



# Pulling the Curtain Back on FAIR

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The **Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)** is the most influential anti-immigrant group in the country today. From September 14-16, 2009, FAIR will host its annual “Hold Their Feet to the Fire” conference, to broadcast its dangerously xenophobic message to Congressional Representatives and the American public.

Relying on FAIR as a source of information on immigration issues gives legitimacy to a group that:

- Accepted over a million dollars from The Pioneer Fund, a group that promotes the study of eugenics.
- Has as its founder John Tanton, the driving force behind the modern anti-immigrant movement. Tanton, who remains on FAIR’s Board of Directors, argued that if the borders are not secured, America will be overrun by people “defecating and creating garbage and looking for jobs.”
- Has on its National Board of Advisors an editor of VDare, a Web site that features the work of well-known racists and anti-Semites.
- Hired as a Field Representative a woman who engaged in vigilante patrols of the Mexican-American border and founded her own anti-immigrant “Minuteman” group.
- Creates proxy groups that publicly demonize and target Latino immigrants.
- Employed, for a time, the leader of a xenophobic group who has advocated violence as “a legitimate means to an end” with regard to anti-immigrant activism.
- Joined coalition groups that have produced print, radio, and TV ads with the express purpose of demonizing immigrants.
- For more information: [http://www.adl.org/Civil\\_Rights/anti\\_immigrant/fair.asp](http://www.adl.org/Civil_Rights/anti_immigrant/fair.asp)

**FAIR claims that it is mainstream.  
Its record says otherwise.**

