



Lack of credibility

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Re: Jay Ambrose's column Dec. 28, "Border wall deserves fair debate":

A fair debate should be based on facts. Unfortunately, Jay Ambrose chose his "facts" from the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS). The Southern Poverty Law Center has labeled the CIS as an anti-immigrant hate group, stating, "CIS reports have been widely criticized and debunked by groups such as the Immigration Policy Center and the CATO Institute."

The Law Center quoted former Rep. Luis Gutiérrez, D-Illinois, talking about CIS to Univision: "Their research is always questionable because they torture the data to make it arrive at the conclusion they desire, which is that immigrants are criminals and a burden on the U.S. and our economy. It is the worst kind of deception, but politicians, the conservative media and some Americans eat it up because it always looks somewhat legitimate at first glance."

I want to write off Jay Ambrose's credibility when I see him using the Center for Immigration Studies as one of his guiding references.