



Be informed, not uninformed

Bill Cohen

February 18, 2022

On Sept. 23, 2021, David J. Bier in the online blog “Cato at Liberty” which is published by the Cato Institute wrote: “Practically since his first week in office, President Joe Biden has faced repeated criticisms from Republicans and some Democrats that his border policy amounts to ‘open borders.’

“This criticism is not simply inaccurate: it is unhinged from reality in a way that distinguishes itself from normal political hyperbole. Indeed, U.S. immigration policy is effectively closed borders, and Biden’s immigration policies and goals are largely the same as those of President Donald Trump.”

The Cato Institute is recognized as the leading libertarian think tank in the United States. As such, it is surprising that we see a significant number of letters published in the Chronicle from our conservative neighbors in Citrus County declaring that Joe Biden has absolutely opened all the US borders.

In fact, in a letter printed Feb. 12 declared that President Biden purposely opened the borders to allow outsiders to invade the United States. I am sure that if there was a kernel of truth to that charge, the letter writer would have directed us to an actual news report.

When we are following Thomas Jefferson's sage advice of informing our neighbors, we should stay within the boundaries of documented, sensible information and not stray into areas that are described as "unhinged from reality" by Mr. Bier and the Cato Institute.