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Study: Amnesty would boost U.S. economy

January 7th, 2010, 8:52 am · 265 Comments · posted by [Dena Bunis](#), Washington Bureau Chief



A new report by a researcher at UCLA finds that a comprehensive immigration reform legislation that legalized undocumented immigrants would add \$1.5 trillion to the nation's economy over a decade.

"We need to reboot so that we create an economic powerhouse from immigration," said **Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda**, a Chicana and Chicano studies professor at UCLA. Hinojosa-Ojeda's findings were the focus of a news conference at the Center for American Progress, a Washington, D.C. think tank that favors comprehensive immigration reform. [Click here to read the report.](#) It was co-sponsored by the Immigration Policy Center.

Hinojosa-Ojeda said he based his findings on Labor Department data from the 1986 amnesty. He said that non-immigrant and immigrant workers saw a 15 to 20 percent increase in wages after the 1986 amnesty. And that was coupled with a major drop-off in illegal immigrants crossing the border, meaning the government had to spend less to apprehend illegal crossers.

Critics of any legalization plan insist that particularly at a time of high U.S. unemployment such a plan would hurt native born workers.

The report also says that a mass deportation would cost the U.S. \$2.6 trillion. Those opposed to comprehensive reform say such data is misleading because they are not calling for such a strategy. Many opponents of legalization say good workplace enforcement would dry up jobs for illegal immigrants and lead them to self-deport. The Center for American Progress billed this morning's press conference as "left meets right" in an attempt to show a bipartisan support for comprehensive immigration reform.

Dan Griswold, trade policy expert at the Cato Institute, a D.C. Libertarian think tank, agreed with the studies findings. Cato has traditionally supported a liberal immigration policy.

"A policy of enforcement only is a policy of failure," said Griswold. He said a Cato study of this issue showed that U.S. households would be \$180 billion better off if comprehensive immigration included a legalization plan and a new guest worker program.

The one bill introduced so far that would legalize estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants here does not include a temporary worker program, something that

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organized labor has campaigned against.

That's likely to be a big flash point in any debate. Sen. **John McCain**, who has historically supported broad reform – and in 2006 co-authored with the late Sen.

Edward Kennedy a comprehensive immigration bill –, has said he won't support any measure that doesn't include a guest worker plan.

The **bill unveiled last month** by Rep. **Luis Gutierrez**, D-Ill., instead includes an interim program for more visas for workers while a commission determines the nation's future labor needs.

It's expected that Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who chairs the Senate's immigration subcommittee, will introduce his measure in the coming weeks. The Senate is expected to act first on this issue. When and if lawmakers will seriously consider legalization plan this year is still unclear.

Hinojosa-Ojeda said that legalization in 1986 "created a stimulus for economic recover."

And Griswold said that now would be a perfect time to pass a sweeping bill because the current unemployment has lowered the number of illegal immigrants coming here and some who have been unable to find jobs have gone home.

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freedom.is.dead says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:16 am

I agree. Caucasian Americans are lazy, rich, spoiled people these days. I'm white, and I say give it all back to Mexico! White Americans are traitors. We only kiss butt to every other culture but ours. We killed it...by by USA

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Remmy700p says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:08 am

Smart post. You are a certified numbnuts.

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DISCO says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:26 am

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Seriously, I work, scrape by, and pay my taxes. Yet despite living in So Cal my entire life I am being denied resident tuition for being the "wrong color". I am sure a professor of Hispanic studies would be completely unbiased in writing a report like this, let me know when the IRS or welfare agencies print their rebuttal. I have no Idea why we treat criminals who broke the law when entering this country (Illegals are now called "undocumented") are extend more benefits and receive the same constitutional protections as the taxpayers like us who pay the bill.

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dennisintustin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:37 am

Reply to freedom.is.dead

As much as dislike what you say, intellectually I have to agree with much of what you say. Most guilty is the white male (the impotent creature he has become) just stood-by and watched (and sometimes participated) in affirmative action, political correctness, and cultural giveaway. Yes! we deserve to lose what we have gained. Bye Bye is right on!

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Dina says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:52 am

oooo. hate speech

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Ed says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:55 am

OOOO, essay Dina.....es SPEECH. No es "speach."

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Southoc says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:23 am

it difficult when your using a phone to type



UglyinLA says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:59 am

Hold off on health care reform because Raul Hinojosa has the solution

If Raul Hinojosa thinks all the illegals in this country would add \$1.5 trillion to the nation's economy, then here's a novel idea that solves almost all of our national problems.

We know that Mexicans sneak into the US because the Mexican economy sucks. If we deport every illegal to Mexico, it will add \$1.5 trillion to that nation's economy. The Mexican economy will flourish and they can stay in their own country. Sweet !!

We help Mexico to the tune of \$1.5 trillion and we solve our unemployment problem and our runaway health care cost all at the same time. Its a WIN-WIN !!!!

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alterego58 says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:44 pm

Very good observation, UglyinLA.

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Ken Hunter says:

January 7, 2010 at 3:07 pm

Finally, someone has figured it out!

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Jose says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:17 am

This study has NO merit what so ever!!

No Way!!! I never sending my kids to UCLA based on this crap. If they do choose to



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go to UCLA, they will definitely pay for themselves.

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oldski says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:17 am

Question: if there was "a major drop-off in illegal immigrants crossing the border" after the 1986 amnesty, why are there now 12-20 million more illegals in our country? Riddle me that , Batman !

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Rob says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:00 am

Because shortly thereafter we passed NAFTA– which exponentially increased the flow of immigration to the US. Remember, NAFTA opened up new markets for the US across North America. The problem with it is this: the US also subsidizes our agricultural industry to the tune of billions of dollars/year so that our exports are cheap when they hit foreign markets. What that essentially did was put a lot of farmers in other counties (say Mexico, Central America) out of work as they couldn't compete with the flood of cheap US imports/agriculture. The farmer who was barely making ends meet pre-NAFTA was now forced to close up shop and move. So being out of work with no hope of competing against the highly-subsidized US imports, they migrated north to the US, where all of their capital is being taken. Quite simply, they're following the flow of the money.

I think that answers your question. Look up the correlation between immigration to the US and NAFTA.

If you want to fix immigration, you have to fix "Free Trade."

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:21 pm

Rob,

Excellent post!

I did not know there was any correlation with US farm subsidies.

Thanks.

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ThisAmerican says:

January 7, 2010 at 3:46 pm

There you go, Oldski...sadly the number is closer to 38 million, up from the 3 million who received "amnesty" in 1986. They breed like rabbits because each "citizen" child brings in approximately \$10k more a year. The 1986 Amnesty proved that they refuse to assimilate, speak English or pay taxes. This idiot is most likely an anchor baby, himself. I always ask them, WHEN you "take over" WHO will pay your welfare bills? I never get an answer. I say cut benefits of ANY kind to any illegal or their offspring and see how quickly they self deport.

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CM says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:23 am

"Chicana and Chicano studies professor at UCLA" hmm, I wonder if there is any bias there?????

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Dan says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:24 am

What a heap of steaming horse crap. Get the illegals and their anchor babies out. Vote these pro-amnesty morons like the Sanchez sisters out of office.

If they try to steamroll this amnesty through, we need to take the constitution into our own hands.

A government by the people, of the people and for the people!

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:56 am

The so called "anchor babies" to whom you refer are just as much legal American citizens as you are,so there will be no deporting them.

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Remmy700p says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:09 am

Uh, no, they're not.

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:15 am

Check the law,ignorant one.



Bike Fixer says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:11 am

Yeah unfortunately they are



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:21 pm

Yep Remmy,
You're wrong.



Dina says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:53 am

they are the product of criminal reproduction. I know the truth is ugly

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ThisAmerican says:

January 7, 2010 at 3:54 pm

NO they are not, Mensarino. The 14th Amendment states those born in the US and UNDER THE JURISDICTION thereof are American citizens...those born to illegal aliens who are NOT under the jurisdiction of the US, by virtue of the fact that they are breaking the laws of that jurisdiction, are also NON citizens. Strict interpretation of the 14th strips ALL illegals and their offspring of citizenship, period.

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:49 pm

Would you like to make a significant wager as to whether or not they are citizens of the U.S.?I'll bet you and give you 10 to 1 odds that anchor babies are citizens.Bet if you dare.



Joe says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:45 pm

Oh geez. Get an education.

If these children weren't under the jurisdiction of the US, that would mean they could kill people without fear of punishment, since the laws of the US would not apply to them.

That is obviously not the case. Ergo, these children are under the jurisdiction of the US.

Ergo, they are US citizens by virtue of the 14th Amendment. Case closed. End of story.



oldski says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:12 pm

mensarino, you are correct in the strict legal sense with regard to their citizenship, at least until they US Supreme Court reviews again the 14th Amendment with a view to intent of the amendment. However, both common law and statute law say fruits of a crime are contraband, not the legal property of the person holding them. When a bank

robber is caught does his family get to keep the stolen loot?

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:31 pm

oldski—You are certainly smart enough to know that in the unlikely event the court reversed itself on the anchor babies, the new law would not be retroactive. Therefore my statement before is true that those anchor babies are just as much legitimate and lawful citizens as any other.



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:33 pm

I highly doubt the 14th Amendment will be changed by the Supreme Court. However, it does need to be amended. It is not right that a child of someone who is not a resident be given automatic citizenship... Provided the child can acquire citizenship of the parent's country when they return. If the child can not, then we should be obliged to extend citizenship here. It would be interesting what the Cuban community would think of this for children of people who escaped Communism.
But, you must understand that changing the 14th would also mean we would likely drop the naturalization requirement for the Presidency. Citizenship should not have degrees of benefits, which would be likely when an anchor baby returns to his/her home country to claim citizenship. We would need to set an example with any changes we make.



John says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:24 am

Oh GOSH! This is never going to work! Look where we are at now!! AND they want to bring in more illegals!!!! GOD HELP U.S.A !!!

