most do at some point.

Forbes Magazine published an article titled, [Despite Y Combinator Growth, Paul Graham Still Coding](#). They called him an "Angel Investor" and if that isn't an oxymoron, I don't know what is:

Despite the growth of the program, during the start-up pitches Y Combinator co-founder Paul Graham was sitting at a computer doing what he knows best: coding.

Graham writes the code for Y Combinator-related tools, from [Hacker News](#), Y Combinator's user-generated news site, to the firm's application site for its program.

When you boil it all down, the only thing the Dutch Boyz have is the ability to write programs for computers (maybe). That's it. That's all. No different than the employees of any firm in America that writes and sells software either for sale or for use within the firm. In other words, these foreign "entrepreneurs" have to be fronts for some other purpose

because none of the rest of the story makes sense from a true business point of view. In the real world, Venture Capitalists will provide capital to people who are already proven businessmen but they take a pound of flesh for doing it. Those businessmen hire talent like the Dutch Boyz... they don't fund them for startups despite what the marketing propaganda says. So what is this whole scheme of small business incubators, Angel Investors, and phony foreign entrepreneurs really about? Perhaps this article on the Wall Street Journal website gives a clue:

[Y Combinator's Newest Start-Ups Riding High On Demo Day](#)

Fresh off an injection of capital from Russian investor Yuri Milner and SV Angel's Start Fund, incubator Y Combinator held its Demo Day for new start-ups—and the funding appears to have given the start-ups a jolt of confidence, not to mention increased leverage when dealing with would-be investors.

So we have foreign investors providing capital for foreign entrepreneurs who aren't really. We have an American providing the American face lobbying Congress for more and easier entry for foreigners to start businesses to "create jobs" for the American people.

In an honest world, what Paul Graham is doing and the media coverage of it would be called subversive activities. If this was the only story I'd seen and it was all I knew, I wouldn't say that, but there is a system of subversion with the funders of it coming from Russia, Communist China, India and other places. In fact, it seems very much like a strategy for covert foreign occupation. It was a stroke of brilliance to wage war in the civilian arena within the context of "just business" because in a supposedly capitalist country, the only thing that matters is money and all other values come in second – except for honesty which doesn't even make it on the list.

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Additional Reading:

[CU, other Colorado colleges aggressively courting foreign students](#)