



Democrats are curbing immigration

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According to an article about immigration (Sept. 19 Tribune), “[Republican Sen. Ron] Johnson has become a loud advocate for securing the border first and worrying about those already here later.” And while the number of Mexicans crossing the border illegally continues to decline, Republican Donald Trump speaks at length about building a wall there. Is this border fixation the most effective response to illegal immigration? Can we trust Republicans to limit illegal immigration using the most efficient means possible?

We have continually strengthened border security since 2008 and should continue to do so. The Obama administration also has strengthened enforcement of laws against illegal immigration. According to the Cato Institute, the rate of deportations from the interior of the United States (in places like Wisconsin) has increased. In addition, the enforcement of immigration laws against employers has risen. Comparing Obama’s administration to George W. Bush’s, there have been more than 15 times as many fines and more than eight times as many arrests for employers in violation of immigration laws.

Republicans have not had the courage to admit that Obama’s focus on enforcement is effective. Johnson, for example, talks tough but fails to discuss prosecution of employers who break immigration laws. Democrats and Republicans alike should look at Obama’s enforcement policies and suggest cost-effective enhancements. With immigration issues in mind, I suggest voting for Democrats Hillary Clinton, Russ Feingold and Ron Kind. We can trust them to follow Obama’s policies, which put teeth into curbing illegal immigration at the border and beyond.