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I love Southern California says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:32 am

What are you talking about, the only thing illegals work in are low paying jobs, you should know, they work minimum wage. Most Americans would NEVER work for minimum wage unless they are teenagers working at McDonald. They dont even take any good jobs, so quit whining.

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Southoc says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:24 am

Uh we need those jobs back now.

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realist says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:28 am

All you need to know about the studies validity and integrity is this....
Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda, a Chicana and Chicano studies professor at UC Los Angeles.
I mean is there any other conclusion a guy with this credential could have come up?

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Disgusted says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:33 am

Amen to that one, by the name only one could see how this would come out.

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OC CPA dude says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:59 am

But a study provided by the Minutemen or any other right wing group should be trusted?

I agree that the source of information needs to be scrutinized, but most in Orange County gladly drink down any BS played on Fox News.

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Rob says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:08 am

Realist:

Here's a concept for you: How about you read the report FIRST and check the facts before you discredit it on the basis of who wrote it. Unlike your baseless opinions, professors are held to a higher standard of fact checking. Sorry if facts get in the way of your story.

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Remmy700p says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:11 am

Yeah, right. No professor has EVER been found to have falsified and/or allowed a personal bias to pollute the "findings" of his research!

Grow up.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:35 pm

So that is your reason for not reading? Pretty lame.



chuckconners says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:41 am

Like uh, global warming?

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JusSayin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:31 am

realist.....you said it all. We can't take this crap seriously

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Bike Fixer says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:28 am

Outrageous

"The bill unveiled last month by Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., instead includes an interim program for more visas for workers while a commission determines the nation's future labor needs."

FUTURE LABOR NEEDS?!?!?!?

We have RAMPANT unemployment right now I fail to see how we need MORE people in the unemployed workforce..

They want to come here fine... Do it LEGALLY

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I love Southern California says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:38 am

I hate when people complain about this causing more unemployment for americans, but my question is, how? Illegals only take minimum wage jobs, when was the last time you saw an illegal CEO?

Grow up!!!

Its not their problems if you or your kids don't want to take minimum wage jobs, and then complain that some illegal took it, well you know what blank yourself, that's your problem.

So please we all know Americans don't like minimum wage jobs unless you are a teenager working in McDonald's.

Try beating this argument Fox news watchers.

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Interesting! says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:49 am

ILLEGALS ONLY TAKE MINIMUM WAGE? Are you even working right now? I have friends that were International students, college graduate with GPA >3.5 and

ILLEGAL. I can guarantee they are not targeting Mc Donald's minimum wage job.

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JusSayin says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:23 pm

I agree, it amazes me how many people think illegals only work in fast food, nannies and gardeners. My best guess is construction is hit hardest, scarily some work as electricians under some one's license. You couldn't get an illegal nanny by hiring through an agency. A lot of gardener businesses are owned by legal latino citizens so they are hit hard by the illegal undercutting them. Many hold government job and government contracted jobs.,E-Verify is checking government and government contracted jobs now



Bike Fixer says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:53 am

SERIOUSLY?!?!? SoCal

They take warehouse jobs and plenty of other unskilled jobs that plenty of people here would love to be able to get if they were available.

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Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:39 am

There's plenty of warehouse jobs out there. Check Craigslist.



Bike Fixer says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:55 am

Anyway skilled or unskilled

I don't mind they want to come here but do it LEGALLY like any of my friends from Mexico or anywhere else did. and learn F*%&ing English while they're at it.....

like my grandparents did

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Flowergirl says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:44 pm

Lucifer flowers, I guess the fact that I am a social worker and have been for 10 years make what I'm writing not speculation. As an American citizen they are automatically able to receive all benefits that are offered to any American citizen. You don't become a half a American, its all or nothing. If your over 65 and become a citizen of the US, you are eligible for Social Security even if you never paid a cent into it.

Lucifer I appreciate the fact that you are posting but make sure you have the education or the experience behind you before you make half a\$\$ statements. I would never speculate on a topic this sensitive, and I'm not against immigration but I am against a massive amnesty when our economy is already collapsing under the weight of people who can't support themselves or their families.



DavidB says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:07 am

Love your broad brush approach and name calling, really solidifies and strengthens your argument.

When I can move to Mexico, anytime I want, buy property anywhere I want, and avail myself of government funded services without paying taxes on a portion of my income, then you may have a basis for your garbage.

The reality is illegals immigrants are a burden on the overall economy, consider the everything and not just your narrow viewpoint. Let's consider the small number of illegals that are criminals and come to this country and vitimize people, how much does that cost us? Consider the numbers sitting in prisons and jails, what does that cost us? Consider the living conditions in some neighborhoods and home (illegal immigrant crash houses), what does this cost us in health and other cost associated with cleaning these types of messes up.

Your argument is without basis, there are quite a few young people that apply for these low income jobs, the reality is many can not get them now because they are taken by illegals using illegals papers.

You should try a different brand of that kool aid you are drinking.

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fred says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:11 am

Hey those jobs they took were once high paying jobs, Regan broke the union .look at most of the crap houses being build you live in, chep cheap but cost lots lots it was made from cheap labor from a contractor that sold out the good USA damn greed wins again USA sold out for cheap labor your job will be next

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Flowergirl says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:31 am

When illegals become legal, they won't work a minimum wage job since they can apply for welfare. What most of you don't realize a family of 4 makes more money with welfare, food stamps, medical and other services provided by the tax payers of CA. So why would these people continue to work a job at 7.75 hr when they can go on welfare and still work there under the table job. At that point no only are they still not paying taxes but they are draining CA resources.

This isn't from fox new is this from working as a social worker and seeing most of our welfare people are doing this. When confronted they just quit there jobs and stay on welfare.

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Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:36 am

Feel free to post evidence that once a person becomes an America citizen, they automatically stand in line to receive welfare.

That's mere speculation.



JohnB says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:31 am

If this is true, wry not just get rid of the border!!! YEAH, we could make trillions and trillions,based on this idiot report.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:31 am

See, I knew the OCR would eventually come out with this manure during amnesty season. It was inevitable. NEVER has the OCR been a voice for the large majority in OC who vehemently oppose amnesty and illegal immigration. NEVER has the OCR EVER done an investigative report on the DAMAGE sustained on our community via illegal immigration (ie. \$10-\$13 billion annual tax expenditure, community blight, crowded ER's, crime, 25% jail space for illegals, driving w/o car insurance and ruining accident victim's financial solvency, dumbing down of education with ESL and slow, apathetic learners. HEY, IF ILLEGALS WERE A BOON FOR THE ECONOMY SANTA ANA WOULD BE THE PRIZE OF ORANGE COUNTY, WOULDNT IT??? Does UC Los Angeles really thinks the citizens are this stupid??? And why would the OCR print such trash in the first place??? Why??? Because Dena, you folks are in the back pockets of big money who make tons of loot off lower wages and slave labor. The fact that you ONLY print ONE SIDE OF THE STORY tells all of us that you really have no journalistic ethics. You speak for ONLY THE LAWBREAKERS - not for the law-abiding citizens who lives have been negatively effected by the indigent peasants that Mexico encourages to invade our nation and leech off the taxpayer. How could someone making \$8/hr afford to feed HIMSELF let alone a family without leeching off the taxpayer??? IMPOSSIBLE! But you won't address that FACT! Nope. You sidestep it and applaud the criminal!!! HAH! Shame on you. You call yourself 'journalists'? Not on this topic you aren't. You are merely MOUTHPIECES who tell only ONE SIDE OF THE STORY. You are in violation of your ethical responsibility to your profession and the people of Orange County!

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:05 am

Kudos!

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Remmy700p says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:12 am

Well said.

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antarez says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:08 am

Wait till they flood the Job market with 8 million+ former Illegals and supress wages across the board.You're only fooling yourselves if you think all illegals work for sub par wages.You also have people on expired 401b visas that take jobs away from Americans.Time to get rid of the socialist Obama and his cronies.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:55 pm

Obama's cronies? Like who? John McCain? ...The only sitting member of the Senate who has drafted an Amnesty bill? Hmmmm. Doesn't seem to me like Obama is nearly as bad as McCain would have been on this subject.

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hadenough says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:31 am

well said realist. This guy was probably wearing a brown beret.

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The Fonz says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:32 am

But what would it take from the economy?

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OC Dude says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:36 am

Great point The Fonz. What are the negative repercussions?? The strain on the welfare system. The additional crime and costs associated with that. The list goes on and on and.....

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Vicky says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:12 am

OC Dude.....As long as our welfare system cuts them a check every month, gives them thousands in food stamps, medical care, housing etc they won't be going anywhere. If we had welfare reform you would see some serious self deports. Until then don't hold your breath..

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KnLF says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:32 am

I sometimes wonder if the best way to curb illegal immigration from our southern neighbors , would be to declare war on Mexico and just make every mexican an American citizen.. and immediatly enact all american laws in mexico...immediatly raising thier minimum wage, if there is one .

Illegal immigration is always going to be an issue aslong as the country of origins do nothing to improve conditions for thier own citizens..

We might aswell do it for them.... in a nice way.....

we could make every state of mexico the 51st , 52nd , etc etc, states of america and give them all the rights and privlieges we have here.

please dont take this comment as a racist or we are better than them comment ,

because its not meant to be.

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chuckconners says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:52 am

Why can't the Mexican citizens band together and retake their country? These guys seem like a pretty tough bunch based on daily news reports. They are well versed in weapons. sniper fire and hand signals, all necessary for combat. We could outfit the new revolutionary army in Lakers and Raiders shirts.

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DOC says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:33 am

SI SE PUEDE.....DEPORT !!!!!!!

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:02 am

Es no posible!

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:09 am

Si se puede! "if you put your mind into it!" lol.

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Amanda says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:34 am

OMG no!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What about crime?

