



## **Questionable study**

The recent letter to the editor by James Simmons, Sr. reported on a study by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) regarding the use of welfare programs by immigrants, either legal or illegal. The CIS has a well documented bias towards immigrants, and an even better documented history of producing studies that rely on cherry-picked data, use of biased methodology, data manipulation, and questionable logic. Groups who have criticized CIS findings include the libertarian CATO Institute and the liberal Southern Poverty Law Center.

The CIS position regarding immigration is that we should allow no immigration at all. Their “findings” in their studies will always support that express agenda. For the current “study” part (but not all) of the criticism of their research methods is they compared all immigrants, who tend to live in low-income households, to all non-immigrant (native) households, regardless of whether they are low-income or high-income.

Because U.S. businesses rely on undocumented aliens for cheap labor, and because most business people vote Republican, you will never see immigration reform which addresses the CIS agenda. Basically, people hiding from the government will work a lot cheaper than people with basic civil rights guaranteed by legal status.