

## TOPIC: Immigrants Hurt Economy

## Affirmative Case

**Tagline: Unskilled immigrants hurt our economy**

Article Title: "How Unskilled Immigrants Hurt Our Economy: A handful of industries get low-cost labor, and the taxpayers foot the bill"

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Quote:

"Since the mid-1960s, America has welcomed nearly 30 million legal immigrants and received perhaps another 15 million illegals, numbers unprecedented in our history. These immigrants have picked our fruit, cleaned our homes, cut our grass, worked in our factories, and washed our cars. But they have also crowded into our hospital emergency rooms, schools, and government-subsidized aid programs, sparking a fierce debate about their contributions to our society and the costs they impose on it."

"America does not have a vast labor shortage that requires waves of low-wage immigrants to alleviate; in fact, unemployment among unskilled workers is high—about 30 percent. Moreover, many of the unskilled, uneducated workers now journeying here labor, like Velasquez, in shrinking industries, where they force out native workers, and many others work in industries where the availability of cheap workers has led businesses to suspend investment in new technologies that would make them less labor-intensive."

Further, Mr. Malanga states in his article:

Yet while these workers add little to our economy, they come at great cost, ~~because they are not economic abstractions but human beings, with their own culture and ideas—often at odds with our own.~~ Increasing numbers of them arrive with little education and none of the skills necessary to succeed in a modern economy. Many may wind up stuck on our lowest economic rungs, where they will rely on something that immigrants of other generations didn't have: a vast U.S. welfare and social-services apparatus that has enormously amplified the cost of immigration. ~~Just as welfare reform and other policies are helping to shrink America's underclass by weaning people off such social programs, we are importing a new, foreign-born underclass.~~ As famed free-market economist Milton Friedman puts it: "It's just obvious that you can't have free immigration and a welfare state."

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