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Rob says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:03 am

Amanda,

Immigrants are the lowest offending group in crime. It's the 2nd and 3rd generations who participate in crime. Look up statistics rather than making uneducated comments based on opinion.

Immigrants = less crime. Look it up. Sorry if those FACTS don't mesh well with your OPINION.

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:11 am

Don't need to look at the statistic. Just look at the people in the jail and you will know the statistic. Also watch the discovery channel on prison and you will know the majority of the people in there.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:37 pm

Another poster that doesn't need facts to have an opinion! LOL...



M says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:33 am

ie: anchor babies

although I really don't believe that illegal immigrants aren't responsible for a large chunk of crime in southern CA.

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Ed says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:02 am

Rob: You need to take a tour through any county jail or state prison facility. Who the *ell are you kidding?! FACTS don't mesh well with YOUR opinion, either.

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Southoc says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:26 am

That is due to their not reporting most crimes in their communities.

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Flowergirl says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:36 am

Rob your statistics are very incorrect you need to look it up, the reason we have a low number of illegals in our prison system is that they are deported to freely cross the border back. We send the majority of illegal criminals back to their home country if they will take them.

So you need to look up your facts before stating your OPINION.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:44 pm

Flower,

The US is one of the most aggressive countries in the world when it comes to requesting extradition of criminals who are in custody in other countries.

Charles Ing was serving a life sentence in Canada but, the State of California wanted him extradited to stand trial on murder charges here. Why? Why incur the costs of a trial for someone serving a life sentence elsewhere? Why incur the cost of incarcerating that person here, when another country was doing it for us?

We don't just dump illegals back over the border when we catch them committing a serious crime. We insist on making them serve a significant portion of their sentence here - then we deport. After all, we have to spend as much money as possible on locking up as many as we can.



Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:43 am

Rob, you're wasting your key strokes.

The majority of Orange County won't let facts get in the way of their truth.

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oldski says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:20 pm

Rob, sounds like you are describing anchor babies. In truth, I favor a national identity card, retina scans, fingerprints and DNA samples from all of us, me included (family in North America since 1712, the Scots side that is). Convicted criminals thrown out, the rest stay on good behavior. close the border, no card, no entry and NO JOBS and NO Public Assistance. I know, its late, but you gotta close the door sometime.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:47 pm

Good theory... But, the majority of illegal's are here because their visa's expired. Closing the border doesn't prevent that. Fort America is not the answer! It's a whole new set of problems.



azn4life90210 says:

January 8, 2010 at 12:39 am

We need more minute man! Plus some Great Wall of America (just like Great Wall of China). That will do the job.



TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:37 am

Amnesty is NEVER the answer. You cannot reward Illegal Behavior. No entity/government should ever reward Illegal Behavior.
We need stricter enforcement of our borders and Immigration Laws.
We need to stop providing services to those in this country Illegally.
We should require E-verify/fingerprinting for ALL prior to providing any taxpayer funded services (education, WIC/Welfare, Medical, etc.). This would not only identify those here illegally, it would also uncover any fraudulent use of public funds by our citizens and those in this country legally.
Pass legislation that would make entering our Country illegally a FELONY.
Remove the Anchor Baby clause of the 14th Amendment, either by making a revision to the Constitution (I'm aware how difficult this is), or by the SCOTUS revisiting and establishing a new interpretation of the 14th Amendment.

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Two Cents says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:17 am

I think that if it can't be proved that at least one parent of said "anchor baby" had legal residency status at the time, everyone gets sent back... just because you were born on U.S. soil should not automatically give you citizenship or save your family from the consequences of illegal immigration...

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:43 am

Maybe you feel they shouldn't be citizens but they are, that is the law.

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M says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:33 am

YES. Remove the anchor baby clause. This would remedy so much

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:39 am

I agree. However, the child must be able to gain citizenship in the country of the parent. We cannot create people without a country through no fault of their own.

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Gentwelve says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:38 am

This is the biggest pile of false information ever. The conditions in 1986 and 2010 are completely different. Utilizing the 1986 economics as a model for amnesty is flawed. Amnesty is nothing more than a tool to gain political leverage based on ethnicity. OK, it's blatant racism at the core.
Are employers not hiring because of immigration status? Is the economy in the tank because of a glut of workers willing to accept lower wages?
Pro-amnesty individuals and groups are looking for one thing. They are looking for a fight. I'm not going to get baited, I'll wait until they cross the line, and then, if necessary, I'll take people out and defend my interests.

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Shamalijah says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:47 am

Good reply. I think this plan of theirs is aimed simply to blind the American people but, for us who pay attention and do our research we can stand and defend our interest, as you stated.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:13 am

This report is definitely a pile of S**t, but then look at the source.
I think what it will come down to in my lifetime is more & more people will become fed

up with the direction this country is taking that some groups of people will take things into their own hands.

When you have certain judges that think they are untouchable and make ridiculous rulings, you will start to see more occurrences like happened at the Las Vegas court house a few days ago.

When you have certain Assistant Professors such as UCSD Ricardo Dominguez - rrdominguez@ucsd.edu Inventing GPS devices to lead Illegal Immigrants to water and further assisting this Criminal behavior, other groups may rise up and take matters into their own hands.

Amnesty is definitely a form of Racism. It's only a matter of time before people become fed up and decide to do something about it.

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:22 am

I understand your passion for your point of view, but I don't understand your contention that amnesty is racist. Please explain.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:41 am

Not gonna bite, go fish elsewhere if you can't understand what was meant.



mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:45 am

Tim—Your refusal to “bite” as you put it tells me all I need to know. Your post was ridiculous and indefensible, hence your refusal to respond.



Remmy700p says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:15 am

Hear hear!

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:43 am

We need to reform our immigration system. What we have does not work. It is unenforceable.

We cannot use force to deport 12 million people. We cannot maintain this many illegal's in the system. By being illegal, they are a drain on our system - no auto insurance, no health insurance, and no drivers' licenses. So what do we do?

Both an enforceable temporary workers program and fines for employers who knowingly hire illegal's, must be the cornerstone of any reform. If there is no “illegal” work - there will be far less illegal's.

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John says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:52 am

DWOODS;

We already have the necessary laws on the books to deport all 12 million illegals. Let's just hire and train all the people that are out of work in the immigration area and enforce the laws, Maybe put a bonus on each head deported. No more emergency room services unless it's life or death, no more food stamps, no work with massive employer fines and jail time, etc. You'll see a “run for the border in no time at all”!

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:27 am

John,

Instantly deporting 12 million people would gut our economy. Illegal's are not here without support of some kind from legal residents. Of the 12 million, how many have “illegal” relatives here? How many of those legal people are getting help from their “illegal” families to buy houses? Pay for bank loans?

Putting them all on a train would send our economy into a free fall. It needs to be done with a slow concerted effort over time. Amnesty is not the answer. But, neither is rounding them up and creating "Fort America".

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Ed says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:03 am

"The people" are already there—local law enforcement. Just allow the cops to enforce Title 18 violations and they'll scatter back to the border in no time.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:28 am

And what would be the result?



Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:47 am

The Trail of Tears, Japanese Internment. I see a few Americans still have no problem in the mass deportation and removal of ethnic groups that are different than them.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:53 am

Get outta here, DWOODS.

We don't need to find and deport them.

All we need to do it ENFORCE LABOR LAWS and jail/fine anyone who hires an illegal worker. That would force all illegals to self-deport. PROBLEM SOLVED!

The sections of the nation that don't have very many illegals are doing just fine. Much better than we are. No problem finding labor for those low-skilled jobs that I used to do as a kid.

So stop your hype. All of us see through it.

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GB says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:56 am

Excellent post!

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:16 am

How to go about enforcing the law? We need a special police enforcement that deal with illegal immigrant only just like Navy Seal.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:18 am

We DO enforce the laws... They're poor!



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:18 am

Observer,

Well, as I expected, it didn't take you very long to jump on this thread and begin to belittle and insult people. No wonder your rebuttals are laughed at by so many here.

Why don't you read what I wrote, instead of making yourself look like such a jacka**?

"... fines for employers who knowingly hire illegal's".

Where is the "hype" in that statement?

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:32 am

There are loopholes. It is like, "it is not illegal until you get caught." They need more

agencies to go down to the business and do inspection of each employee.



Two Cents says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:20 am

But we have cities like Los Angeles, led by Mr. Bright-Happy-Smile Mayor who panders to the illegal population, and makes sure that Special Order 40 is followed...ask Jamiel Shaw's parents how happy they are with that Order. It helped to allow their son's killer to be back in Los Angeles, even though he was a previously deported criminal alien.

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Mike says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:15 pm

Why does everyone think that Jamiel Shaw was innocent? He was a gangbanger or at least he was affiliated with one. I have seen his Myspace photos and he throws up gang signals in most of them. If his killer had been deported before he would have STILL been killed by another gang member later on.



Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:53 am

The majority of the Americans that hire illegal immigrants are; 1. Republican. 2. Business owners. 3. Part of the upper-middle and upper class.

Do you really think they're going to let their livelihoods and their fortunes go just because you have a problem with their labor force?

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:16 pm

It's the typical GOP tactic - incite people with cultural and racially-tinged wedge-issues to distract them and then work behind the scenes to protect their real base.

The Sanchez Sisters make easy targets, but they are American citizens just like I am.

If you would question their patriotism then you should also question mine, since I am also descended from an immigrant. Also, why not also point out a few Republicans who only pay lip service to the issue and then turn around and help their Big Business donors?

Reading these posts makes me realize that writers for "Arrested Development" scripts really knew the subject matter.



R.L. says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:19 am

We already have over a dozen "temporary work programs". This is nothing but propaganda, nothing less. Deport often, deport now.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:07 am

R.L.,

Yes, there are temporary work Visas. The "E" visa system has four of these temporary visas, they are also referred to as NAFTA Visa's. They are a one year visa.

