



## OPEN LETTERS

### The region would benefit by attracting immigrants

Thanks for sharing your feedback! If your feedback doesn't appear right away, please be patient as it may take a few minutes to publish - or longer if the blogger is moderating comments.

As an immigrant to this community from Northern Ireland who teaches an immigration course at the Paralegal School of Duquesne University, I assure you that collectively immigrants prospectively benefit the United States.

This region is stagnating economically and population wise, and it needs a stimulus package to jump start its economy and rejuvenate its communities. This county needs to be proactive in attracting and retaining immigrant businesses and immigrant workers.

The city and county have a vested joint interest in supporting immigration to the region, as the whole community will gain positively from the influx of workers and industry to the area. The future lies here within the framework of the old and new immigrants and, if we work together, we can all benefit from an invigorated and renewed community. It is up to those elected by the community to mine the community for ideas and assistance in steering us all into a positive and lucrative future.

Those of us who settled in the community and who lead productive lives assure you that immigrants positively enhance a community. Do not base your notions on immigrants on the reflections of Rush Limbaugh and his ilk. We pay taxes. We work hard. We are family- and community-oriented. We are part of your future, and we seek your partnership.

For those who doubt that immigration can positively impact upon the nation, I refer you to the following reports:

1) "Raising the Floor for American Workers" by Dr. Raul Hinojosa-Ojeda (January 2010 Center for American Progress, Immigration Policy Center); 2) "The Economic Benefits of Immigrant Authorization in California" by Manuel Pastor, Justin Scoggins, Jennifer Tran and Rhonda Ortiz-University of Southern California; 3) Aug. 13, 2009, Trade Policy Analysis No. 40 by Peter B. Dixon and Maureen T. Rimmer -- CATO Institute; 4) AgriLife Research Report June 2009, "The Economic Impacts of Immigration on U.S. Dairy Farms."

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Posted [Feb 02 2010, 05:00 AM](#) by [Susan Mannella](#)

## Comments

**kevin morris** wrote re: **The region would benefit by attracting immigrants**  
on Tue, Feb 2 2010 6:57 AM

No one complains about Irish immigrants.

**jayare clark** wrote re: **The region would benefit by attracting immigrants**  
on Tue, Feb 2 2010 8:16 AM

immigrants are a great thing for us that is how the country was build.illegal immigrants are a different story they are breaking the law.it is so important that we trial terrorist in court we should but the same importance on the people who invade our country by come across the borders

**KDHunter** wrote re: **The region would benefit by attracting immigrants**  
on Tue, Feb 2 2010 9:18 AM

If the "whole community will gain positively from the influx of workers and industry", why then does there have to be "assistance from those elected by the community". Presumably the letter writer is speaking of some type of investment of money or resources. Why is it necessary that that investment go to immigrants? Why can't the investment be made in people who are already in the region?

Traditionally, immigrants were the ones who took the lowest-paying jobs, the ones decried as those that Americans wouldn't take.

Is Mr. Corr suggesting that another tier of sub-standard jobs, housing, etc. be created or made available to attract those willing to work for less? Is that what he sees as the necessary investment? Perhaps a new Homestead Act?

One would think that if an area is ripe for immigrants to settle there that the influx would be natural.

**chilco99** wrote re: **The region would benefit by attracting immigrants**

on Tue, Feb 2 2010 10:07 AM

Patrick,

I refer you to the following:

- Mariel Boat Lift- bringing tens of thousands of lazy cuban communist/criminal immigrants to the shores of Miami, FL thus turning it into a drug den and shootout capital of the world in the 1980's.

- Dearborn, Michigan- where a multitude of arabic and muslim- American's refuse to weave themselves into the fabric of America (demanding footpaths in government learning centers, a ban of pork products in local markets, and refusal to remove the hajib for their "privilege" to obtain a drivers license in America.

I'm all for bringing in respectable, law abiding immigrants who embrace education and American values (while retaining their own culture and heritage,) but most of what we're bringing in right now is riff/raff that lives off of the gov't dole, won't learn the language of the land and has unprecedented high school dropout rates.

America has become the jellybean jar of every freeloading lazy immigrant seeking a FREE handout worldwide.

Compared with the immigrant of yesteryear, these "new" immigrant's just can't compare!

(Not all immigrants but ALOT.) It's sad when you can't order a Big Mac in English and you're made fun of when ordering eggs and toast in Miami.....er... huevos y toastada. (It's enough to drive a man to irish coffee.)