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Posted by dailyherald - 2007/06/24 21:43

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One of my teenage boys, not having a job, went with a friend to a "day labor store." He and his friend did receive jobs for two days cleaning a warehouse with a group of Hispanic migrants.

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Re: American youth losing jobs to migrant workers

Posted by goodintentions - 2007/06/25 06:27

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Posted by The Keeper - 2007/06/25 07:31

When they showed up for the third day, my son and his friend were told in broken English that these jobs were for "their people" and that an "accident" might happen to them at the work site.

I had an illegal alien women pull that "could be very bad for me" line once. When I got in her face and told her that threatening me "would be very bad" for her she got the idea and shut up.

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Posted by iceman - 2007/06/25 07:35

To report illegal alien workers

1-866-DHS-2ICE (1-866-347-2423)

Re: American youth losing jobs to migrant workers

Posted by anonymous - 2007/06/25 09:49

I can't really comment on whether or not the will to work is still alive and well as it used to be. I think it has some truth to it at least. Definitely for some, maybe not as true for others.

I watched Meet the Press with Tim Russert yesterday. It's one of my regular shows each week. I like Tim and feel like he's a pretty honest reporter. He was interviewing Pat Buchanan and a Dem. legislator from Iowa, I believe. He was Hispanic and representing the Hispanic Caucus. I disagree with Buchanan on many, many issues. But he made a great counter-point to the senator's argument that 14% of farm workers are illegal immigrants, 8% of construction workers were illegal immigrants, 5% of hospitality workers are illegal immigrants, etc...The guy's point was how essential the illegals in this country are and how they're doing the jobs that "Americans won't do." Buchanan came back with, "Yes, well that means 86% of farm workers are Americans, 92% of construction workers are Americans, 5% of hospitality workers are Americans, etc..." So the argument that these illegal folks are "doing the jobs that Americans won't do," is pretty much invalid. I was eating at McDonald's 2 weeks ago with my wife and niece. As we sat there, we realized that all but 1 employee was Hispanic, and that the overhead music was a Spanish channel. Slowly, these places are being taken over by Hispanic workers. Soon, it won't be that young Americans don't have the will to work. It will be that there is nowhere for them to work.

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If the trend of corporate rule continues, the day will come when illegal Mexican immigrants can't get work because there will be an even cheaper labor force from somewhere else.

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Your way of thinking does not justify the fact that these people are breaking the law. They clearly have no regard for the law.

You would have your eyes opened if you were a victim of identity theft. Identity theft ruins your life.

These are the people that show that they have a sense of entitlement. They come here and even march in our streets under a different flag, make demands and tell us how we are going to change our laws to fit their needs.

They steal education for our children and subsidy from our own starving and homeless.

And if you feel that the Hispanics are so great in our country. Go take a look at our prison's and jails and see what is there.

Sure there are Mexicans that are good workers. The question is..... Why haven't they migrated the right way?

I have seen men from the "burbs" as you phrase it, work just as hard, need food on the table and a living for their family, homes, education and yes they should have a right to that more than a person who is in this country illegally. They are

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On this matter, a senator's YES vote on cloture was equivalent to a vote for amnesty.

And make that the Bennett amnesty committee selling out Utah voters and the Republic! Hatch surprisingly voted no.

http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00228

Measure Number: S. 1639

Measure Title: A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Vote Counts: YEAs 64

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Not Voting 1

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June 19, 2007 (Computerworld) -- The high-tech industry can tap big names, such as Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, to argue that the U.S. needs more foreign workers with IT skills. But opponents of the H-1B visa program have a weapon that may prove just as effective: YouTube. The Programmers Guild, a professional organization in Summit, N.J., has posted a video (see below) on YouTube LLC's Web site featuring excerpts from a series of videos that had been posted previously by Pittsburgh-based law firm Cohen

& Grigsby PC. The law firm's videos were recorded May 15 during a seminar and apparently were intended to provide free legal tips to hiring managers and other viewers.

But the video put together by the Programmers Guild is providing explosive material for H-1B critics.

In the video, a person identified as Lawrence Lebowitz, an attorney at Cohen & Grigsby, explains a method that can be used for hiring foreign workers under the U.S. government's Program Electronic Review Management process. PERM stipulates requirements for placing help wanted ads to fill job vacancies, with the intent of either hiring U.S. workers or showing that no qualified Americans are available.

However, Lebowitz focuses only on the latter in the video. "Our goal is clearly not to find a qualified and interested U.S. worker," he said. "And that, in a sense, sounds funny, but it's what we are trying to do here."

He added that while "complying with the law fully," the objective is to get a prospective foreign worker a green card "and to get through the labor certification process." He and other panelists go on to explain the ways in which employers can legally reject applicants to meet that goal.

Lebowitz didn't answer calls to his office seeking comment on the matter, and a receptionist at Cohen & Grigsby referred calls to a public relations representative, who didn't return them.

The Programmers Guild has added subtitled commentary and some music to the video to help dramatize key points. For instance, in one subtitle, the text asks: "If there were a 'shortage of U.S. workers,' would employers need to hire these immigration attorneys to help them avoid finding qualified candidates?"

But John Miano, the group's founder and treasurer, said via e-mail that he wasn't surprised by what he saw. "There is nothing new here," he wrote. "We've known this has been going on for years. There have been printed accounts in the past, but the video makes the point much better."

Miano added that he hopes people take away the message that "worker protections in the law are a joke. Here we see how blatant people are about getting around them."

Last year, the Programmers Guild filed complaints with the U.S. Department of Justice against hundreds of IT employers that it claimed were discriminating against U.S. citizens and permanent residents by placing help wanted ads that specifically seek "H-1B only" visa holders or workers who have student or L-1 visas.

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