They are expensive and overly complicated. They primarily focus on skilled labor - graphic artists, medical technicians, licensed technicians, and university graduates - they are not labor focused work Visas. The recipients must have at least two years experience in the field they are being employed. In most cases, legal assistance costing 3 to 5 thousand dollars is required to have them processed efficiently. They are also not a seasonal visa, which is what is needed. It also does not require proof from the employer to verify the recipient has returned to their home country. With an E Visa, one recipient can enter the US with a family of 5. However, only the recipient can be employed... That means four others are here and unable to "legally" work. Do you think those jobs pay well enough for 5 people to live off one salary?

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:26 am

Another "temp" visa is the "O" and the "P" Visa.

The O Visa is a visa for "exceptional persons" such as Doctors, Athletes, industry leaders, who can prove exceptional skills in their area of expertise. Generally, a university degree or a high level of skill is required. Most of the members of the Ducks would be issued this type of visa, until they opt for permanent residency.

The "P" Visa is targeted at performers who tour the US or work in the entertainment industry. Someone like Celine Dion or Elton John would qualify for this visa when they headline in Vegas.

A third "temporary" visa is the "L" Visa. It is also a "non-resident" visa that is good for 7 years. It is designed for someone investing a minimum of \$500,000 into a business and employs at least two Americans. Like other visa's, family members of the recipient cannot "legally" work in the US. In other words, if you buy a business here and employ at least two Americans, the recipient's children or spouse cannot even work part-time at a McDonalds Drive-Thru. Think that happens all the time?

In short, you are correct when you state there are over a dozen temporary visas.

However, they are mostly targeted at people who are significant contributors to the economy. They are doing little to solve the real "illegal" problem. Most Visa recipient's are giving us far more than we give in return. They are generally people who will be in the top 50% of taxable incomes... There is very little for a poor person in Mexico who wants a better life and would be a solid contributor to our country.



Shamalijah says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:43 am

Okay Dena Bunis: I live here in Orange County with my family and it would not help to Legalize immigrants. I agree with the critics that: at a time of high U.S. unemployment such a plan would hurt native born workers! The jobs are scarce, I mean barely are there any as it is and the immigrant workers are everywhere (Home Depot parking lot, Corner of the grocery store lot, etc.). They're getting work, just like the ones who work for someone I know through association. Now would be a horrible time as any to pass a Sweeping bill. Illegal immigrants are still coming here and some may be unable to find jobs!? The U. S. born american citizen is unable to find jobs and are losing their homes and some (unfortunately) have taken their lives. This is a TERRIBLE plan.

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Parker says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:44 am

I'd say something about illegals here, but it would probably get deleted for being against the site's guidelines. Even though this article is about illegals.

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Kevin says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:47 am

I do believe that illegal immigrants could help the overall US economy if allowed to work in the US without labor laws. For example, imagine we could hire caretakers and maids at \$1/day. This would allow the dual income parents to have more time to focus on their careers and not have to worry about cooking dinner, taking their kids to/from soccer practice, and chores around the house. This would lead to an increase in job performance. With the additional free time, we could go back to school or acquire new skills. Less stress means less sick people, and less cost on healthcare. Immigrants from 3rd world countries would still be able to save money and give back to their home land. A win win situation.

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OCCent says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:00 am

Sure, and you're going to pay for all their medical bills, food stamps, welfare, and education right, Kevin? At \$1 per day they can't make a living wage, and that's the problem of millions of low skilled workers bringing in large families.

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Kevin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:12 am

OCCent, no I'm not advocating they would qualify for medical, food stamps, welfare,

and the like. What I am proposing is we be allowed to contract overseas workers without restriction. Assuming we provide them with housing and food, then \$1/day would be their net profit they can send back to their country. That is still much cheaper than day care or just one income per household. They are working under contract, and after the term is completed would be sent back or renewed for another term.

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Remmy700p says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:17 am

What about all the other ancillary costs that are currently borne by the taxpayers? You conveniently forgot to add those numbers into your "win-win" calculation...



azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:23 am

How do they go about paying their medical bill when they are sick? We are human, not robot. Another problem is airfare. It would cost more to fly over than working and sending it to their home. You have to consider the cost. There are many factors involve, not only staying in America but run off as well. You have to consider security measure. On and on...



JusSayin says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:02 am

Kevin I don't think even an illegal would be naive to work for a buck a day..

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grandma102 says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:49 am

And of course Mexico would allow US citizens to buy land and settle there. In the past, retirees have lost their 'property' (leased homes) because ...why?
Quite a racket! let people in, build, improve the area and then kick them out.

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GB says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:49 am

I think the Register prints this horse sh1t just to get everyon's blood boiling. So far the posts are 0% for more illegal immigration and 100% against, I don't think everyone reading and commenting on the Register's sories are idiots but I think that that's what the Register would like to think.

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ocoobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:50 am

California has a 12.5% unemployment rate with millions out of work, losing their homes, and in financial ruins. And they we have our local newspaper reporting some slanted liberal gobbledygook study by a La Raza type that claims making 20 million lawbreakers legal residents with the swipe of the pen is going to help us!!! HAH!
My gawd. All it will do is continue to erode the middle class and make paupers out of Americans who will be forced from industries by by scavenger wage earners. Just like the construction industry.

But you will NEVER see the OCR print information about the blight, huge tax expenditures for social services, overloaded medical system, ER closings, crime, overcrowded jails, dumbed down, ineffective education system, unlicensed/unisured motorists, ALL that are either a DIRECT or INDIRECT result of indigent peasants invading our state from 3rd world nations!

Hey, if more indigent peasants is good for our society why don't we send cargo ships to India, China and Africa and INVITE ALL THE WORLD'S POOR TO JOIN US IN AMERICA!!! Heck, MORE IS BETTER, RIGHT???

Do an article on that, Dena!!!!

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GB says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:55 am

Yeah! I second that! Do an article on THAT Dena!!!!!!!

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:31 am

Observer,

Actually reading an article must be a difficult thing for you to do. If you had, you would notice that one of the supporters is a "Libertarian"... Just like YOU!

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:05 am

DWOODS,

Not a libertarian, you idiot.

If you knew ANYTHING about the libertarians party you would know that they favor open borders and full amnesty.

You have no clue about anything, do you??

You are ignorant on healthcare. That's a given. And now you show your ignorance on party platforms! HAH!

Go back to the sweatshop and make sure that your slaves are performing up to par, DWOODS!!! HAH!

You remind me of the picture of that big capitalist PIG with a cigar in his mouth dressed in all red, white and blue with the top hat on!!! HAH! 😄 And in the background one can hear the song "Money" by Pink Floyd playing! HAH! 😄

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:03 pm

If you knew half of what you think you know, you would increase your knowledge 100%.

But, don't let that stop you from posting. Your comments are always good for a laugh.



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:13 pm

Oh great Observer... here's an idea: why don't you try to challenge me on immigration law? Hmm? Step up... come on, I dare ya. My sweatshop is running fine today, so I've got loads of time to spank you again on yet another subject! Taking you apart on Healthcare was a walk in the park, immigration should take half the time!



username111 says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:50 am

Well, let me see.... all the unskilled jobs already go to illegals. Have you seen a gardener in L.A. who speaks English or pays taxes. Do any of the day-workers hanging out in front of Home Depot pay income taxes, payroll taxes???? And these conservative Republicans all complain, but they pay illegals under the table too. I went to the Getty and asked a worker a question about Earthquake proofing the art, the Getty worker did not speak a word of English. Thank goodness I didn't need an Emergency exit.

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:37 am

I see that in Jack-in-Box as well. The cashier doesn't know English. That is funny.

Sometime I have to bust out my Spanish skill learning back in high school, Spanish 3.

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JusSayin says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:09 am

I only eat IN N OUT in HB., everyone speaks English. Someone told me that's true of all IN N OUT's. they verify and have always

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:05 pm

Maybe they just hire Canadian illegals. There's approximately 250,000 of them in the LA basin. But, at least they have health insurance. Oui, nes pas?



john says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:51 am

dont you guys see, this is Obama's plan. Why do you think the Democrats don't care about the public's opposition to the healthcare bill? They will give all these illegals amnesty and they will vote for Democrats. Add to that the "universal voter registration" (google that if you dont believe me). Imagine, every citizen in the US being automatically registered to vote even if they dont want to vote. Just think of the new batch of names Acorn can use for the fraudulent voting. No more need to use dead people and mickey mouse.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:58 pm

John,

First, I think you should consider that there is only one sitting Senator in the US who has authored an Amnesty bill... John McCain. Obama has never tried to do as much for the cause as old John has done.

Second, a national voter registration is the method used in the UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Look at the voter turnout in those countries and compare it to ours... Of course, because you're a Republican and you clearly think all of this countries problems are the fault of Obama, you want to complicate the voting process as much as possible. A lower turnout always favors the GOP, because younger people are too busy to go through the process of registering and then voting.

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GB says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:54 am

It sounds like the pro-immigration lobby is prepping for the big political fight that's coming. Obama and his buddies will be referencing these phony studies.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 6:46 pm

McCain seems to like them too... Or do you think it's just Obama that has a soft spot for "illegal's"?

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fightforfreedom says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:54 am

and what about all the immigrants that worked hard to do it the right way? I agree the current process is a little much and the time needs to be shorter so they can get to work legally etc. But still..they all did it the right way and now all these lazy ones just want us to be like ok..your free..i can't go to mexico and become a citizen with the snap of a finger..i can't go to canada and do the same..why should this be any different..we don't need you sorry folks. No country on this earth, you can just jump a fence and bam your a citizen..i don' think so..we have law of the land..and that law states that you have to go through the proper procedure in order to become a legal citizen of the united states..and that does not mean coming over here ready to pop that belly with a little one..thats taking advantage..and thats scumbaggish.

