AMERICAN PLATFORMS
1.—Repeal of all Naturalization Laws.
2.—None but NATIVE AMERICANS for Office.
3.—A pure American Common School System.
4.—War to the hilt, on Romanism.
5.—Opposition, first and last, to the formation of Military Companies composed of foreigners.
6.—The advocacy of a sound, healthy, and safe Nationality.
7.—Hostility to all Papal Influences, in whatever form, and under whatever name.
8.—American Institutions and American Sentiments.
9.—More stringent and effective Emigration Laws.
10.—The amplest Protection to Protestant Interests.
11.—The doctrines of the revered WASHINGTON and his compatriots.
12.—The sending back of all Foreign Paupers landed on our shores.
13.—The formation of Societies to protect all American Interests.
14.—Eternal enmity to all who attempts to carry out the principles of a foreign Church or State.
15.—Our Country, our whole Country, and nothing but our country.
16.—And finally,—American Laws and American Legislation, and Death to all Foreign Influences, whether in high places or low!

Naturalization Laws
This is our point: ENTIRE AND UNCONDITIONAL REPEAL. Nothing short of this must be advocated or listened to by Native Americans. Half and half doctrines are fatal. Milk-and-water compromises will never do. We must plant ourselves on solid, massive, immovable ground. 'REPEAL' must be written in gigantic letters on all our banners. It is what we owe to our country to do. There is no dodging the issue. The Naturalization Laws must be repealed.

Some one—some man who lacks patriotism, nationality, and all that is great and good as an American—asks, perhaps, why? We answer,
1st. Because we cannot preserve our nationality without it. When the hordes of other lands are permitted to come here, as is the case daily; when ignorance, poverty, crime is allowed to land upon our shores and be transformed, hardly without ceremony, and with no time to learn the nature of our institutions, into what is called the 'American' citizens—when these things are done, it is time that good men lifted their arms and sounded their voices against the abomination.

2nd. Because it is unjust to the Republic. No man has a right to perform an act of injustice to a nation. We care not whether the offense is defined in a written law, or not. There is a right and a wrong in this as in other matters. Every man of intelligence must understand it. Making citizens of such stuff as too often seeks our land is an injustice, the grossness of which can hardly be described. It should no longer be tolerated. The laws which permit the crime should at once be abolished.

3rd. Because it is every day weakening the strength, and destroying the character of the country. America can only be America by keeping it American. Its halls of legislation must reflect American sentiment, uttered by American tongues. There is no avoiding this position. Americans must fill our offices, great and small. To do this we must cut off all change of foreigners getting such. How? By repealing Naturalization Laws—by saying to foreigners, 'Gentlemen, you are welcome to live in our country if you conduct yourself in a worthy manner, but you must have no offices. This is our land. We own it. We mean to take care of it. If you don't like things as you find them, you can leave. We only demand in this country what we should expect in yours.'

4th. Because these laws have already produced an immense amount of evil, political, social, moral and religious. Had we never had Naturalization laws—and no country should ever have them—our country would have possessed a hundred-fold the strength, efficiency, political pursuits and symmetrical stature it now does. It has been the deadliest, most sad and ruinous course that has ever afflicted the nation. It has opened the flood-gates of poison, and through its moral and political St. Lawrences, Aroostooks, Potomacs, Ohios, Mississippis and Rio Grandes is spreading disease and death in every direction. Never, never can this be stopped—never can the nation become healthy and strong—until the means which permits this greatest and most gigantic of misfortunes is done away with. The stream at the fountain must be made pure, or the branches will run pollution.
5th. Because it is an immense wrong to have such laws. Even allowing that the tide of emigration to this country was made up mostly of intelligent, decent, patriotic men and women, the case would not be changed. To grant such full citizenship—to clothe them with the full power of the American—would be a gross wrong, a violation of all common sense and common justice. How much more is the case when ignorance, crime, poverty, all manner of baseness—when traitors, ruffians, moral, political, civil murderers—are granted this same citizenship, which is done by the fifties and hundreds every day in this city of Boston, and in almost every part of the land. The first path that is trodden from the ship's deck is often to the office where this legalized crime, in the shape of Naturalization, is performed. Do any wonder why Americans desire these enormities to be abolished? Do any wonder why a just patriotism and a lofty principle execrates the monsters who are engaged in this crime?

6th. Because we are false to the Republic if we fail to effect this repeal. We must either go for it, and be on the side of the Republic, or go against it and oppose the Republic. The point is clear as sunlight. No man can sustain the present Naturalization laws and be a friend of the Republic. It is an impossible thing. It is only by still more Americanizing America—Americanizing its sentiment, institutions, genius, native masses—that our mission and destiny can be achieved. Depend upon it that the initial step to this is a THOROUGH, UNCONDITIONAL REPEAL OF ALL NATURALIZATION LAWS.