

Illegal immigration costs American jobs?

Commentary about the immigration debate

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Jeff Lamberti claims in his attack on Rep. Leonard Boswell that illegal immigration costs “Iowans jobs”. This is almost complete crap. I worked in an IBP plant, and no one there was losing jobs to illegal immigrants even though there were some there. I did not see a long line at the personnel door for IBP jobs by Americans. People lost their jobs there because they could not do the job, did not do the job, did not want to do the job, or the company moved the plant somewhere overseas or to the south.

I agree that immigration should be done legally and those crossing should do so legally. If I immigrate to Canada, I have to go through a naturalization process there and so should people coming here. The current process is unsafe from the perspective that there are people willing to kill Americans or destroy American cities that may use the loose border arrangements to their advantage.

Isn't it flattering that people are trying to get into America still after all of the rhetoric against her? That should give a bit of pride that some people still look for a promise that is America. These people are doing what they need to do to survive and make a better life for their children. How American is that?

What is costing Iowans jobs, however, is outsourcing and off-shoring. Maytag, Rubbermaid, and Electrolux recently closed plants because of outsourcing, downsizing and off-shoring labor to other countries not because Mexicans are hiding in moving vans to cross the southern border. This had nothing to do with illegal immigration, but off-shoring has tax incentives and labor cost reductions for companies. Yet, the people responsible for these plant closings want you to believe that illegal aliens had everything to do with it.

Is it not ironic that Maytag management heavily funded Nussle, Lamberti and the GOP coffers?

People want to complain about public money going to illegal aliens for things like health care when those who are complaining are also purposely dodge paying taxes or demanding tax subsidies. Seems kind of childish and selfish to point fingers at someone for doing something that they are doing as well.

A heinous disguise?

Why do we need to gate the land of the free? To keep *THOSE* people out of the country club? If bigoted anti-immigration people had their way, no Mexican-American would be in the U.S. legally or illegally regardless of the contribution to society.

The fact is this whole immigration debate is a heinous disguise for government-endorsed RACISM and class warfare. People do not want to admit that, in fact, racism and class warfare still exists. Katrina was a stark reminder that such struggle does exist. The essential arguments of illegal immigration are that Hispanics do not “look” like Americans, do not speak the English, and accompanied with a ridiculous notion that they are planning to take over America (or return conquered territory to Mexico). These preposterous suppositions are bogus and hide the ugly reality of racism, class struggle and resistance to change.

The fact remains that some American companies like Hormel and IBP encourage illegal immigration. Furthermore, there is fear and a desire to secure power within the hands of those whom currently hold it. (Fear of losing power is inherent to having power.) Corporations are getting away with rampant disregard for labor laws and environmental regulations and getting tax incentives for it, while the American worker

suffers. What is so remarkable about the argument is that these corporations' profit and enterprise is coined as the "cornerstone of the American way". American workers can busy themselves with pointless debate about immigration while corporations and elites walk away with the treasury.

Roll over America and let them stick you one more time and BS you with the notion that it is somebody else's fault like some poor Mexican crossing the border.

Business happens!

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