These people are a slap in the face to all the other ones that did it the right way.. Plus..why wouldn't you want to live in your own country? THE UNITED STATES IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE WORSE THAN TJ IN THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS SO SAVE YOURSELF AND PEACE!!

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Bike Fixer says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:33 am

I was wondering if I was the only person to think that.....

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:08 pm

Uhhh, you don't have to be a citizen to be "legal" in another country. How many draft dodgers ran to Canada in the 60's?

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GotSurf says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:56 am

Illegals! Shut up already and go home... My peeps came here through the US process.

You need to do the same. Im not sure where your self entitlement comes from. We should just allow you to come here illegally and stay because you are a neighboring country?

...Take your gangs with you too.

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Jim Bob says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:57 am

12-15 million illegal is from last census... its closer to 20-25 million. We Hispanics are none for our pro-creation effectiveness!

This report is from a Liberal source. Implies false economics data. Next, they will appeal to our morals when their \$\$\$ are proven false

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GB says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:02 am

And while we're at it, let's give amnesty to all of the bank robbers in prison. All they were trying to do is better their lives and the lives of their families.

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bw says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:02 am

So how would making the woman who is pushing a stroller with 2 kids in it and 4 kids walking behind her a citizen going to boost the economy? She is still going to be collecting benefits provided by me.

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shooter says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:03 am

This guy will not be happy until the United States is handed over to Mexico.

He is a racist.

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GB says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:04 am

No wonder our college graduates can't compete, they're being taught by incompetent and politically correct "professors".

[Post Reply](#)



Brown Bruin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:28 am

Go Bruins!!

Only UCLA will employ such a person. Only UCLA will teach their students such crap.

A Bachelor's Degree in Chicano Studies is nothing more than a Mexican History degree. What would a public univeristy offer such a degree!!!

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:41 am

I wonder how that degree will help the economy. *scratching my head*

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WATCHING says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:04 am

What a great idea - lets bring the Mexican drug lords here and make them American citizens!!! Tijuana and Juarez make Bagdad seem like a resort community - why not remove the border completely. Read the newspaper or watch the local news and notice the vast majority of the crimes seem to be committed by hispanics. Look at the names of the prisoners in Orange County Jail and the California state prisons - mostly hispanic. Not surprising that the author of this is a "chicana and chicano studies professor" in Los Angeles. Whose economy are we going to "spike"? Mexico's at the cost of our own foundering economy. Go down to the Hispanic Cultural Center (better known as the WELFARE OFFICE) and listen to the announcements being made almost exclusively in spanish and tell me how these people are stimulating our economy. GAG ME WITH A SPOON!!!

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diddy-squat for not says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:05 am

Take a good look around you when out shopping, it seems that the only people working are the illegals. All the laws in place to penalize the employers for hiring is a joke. Boycott fast food establishments that hire illegals...they can't cook anyway.

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:28 am

How do you know those workers are illegals? They could just be Hispanic-Americans you have assumed are illegal.

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Southoc says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:28 am

More anti American ideologies. Have any of your family members been kidnapped yet?

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:49 am

southoc—I see you still drink.A little early isn't it?



Jose says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:08 am

The State of California recognizes Ceasar Chavez as a holiday but removed Lincoln's Birthday.

God Bless the USA... Er Mexico....

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:12 am

If all the illegal aliens are deported, how will that affect the labor pool of available nannies to take care of the rich, spoiled brats of Newport Beach housewives?

If all of the illegal aliens are deported, how will that affect the ability of Irvine homeowners to remain in compliance with HOA rules regarding the height of grass?

If all of the illegal aliens are deported, who will the good citizen of Orange County then blame for all the ills of society?

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JusSayin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:46 am

Wade, why do people assume that all nannies, gardeners etc only come in illegal? There's not a snowballs chance in hades you could hire an illegal nanny though an agency. Lots of citizens who are hispanic own gardening companies . we are not in dire need of the illegal.

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azn4life90210 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:50 am

Wade says:

"If all of the illegal aliens are deported, how will that affect the ability of Irvine homeowners to remain in compliance with HOA rules regarding the height of grass?"

I wonder what factors cause obesity on the rise and hypertension. We need more exercise. Go out there and cut the grass! American nowadays are too lazy and sit on the computer all day. More money for those who cut the grass because less illegal immigrant = more money for legal individual + less competition.

BTW, I cut my own grass and I kept seeing Latino people asking, "I will cut your grass for 20 bucks." "No way, I need my exercise!"

Post Reply



Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:16 am

I do cut my own grass and all the rest, but I draw the line at trimming my own trees. There's a brown guy who does that for me and I never ask to see proof of citizenship ; >

I agree with you that too many people of all colors are fat and lazy. Too much blogging, too much fast food, too little exercise.

Post Reply



tamarama says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:43 pm

You are right on the money. Besides cutting our own grass and cleaning our own houses, maybe we should get our children back to doing "chores" around the house to teach them responsibility while putting the money in their pockets.

Post Reply



ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:17 am

Basically, they want us to join the ranks of Honduras, Nicaragua, Belize, Paraguay, where slave labor and serfdom rules. Poor people are easily controlled as long as the gobblerman gives them the basics - food, shelter and healthcare. They make excellent slaves. See the direction we're headed??? 1% will own 99% of the nation's wealth and 99% will own 1% of the nation's wealth. Just like in the banana republics. Listen, folks. If you have kids you need to get active and fast! Big money is hijacking the country. Do it for your defenseless children. They have a long life ahead of them. Your actions now will determine whether they will be able to follow the american dream or live a life of misery. Get off your hind end and do something!

Post Reply



Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:35 am

Income disparity in the US has been growing since the early 80s and is inversely proportionate to the number of American workers covered under collective bargaining. The US Chamber of Commerce actively supports amnesty for illegal immigrants. What is the common thread here...

Post Reply



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 6:52 pm

Be careful Wade, don't be talking possitive about unions around Observer. He thinks they're useless. He also thinks the middle class is gone - guess he never figured out

“who” the middle class was.

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JER172004 says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:21 am

I am a 4th generation mexican-american. My family entered through the “Bracero” program. The card was issued in Mexico and those workers were eligible to cross and worker. I feel that offering them is something we need to consider , however we need to make very clear where the line starts and that is on the other side. I am for health reform but for those who have paid into the system. This is an issue that needs to begin with all those illegals going back and starting at the frontera of the line. They can develop a policy to allow those who are here already to come back immediately. However they must be penalized for breaking the law all these years. How about a federal tax penalty?

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:39 am

I got a better idea. Instead of rewarding criminals and lawbreakers how about making them go back home and apply/wait for authorization to enter the country like the rest of the world has to do?
And the easy way to make them go back home is by simply enforcing the law. If we are not going to enforce the law, or enforce them selectively, why have laws at all? Why not just operate on the principle of anarchy and let everyone do as their please, regardless of whether it hurts someone else or infringes on their rights?
We don't need more workers here. We've got tens of millions without jobs. Why bring more into the country. Tell them to go back home and we'll call them when we need them.

How's that for a plan?

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:45 am

OC-it's a great plan, but the bleeding heart liberals will never go for it. You know, they have that never-ending pot of money, so giving our tax dollars away to those here illegally means nothing to them. They'll just keep adding to the deficit and raise taxes for our children and grand children to pay for it.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:59 am

Correct, TimP.
If you people opt not to resist this invasion for your own good, that's your decision. But if you care about the children of this nation who will get caught in the aftermath, then you have a moral obligation to act.
Do it for the children. The defenseless children who will suffer for decades for these ludicrous decisions being made today.
Fight back. Be an american!



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 6:55 pm

... And donate to Jerry's kids while you're at it!
Oh my... the drama is laughable.



TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:32 am

So how would making the woman who is pushing a stroller with 2 kids in it and 4 kids walking behind her a citizen going to boost the economy? She is still going to be collecting benefits provided by me.
This report is just a bunch of crap without taking into account how much of a drain these 20 million (or whatever number you want to insert here) are currently costing us. “Free” Education, “Free” Wic/Welfare, “Free” Health, Judicial & Criminal Justice costs, and increase wear & tear on our infrastructure. Now I understand why I see T-shirts

with the letter "F" in front of UCLA.

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John says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:37 am

What we have in California and the rest are mostly illegal entrants. Like so many of you have stated, why reward someone for a crime.

This UCLA professor who conducted the study is biased. There's no way we (the USA), could increase our revenue if we allowed amnesty.

I just finished walking through my town of Fallbrook. It's mostly agriculture. We have a heavy population of migrant workers. There's not enough work. There's a increase in gang activity (marked walls, etc) and the sheriff gives them a "free pass". No work = increase in crime.

Amnesty is not the answer. Not without a careful screening process. That means health and background checks. And no imports of relatives (grandma, grandpa, aunts, uncles, friends, you get the idea).

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I love Southern California says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:39 am

I hate when people complain about this causing more unemployment for americans, but my question is, how? Illegals only take minimum wage jobs, when was the last time you saw an illegal CEO?

Grow up!!!

Its not their problems if you or your kids don't want to take minimum wage jobs, and then complain that some illegal took it, well you know what blank yourself, that's your problem.

So please we all know Americans don't like minimum wage jobs unless you are a teenager working in McDonald's.

Try beating this argument Fox news watchers.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:46 am

Illovesoutherncalifornia,

You don't seem to understand. These illegal parasites are wage scavengers who are destroying industries that americans used to feed their families from - like housing construction. And illegal labor never brought the price of a home down. Only about 30% of Californians can afford to buy a home TODAY even at the reduced prices. And how could someone making \$8/hr afford to support just himself living in California, let alone a family of 4? These people are parasites who live off the taxpayer. That's why we spent \$10-\$13 billion just last year in taxdollars to support them, There are many sections of the United States who have few illegal foreigners. They have no problem filling the low-skilled jobs. They have more than enough applicants and they pay a fair wage. Hiring an illegal foreigner is in violation of US labor laws. Are you an anarchist? How would you like it if the gobblement made burglary legal and thieves were breaking into your home at night stealing your valuables and there was nothing you could do about it??? Would you like that. I look forward to your answers to my questions.

