

It is no surprise to me that the people who complain about laws like the one Arizona just enacted are the same ones who are here illegally, break the laws of the land or are willing to do so.

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Even Cato admits immigration reform would help economy

Re: "Will Dems 'go for it' on immigration reform?" April 23

Once again, Byron York shows his unprincipled brand of faux-conservatism. Before writing about how crazy the Democrats are for wanting to work on immigration reform when they should be "focused on jobs," perhaps he should have read the Cato Institute's report on the actual effects of immigration reform on the U.S. economy.

According to the report, legalization of low-skilled immigrant workers would yield significant income gains for American workers: A "positive impact for U.S. households of legalization under an optimal visa tax would be ... \$180 billion." So of Mr. York's five possible explanations for going after immigration reform at a time when jobs are so important, it turns out that Option 2 ("They are very smart and know something we don't") is actually true.

Perhaps Democrats are actually better conservatives than Mr. York and have read the Cato report on the subject.

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