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Just typical corporate media propaganda

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The Chico E-R Aug. 31 editorial “California takes hit in another type of ranking” is classic corporate media propaganda. They want you to believe that labor law (without right to work) , high minimum wage, strict workers’ compensation mandates, disability insurance mandates and stricter-than-federal-discrimination-laws” have hurt business in California.

How then is it possible that California just passed France as the sixth largest economy in the world? How did the United States have such a thriving economy in the ’40s through the ’60s with rules and regulations like: tariffs, which protected workers’ wages from being undercut; fair trade laws, which protected business from dumping low costs goods produced by low wage foreign workers; unionization, paying workers a living wage; high taxes, when the top tax rate was 91 percent, compared to 39.5 percent today.

The answer is, it’s simply not true. Regulations make the employers treat their employees better, forcing them to share the wealth. The California and United States examples are clear proof.

A propaganda effort has been underway for decades promoting “free market capitalism.” We are bombarded each day with phrases like “job killing” regulations, which is how propaganda works. You repeat things enough and people start to believe it’s true.

The E-R quotes The Cato Institute and Milton Friedman, who promote this idea, an idea that obviously hasn’t and doesn’t work. Their idea only works for the very wealthy. But of course that’s who they work for.