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:08 am

I'm not sure what places you are speaking of. The American Midwest has many little towns that have literally been saved by immigrant labor, illegal and otherwise, taking those low-skill jobs you speak of. You are really kidding yourself if you think a white kid with half a brain is going to stay in one of these towns plucking chickens his whole life. Maybe you are referring to the all-white, paradisaical Northeast towns portrayed on TV shows such as "Newhart" and "Murder, She Wrote." Reality is far messier.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:28 am

Drive through North or South dakota sometime. all white teenage kids working in the fast food restaurants and the higher class restaurants cooking and bussing tables. No

shortage of workers as long as they pay a fair salary. Naturally, illegals will work for slave wages simply because they are illegal. and it drives the wage down for everyone except the corporate CEO's who make out like bandits.
Get out more, Wade. See the country. Understand the big picture here. It's all about enslaving the masses with lower wages while the cost of living goes higher. Controlling poor people. Smarten up.



Brown Bruin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:49 am

These illegal immigrants take free money and resources away from citizens!!!
They've infused themselves in politics so that schools like UCLA set lower admissions requirements for their children and create bogus academic programs like Chicano Studies and higher such idiot professors like this guy.
Go Bruins!!

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rich486 says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:22 am

How about them be tax takers? How many of them are buying \$40,000 cars and paying taxes on that?

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JusSayin says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:25 am

Why do you assume illegals hold only low wage jobs? Right now E-Verify is checking Government and Government contracted jobs. My guess would be that construction is the hardest hit, scarily enough many work as electricians under someone elses licensce. A stolen SS # and you are ready to rock and roll.

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Obozo_The_Prez says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:42 am

Headline should read,
Study:Legalizing immigrants would spike crime and kill economy

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Bob Holt says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:43 am

Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda is insane and is nothing more then a mouth piece for the open borders crowd. These people don't even have to come up with legitimate facts anymore, just think up something and give it to the news media. What disturbs me more is that the OCR and other news medias give these people a place to spread their propaganda and call it news. Notice he didn't say that if we didn't have illegal aliens in California we would almost have a balanced budget. He also didn't say anything about a report that the L.A.Times printed a few years ago that 35% of all inmates in California detention centers are Mexican Nationals and 75% of the most wanted list in L.A. are illegal aliens.

Now we have Congressman Joe Baca, an undocumented lobbyist for Mexico introducing the HR 4321, the next amnesty bill. I hope people contact his office and let him know your feelings.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:51 am

Bob,

These people are traitors and subversives. It's all about their ideological agendas. They have no interest in the general welfare of the population whatsoever. Steal from the producers and distribute to the parasites. And if you can make a parasite of someone you can control him very easily. That's the agenda here. Not the betterment of society. It's the boot on the back of the neck trick. They pretend to be your friend while ransacking your personal wealth and driving your quality of life into the ground!

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kb says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:44 am

i dont get how flooding the market with a new "legal" workforce is going to add to our economy. that only works if jobs are available. since jobs are scarce, that is giving them a free ticket to compete for jobs with citizens and legal immigrants (those that followed the law to get here, yes some people actually do that). if they cant find jobs then they are eligible for even more free social services, costing us even more money. and somehow i doubt their status change will stop them from sending money to their home countries.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:55 am

kb,
Don't look for logic here, friend.
It's not about logic or rational thinking.
It's all about ideological agendas.
Don't take your eye off the ball. They want to distract you.
None of it makes any sense, kb.
Your instincts are correct. Always go with your gut reaction.

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Dina says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:51 am

Judging from just the author of the study I would say bias is a strong indicator of results.

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Dana mnaley says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:52 am

Letting the Mafia run the country would also boost the economy! And so would a revolution after it was over, and Selling cheap lead filled toys, and Hell lets just give the US to China that would raise the bar too! or sell it to Arabia?
What a stupid lame 4\$\$ conclusion! and I love Mexicans!

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Dana mnaley says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:54 am

It's called an invasion! Those who talk amnesty are Traitors! Or they are former Mexicans!

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:58 pm

What an incredibly ignorant and incorrect statement. People of good will can differ without being called traitors. Remember how you and your allies hate to be called racists?

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G35sexycoupe says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:55 am

When I graduated college, I wanted to get a good paying job. The problem is the bilingual english and spanish requirement. That requirement needs to be taken out. It is a major hurdle for me. It should be fluent in speaking and writing English.

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Brown Bruin says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:59 am

You should have gone to UCLA.
Go Bruins!!

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Southoc says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:29 am

Brains, not bruises

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KnLF says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:56 am

I actually might be more sympathetic if they wrote " Amnesty" in English on the signs instead of in Spanish...Which I my opinion is done to incite emotion. instead of putting it in English so the people they really need to convince can read the signs....Just a thought

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G35sexycoupe says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:57 am

These people need to learn English in order to live in this country. If they do not speak English, kick them out! We do not need to learn Spanish. It is time to take back our country.

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Ed says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:57 am

Where is the study that shows paying these liberal clowns with their own agenda is whats killing America?

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sinaloa says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:59 am

But a study provided by the Minutemen or any other right wing group should be trusted?

I agree that the source of information needs to be scrutinized, but most in Orange County gladly drink down any BS played on Fox News.

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Remember that is is not said in Fox News, that means it isn't true:) or conservative talk show hosts for that matter.

Even if you show these people with actual evidence, they won't believe it because they are brain washed by the conservative media.

If Fox News says, "Santa Claus exist" they will automatically believe it:) LOL

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Chris says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:45 pm

Sinaloa - you left wing politician huggers are still using the Fox News line?... haha Whats next? Something about Bush... Or calling someone a fascist.. Lol I wonder if thats considered plagiarism.. because thats straight from the left wing liberal mindless self entitlement kool aid drinker hand book.

Anyway, bring a point to the table. I dare you to write your own. No plagiarising this time.

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BS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:03 am

More immigrants means; more as Dems, more votes for Dems, more Dems Reps, means more money for Dems, more money for education means more debt for California. Why do you think UCLA is putting out this propaganda?

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Brown Bruin says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:08 am

Amen!
Go Bruins!! UC- LA!!

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:12 pm

That doesn't explain why John McCain authored the last Amnesty Bill. Or, why Reagan handed out the last Amnesty, does it? Republicans are as deep into this mess as ANY Democrat.

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sinaloa says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:03 am

Obozo_The_Prez says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:42 am

Headline should read,

Study:Legalizing immigrants would spike crime and kill economy

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Yeah, because it was the illegals fault that the US economy went to hell:) This is just ridiculous.

I just can't believe how ignorant some Americans really are.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:10 am

sinaloa,

Why don't you tell Mexico to take care of their own and stop encouraging their peasants to invade our land. Mexico's peasants are not our responsibility. They belong to Mexico. How would you like it if every Wednesday morning I dumped my garbage into your back yard and told you to pick it up? How long would it take you to call the cops on me?

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:23 am

OC - Perfect example of what is happening here. Except the "garbage" getting dumped here is costing us Billions of Dollars.

If an Illegal Immigrant Family Only has 4 children - It would cost the taxpayers \$384,000 to "give" them a K-12 education. That is provided that they can complete this in 12 years, without any additional costs such as ESL, After School Programs, "Free" Meals, etc. (\$8,000 per year, per child, x 12 years).

Multiply that \$384,000 times the number of Illegal Immigrant Families and you would definitely see a negative impact on the Economy. Throw in several Billion for WIC/Welfare, "Free" Health and the figure will be staggering. Only a fool would think otherwise.

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:23 am

I agree. Blaming the other is the Great American Pastime and it's really tiresome. My mother, who is German and immigrated here legally as a girl, still remembers having sand kicked in her face because she didn't speak English. Some things never change.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:34 am

Wade,

All the germans I know assimilated. That's the smart thing to do when you live in an english speaking nation. Speak english. Those who don't get left behind in the smoke. Don't make victims of them. Demand that they assimilate and become americans if they intend to stay. And tell those who are illegal to return home and apply for legal residency like the rest of the world must do. They aren't special with a place reserved

in the front of the line. Go back, apply and WAIT! That's how the system is designed to work. GET IT YET???

Post Reply



Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:02 pm

Assimilation is a multi-generational process. My grandmother never fully assimilated - in her heart and mind, she was a German. My mother fully assimilated, because she immigrated here when she was young. But does that mean that my grandmother was a parasite who came here for our generous American-style social welfare benefits? No, she came here because Germany was in a shambles, just like Mexico is today, and she wanted to have a future.

It seems that what you are really railing against is a policy issue, so your time would be better spent writing letters to your Congressional representatives.



ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:03 pm

Get outta here, Wade.

Most Germans who have never even been to America speak better English than your average illegal immigrant from Mexico. I know that. I lived in Germany.

You grandmother came to America legally. She didn't come in illegally and then demand legal residency, did she?

Apple-oranges, Wade. Same old worn out arguments that make zero sense.



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:13 pm

America does not have an official language. English has never been made the law of the land... You might want to try changing THAT first.



Jc says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:39 pm

Since the Reagan's years, The Mexicans had been used (as cheap-labor) by the Republicans,

Now after that they (Republicans) find out the Country went down the toilet thanks to their "Reaganomics-model"

They trying to blame on everybody else to save their faces.

On the other hand, The Mexicans (Beside cheap-labor) are not helping the financial-crises because they (Majority) don't pay taxes enough to support government-programs.

All they do is importing with themselves more poverty.

So who is at fault?? The American government double standards, Embracing their "Freedom-Democracy-Propaganda"

That's far from the reality

Post Reply



Lori says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:30 pm

We are ALL at fault for not enforcing the laws of this NATION.

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RupertOC says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:15 am

Get over it everyone. We are never gonna end the flow of immigrants. I think the only way it will ever stop is if the standard of living in U.S. diminishes to Mexico's level. It's gonna get worse and worse so we have to live with it or move to Canada or something. It's hard not to sympathize with these immigrants all they want is a better place to live. I mean seriously, if I was in their shoes I would do the same thing. This study is a bunch of BS, it's just lame statistics that no one with a brain can believe.

But the reality is, we cannot support the entire population of Latin America, even if we wanted to. Is that what these activists really want? It's gonna make it worse for the Hispanics that are here, I don't get it.

Example, If I am Hispanic and a truck driver making a pretty good salary. Why do I want to bring more truck drivers that will work for cheaper. Now I'm not making as

much because of the cheap immigrant labor. This is really happening folks, doesn't take much to take a truck driving class with fake docs. Of course this is great for big business but the small guy loses in the end.

what a mess

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Les says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:15 am

This article is a load of crap! California spends over \$13 Billion a year on services and benefits for illegal immigrants. The last amnesty was a total failure. We now have 20 million more illegal immigrants sucking us dry. Deport now!

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Les says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:18 am

The \$1.5 Trillion figure was pulled out of his ass, just like the rest of the report.

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Southoc says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:22 am

"Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda, a Chicana and Chicano studies professor at UCLA.

"

Yep no bias here.

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fcprop says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:38 am

A majority of these illegals could care less about Amnesty. They can make \$20 under the table, send the money home, and not pay taxes on it.

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Brown Bruin says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:23 am

The story isnt full of crap. It actually smells like roses... Maybe you didn't go to UCLA like I did... Therefore, none of you bloggers can understand and appreciate the VALIDITY of this study.

UC-LA!

Go Bruins....

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:48 am

@ocobserver: "Drive through North or South dakota sometime. all white teenage kids working in the fast food restaurants and the higher class restaurants cooking and bussing tables. No shortage of workers as long as they pay a fair salary."

Yes, and many of them get the hell out as soon as they graduate high school. And if you don't see many ***white*** kids around here bussing tables and flipping burgers, it may also be because a) The kids are given everything by their parents, who b) Care more about their own image and feelings of guilt than instilling a work ethic in their child, who c) Turns out to be a lousy employee that the employer can't count on to show up due to a) and b).

But I do agree with you about the hand of Big Business, which is why I am generally pro-union.

Thanks for the advice, but I think you also need to get out more, then maybe you would not buy into stereotypes, and realize that there are many nuances in life that defy easy-peasy explanations.

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:53 am

Most posters on this story appear to be unabashed nativists.

[Post Reply](#)



Huh? says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:19 pm

OK, I'll bite. What's a "Nativist?"

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:06 pm

Oh go ahead and call us childish names, MENSARINO.

Fact is, our arguments make perfect rational sense and yours are pathetic with more stinking thinking.

But keep up with the name-calling.

Just proves to us you got nothin' at all.

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Lori says:

January 7, 2010 at 3:53 pm

We are ALL immigrants to this country mensarino (except you of course, I'm sure you have some lame "heritage" you'll throw out here) But the DIFFERENCE is the majority of our immigrant ancestors CAME HERE LEGALLY through Ellis island.

Of course you will fall back on "Did the PILGRIMS come here legally did Washington come here legally" I've seen you throw that stupid argument out a few times...

The common sense facts remain the SAME it is the rule of LAW to enter this country or any other country LEGALLY...with PERMISSION and a way to enhance the society you are entering...

Illegal ALIENS do NONE of that....

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:04 pm

Lori—All that you said could be true and you could still be a nativist. I sure hope your parents didn't waste any money on your education.

For the record, I never made the pilgrim argument but it seems to fit your needs, so go for it.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 7:05 pm

Actually Lori, the overwhelming majority of "un-documented" workers in the US entered the country "legally" at some point. The number who run the border is very, very small. In fact, there are probably more illegal's from Australia and New Zealand here than the total number of Mexicans who ran the border.

That aside, you make the point of your ancestors coming to America the legal way, which is great. But, what was the process like then? How does it compare to today?

Are you aware of what is involved to immigrate legally to America today? There is no "line". There is no Ellis Island. The process is far more complicated than 90 percent of the people posting here understand. Yet, that doesn't stop them from having an opinion... a very negative one at that.

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Dana mnaley says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:03 pm

Plain and simple the State covers the costs and the fed steals the illegal SSI., Law Enforcement,, Court costs, Indigent Medical care, Education, Theft Offsets, Civil Maintenance, Social Services, Housing Costs, Insurance rates, ETC, ETC,

You add it all up? If they disappeared from California the state budget the relief would be 35 to 58% I've seen the SI stats.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:44 pm

Dana - Great point. I think you're percentages may be a little low, but not too far off. My guesstimate calculated out to about 64% of California's current deficit. Whether it be 35% or 64%, it would be the single-largest contributor to our State's deficit.

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Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:05 pm

ocobserver: I'm pretty sure you're a closet racist. The next time you drive through North or South Dakota, stay there. Don't come back. I'm sick of all these East-Coast Transplants coming to California, then complaining about all the Mexicans. If you don't like California, leave. Go back East where you can complain about all the Blacks on welfare, draining your tax dollars.

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Pot? Kettle? says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:18 pm

Gee Lucifer, I'm glad you didn't make a racist statement. I'm glad you're so objective. And last time I checked, the Dakotas weren't on the East coast.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:02 pm

haha...too funny. Lucifer, did you get your U.S. Geography degree from UCLA?

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Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:55 pm

Um, no. The two statements were not connected. That's why they were in separate paragraphs. When you two finally get your G.E.D., you'll learn reading comprehension.



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 7:09 pm

Observer... TWO screen names? Next time, you should try using a phrase you don't use over and over. CAUGHT YA... OUCH. roflmao.

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Bob Holt says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:05 pm

Ocobserver,
I agree with you 100% on this subject. Mexico should have a living standard close to Canada. They have large mineral deposits, oil, two oceans to trade from, lumber, 200 mile fishing rights and large agriculture areas. The only problem is they also have one of the most corrupt governments in the world. Only a small part of the population enjoys the wealth while the rest have their hand out for the bread droppings. Kind of what's happening here if we don't speak out.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 7:14 pm

Bob,
Maybe the people of Canada fought for the country they have. You know, like in 1939 when they declared war on Germany (took us nearly 3 years to do that), Or when they went to war against North Korea? Or like now, when they keep troops to the front lines in Afghanistan, while we leave to spread Democracy in somewhere else in the Middle East?
Comparing Mexico to Canada is like comparing South Africa to Sweden. Try a little history before you paint with a dirty brush.

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Statistics? says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:15 pm

Let's see, some twelve million illegal immigrants get legal status and magically their wages increase 20%? If you believe this will happen, then what happens next? INFLATION!

And that 20% increase is wiped out by higher prices, and the rest of us get to pay the price of the inflation.

You can also boost the economy by legalizing all drugs.

That doesn't mean it's a good idea.

All of this is conjecture, and based on flawed logic.

Seal the border, export the illegals, and start again with a work program, if they're needed.

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Les says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:47 pm

Statistics: you are right on, except the illegal immigrant total is about 20 million. No one really knows, because our borders are wide open.

Post Reply



alterego58 says:

January 7, 2010 at 12:55 pm

Folks, it is entirely within our control as long as we pressure our legislators. And, it wouldn't require any drastic actions on the part of our government in breaking up families, etc. Do nothing to the poor people who are only trying to improve their lifestyle.

1. Prosecute or fine the employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants. We have the legal infrastructure to do so.
2. Deport those who have committed felonies.
3. Tax heavily remittances sent from illegal aliens to their countries of origin.
4. Eliminate all government entitlements for illegal aliens.
5. Amend the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution to eliminate the "anchor baby" law. It was originally rightfully enacted to protect children of slaves who were brought here against their will.

Most illegals will leave of their own free will as there will be no incentive for them to stay. Mass deportations will be unnecessary. A border fence will be unnecessary.

6. Most importantly, put social pressure on the Mexican (and other Latin American governments) as we do on China., instead of pretending they are the "good guys".

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:06 pm

Altergo - Good points. I would add at least one to your list though.

Make entering this country illegally a FELONY. It already is a Felony if you have previously been deported and enter our country illegally a subsequent time (I would say second time, however some seem to do it over & over again with no consequences until they murder someone).

Why not make the Original Illegal Entry a Felony. Then the bleeding heart liberals that are OK with the Deportation of the Felons will also be happy.

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Lori says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:28 pm

Absolutely RIGHT Altergo and it's rare that I agree with you.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:14 pm

Representative Joe Baca from San Bernardino supports Amnesty.

<http://www.house.gov/baca/>

You can contact Mr. Baca via his website. Utilize the Zip+4 of 92410-3205, and a San Bernardino address and you'll be able to get your webmail through to his office.

Let Mr. Baca know how you feel about Illegal Immigration, Amnesty, and the drain that Illegal Immigration puts on the U.S. Taxpayer.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:21 pm

TimP,

Problem is Baca doesn't represent american citizens. He doesn't know the meaning of 'representative democracy' or even a 'democratic republic'. His true gobblement seat is located in Mexico City. So he doesn't give a twit what you or I think. Why waste your time?

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:40 pm

Sounds like a perfect match for the Sanchez sisters.

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Brittancus says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:17 pm

This is not about racism in regards to stopping illegal immigration, unless a large majority are considered to be? This about billions of dollars being drained from American taxpayers, about billions for education, health care and the prison system and hidden government entitlements. It's about "THE Rule of LAW" and each administration that refuses to address Immigration Enforcement and allows illegal workers, criminals and even terrorist breaking into a sovereign country without permission. Now they are trying to brain wash us with another AMNESTY, which we cannot allow to happen? It will be the harbinger of unsustainable population growth according to the US Census Bureau. Don't take my word: GOOGLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, COSTS. & OTHER STATISTICS. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CORRUPTION AND THE AGENDA OF OPEN BORDER ORGANIZATIONS AT NUMBERSUSA & JUDICIAL WATCH. CALL YOUR SENATOR AND CONGRESSMAN AT 202-224-3121. SAY NO TO AMNESTY! SAY YES TO E-VERIFY & POLICE ARREST 287 (G). SAY YES TO ICE RAIDS. SAY YES TO THE SAVE ACT. SAY NO TO OVERPOPULATION.

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Les says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:35 pm

The site for Numbers usa is numbersusa.com. There are over 900,000 members, willing to fax their Congressmen and women. It i

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Les says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:22 pm

The sad part of this, is that the legal immigrants screw themselves by endorsing these amnesties. they face lower wages because they compete for the same jobs with those that are willing to work for less.

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Michey Finn says:

January 7, 2010 at 1:29 pm

Oye vey, another La Raza sponsored study at UCLA.

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:01 pm

@ocobserver:

"Get outta here, Wade.

Most germans who have never even been to America speak better english that your average illegal immigrant from Mexico. I know that. I lived in Germany.

You grandmother came to America legally. She didn't come in illegally and then

demand legal residency, did she?"

Many Europeans are bilingual because it's emphasized in school, so that's a non-starter. You assume that any immigrant from Mexico (or just brown, I dunno) would refuse to learn English, which is a blatant generalization on your part. But it's the same thing that the little brat in the sandbox had probably been taught to think about my mother.

I think some come here to sponge off the system, and others come here for a better life and are willing to work hard for it. I think the majority fall in the latter category.

Yours is very negative view of the human race in the general sense and a racist one in the specific.

This discussion is closed.

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ocobserver says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:20 pm

Wade wrote:

"I think some come here to sponge off the system, and others come here for a better life and are willing to work hard for it. I think the majority fall in the latter category"

Doesn't matter if they work hard. That's not the initial requirement. Step #1 is to come into the country LEGALLY! Like your grandma did! GET IT YET??? Indigent laborers from India, Africa, China, Pakistan, etc... would love to come here too and work hard. Are you willing to ACCEPT THEM ALL??? Or are you going to discriminate against all but hispanics??? hmmm??

Again, I REPEAT:

STEP #1 - COME INTO COUNTRY LEGALLY.

STEP #2 - WORK HARD.

Standard rule: STEP #2 MAY NOT PRECEDE STEP #1 !!!!!

Now do you get it, Wade???

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:40 pm

I guess I should take the capitalizations to mean you are getting apoplectic. Watch that blood pressure.

American, Mexican, Canadian, Martian, whatever you are, wherever you go ... you're a very bitter old man who has very likely never learned how to please a woman (or a man, for that matter).

Have a nice day 😊

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 7:07 pm

OC...some people will never get it. It's best not to engage or fall into their little Baiting maneuver. Libbys will be Libbys. Illegals will be Illegals.

Those without the balls to do something about it will be P**sys.

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DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 7:20 pm

Tim,

I take it you are one of those Republicans who loves America... but hate half the people who live in it... LOL

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 8:54 pm

Nope, you'd be wrong, but I wouldn't have expected less of you.



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:19 pm

I'm not so sure... I've read your posts before.



Lori says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:20 pm

Oh for Gods SAKE...This is so ridiculous I am actually speechless (and that takes A LOT to do!).

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Lori says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:25 pm

Wait...I just remembered something....the 2012 elections are coming up...the liberals have got to start a smoke screen to keep the public's mind off of all the dirty dealing they've been up to...what better way then to start a RACE fight over amnesty and then call everyone who doesn't agree with their amnesty...RACIST!

Don't fall for the bait and don't let them silence you by screaming RACE.

Common sense tells you we cannot keep absorbing millions of ILLEGAL ALIENS (Yes Aliens...not immigrants) and continue to function as a nation. You want to immigrate here LEGALLY...then DO IT, but don't sneak in and then expect everyone to open their arms to you. Illegally entering a country IS A CRIME...start enforcing the rule of LAW.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:24 pm

Lori - I think they may be worried about the mid-term 2010 elections. We may be in for a repeat of the Carter years.

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Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:08 pm

Well you may want to rethink that ... the USA was definitely ***whiter*** during the Carter years. It was also a glorious time when one could call a spade a spade, so to speak, and women didn't get so sensitive about being groped at work.

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 6:49 pm

I was referring to the double-digit inflation, our President viewed as weak by other nations (do you remember the American hostages in Iran?), and Ronald Reagan winning a landslide. The ensuing power shift in congress.

By the way, Iran released the hostages the day Reagan was sworn into office, after 444 days of captivity under Carter.



DWOODS says:

January 7, 2010 at 11:22 pm

You may want to take another look at your history there Tim...

Then again, you may not want to recall who gave out the last Amnesty either.



Wade says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:49 pm

Just who are these liberals you are referring to, Lori? Can you explain how pissing off independent voters or accusing said voters of racism will help them at all?

It seems more likely that the GOP would use this as one of their old tried-and true wedge issues. They know how unpopular immigration reform is and are probably salivating at the thought of the Democrats putting it on their agenda. That will provide a platform wherein the GOP can accuse the Dems of coddling criminals of some such tripe like that. The GOP knows that the only criminals who matter sit on corporate boards.

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mensarino says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:06 pm

Please remain speechless.

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JohnnySokko says:

January 7, 2010 at 10:27 pm

C'mon Lori, you are being ridiculous.

The GOP has supported illegal immigration more than then Dems, by a long shot.

Cause it is all about that bottom line and illegals keep more profit for the CEO.

Trying to make this an election issue?

It wasn't a Dem who signed that amnesty law in 86 was it?

Can you name one reform enacted AGAINST illegal immigration by the Bush admin?

What exactly have you right-wingers proposed that is ANY different than the 'dirty-dealing' Bush years?

Zero point zero.

Illegal immigration has been supported by BOTH parties.

It's going to have to be fought by BOTH parties.

NO AMNISTIA!!!

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Penny Magnotto says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:35 pm

WILL THE INSANITY NEVER END? (1) It's illegal alien, not undocumented immigrant...ask any ICE or USBP Agent. Aalso, the photo used in the article must be quite recent. The morons only recently learned that skipping merrily down U.S. streets, USING & ABUSING AMERICANS' FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS while waving flags of other countries is a no-no. We really, really don't like when that happens.

Wade, use that brain before it dies on you!

Lucifer, your own racist tendencies are revealing themselves.

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Javier Solis says:

January 7, 2010 at 2:43 pm

1. We aint leavin. We live here wit you in peace
2. You aint make us go back to Mexico never
3. Our Anchor Babies are Cuidadanos here to stay in the California USA
4. You aint changing the 14th amendment never
5. You aint takin away the free education and free lunch never
6. You have to accept us as your equals yes
7. You better give us the amnistia cause we like it here yes
8. We dont want it to make it problemas wit nobody we just want it to work
9. Our jobs belong to us not you and we speak Spanish if we like it
10. This aint you country no more... it be the country of the corporations
11. ¿Wat part of "Se Habla Español" do you not understand?
12. Amnistia is good for all the people. God Bless it the Amnesty International!

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:08 pm

Too Funny!!

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714native says:

January 7, 2010 at 4:55 pm

Democrat no less.

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JER172004 says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:12 pm

Javier Solis

Coming from a Mexican-American,

When I walk into a business and you and your peeps start talking to men in Spanish I don't answer. Then I say speak to me in English. I speak spanish and so do my children, BUT we refuse to speak spanish and so do alot of other 2nd and 3rd

generation Hispanics. When we visti Mexico we are never addressed in english learn the language and support the system this is USA Becuase you know and I know you would never defend this company if there was a war. So until then SINALOA VAS PARA TRAS (GO BACK)

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 6:45 pm

Very well said Jer. I know many Mexican-Americans that also do just that. Well, usually after they state what you stated. My friends are not shy. I myself had a telephone call at work the other day, and the woman asked if I spoke Spanish. My response was, this is America, we speak English here. Suddenly she spoke English.

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Lucifer'sFlowers says:

January 7, 2010 at 5:35 pm

College professors; what do they know!!!

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EFMohammedMartinez says:

January 7, 2010 at 7:09 pm

Javier Solis, no matter how much you try to reason with these backwoods Seig Heil racist Xenophobe goose stepping enemies, their only goal in their miserable life is to attack US RAZA at any cost, because of OUR skin color, ...PERIOD! Therefore it's very important that a RACE WAR should and must commence ASAP! I hope the Mexican ZETAS drug cartels stop killing their own citizens, instead they should focus their hi power gun sights on any and ALL unauthorized non-law enforcement racist anti-immigrant homegrown local American vigilantes "patrolling" the U.S. / Mexico border, i.e., MINUTEMEN TERRORISTS and any other white supremacist groups who will meet their fatal fate! Thereafter, let their white God sort them out! That should be their FINAL SOLUTION!

Baked crackKKahs anyone?!

E.F. Mohammed Martinez - A Chicano Freedom Fighter - A Spear of The Nation De AZTLAN

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TimP says:

January 7, 2010 at 8:52 pm

Too funny....good luck with that mission!

Explain to me how being against Illegal Immigration is being racist?

I can't speak for others, but I can speak for myself, and I am against Illegal Immigration, regardless of skin color.

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JER172004 says:

January 7, 2010 at 9:39 pm

EFMohammedMartinez

YOUR NAME ALONE TELLS ME HOW MIXED UP AND LOST YOU ARE GEEZ

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oldski says:

January 8, 2010 at 7:31 am

Don't get EF going, he suddenly becomes Palestinian, black, Hindoo, whatever...truly, he is everyman.

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