



IMMIGRATIONWORKS IN THE MEDIA

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Arizona's immigration law: the U.S. should stay out of it

By Tamar Jacoby
June 21, 2010

The Obama administration is considering suing Arizona to block implementation of its harsh new immigration enforcement measure, SB 1070. [The Arizona law] is an abomination, no doubt about it, and the White House is under intense pressure to act. But a Justice Department lawsuit would be a horrendous mistake – one that could end all hope of passing comprehensive immigration reform as long as Barack Obama is president ... [Read more](#)

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Room for Debate Blog

Immigration's Birmingham

By Tamar Jacoby
April 26, 2010

Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigrants somewhat resembles California's, but there may be a better historical parallel: Birmingham.

On May 3, 1963, Sheriff Bull Connor of Birmingham, Ala., tried to control a crowd of nonviolent student protesters by blasting them with fire hoses and attacking them with police dogs. Footage of the brutal confrontation shocked a complacent nation, until then paying little attention to civil rights ... [Read more](#)

THE WASHINGTON POST

Immigration reform or just politics?

By Tamar Jacoby
April 23, 2010

Lots of people cheered this week when it was reported that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had agreed to steer comprehensive immigration reform through Congress by year's end. This could be a game-changer.

But that's only if it leads to a genuine, bipartisan push for an overhaul. A symbolic, partisan effort – such as introducing a bill that cannot pass – would be worse than no action at all and could set the cause back for years ... [Read more](#)

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

New heartland voices on immigration

By Tamar Jacoby
March 18, 2010

In the years since Congress last considered an immigration overhaul, a new type of reform advocate has emerged: small-business owners.

Their message: they need a way for the workers they count on to grow their businesses to enter the country legally ... [Read more](#)

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

Come together, right now, over immigration reform

By Tamar Jacoby
February 10, 2010

Like a door slamming shut, the conventional wisdom is hardening. The chances that Congress will take

up comprehensive immigration reform this year are increasingly seen as poor to nil.

But what if, far from dooming reform, as many think, the Massachusetts special election could start the thaw that creates space for a measure to move? ... [Read more](#)

THE WASHINGTON POST

Immigration pitfall

By Jorge G. Castaneda and Tamar Jacoby

July 21, 2009

President Obama looks to be gearing up to make good on his campaign promise of comprehensive immigration reform. But unlike in 2006, organized labor and many Latino advocates are thinking about slicing up the reform package and moving forward with a piecemeal approach ...

This is short-sighted. Just as it would have been a mistake in a Republican era to pass an expanded temporary worker program but leave out legalization and a path to citizenship, so, too, would it be a mistake now to legalize immigrants who are here without creating a way for future workers to enter the United States legally ... [Read more](#)

FORBES.COM

The organic market

By Tamar Jacoby

July 13, 2009

Few words are less fashionable these days, few concepts more discredited. But when it comes to immigration, recent data prove beyond a doubt: markets work. As the economic downturn has cut demand for labor, far fewer foreigners are seeking to enter the U.S. in search of work, either legally or illegally ...

And yet, even as market mechanisms prove their worth, a consensus is forming among some experts that a government commission, rather than the market, should set immigration levels. Lawmakers crafting an overhaul should be skeptical ... [Read more](#)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Immigration accord by labor boosts Obama effort

April 13, 2009

The nation's two major labor federations have agreed for the first time to join forces to support an overhaul of the immigration system ... In the new accord, the A.F.L.-C.I.O. and Change to Win [call] for managing future immigration of workers through a national commission ...

"The question is, will the commission work?" Ms. Jacoby said. "Will it be adequately attuned to and triggered by the labor market? A system that may – or may not – supply the workers that business will need in the future after the recession will be a cause of great concern to employers." ... [Read more](#)

NPR MARKETPLACE

Immigration policy to target employers

May 1, 2009

Immigration enforcement in recent years has largely meant SWAT-style raids. The raids broke up families and crippled businesses. They've become increasingly unpopular. So the Department of Homeland Security will now focus on the root cause of illegal immigration: jobs ...

"Businesses are realizing more and more that restoring the rule of law in the workplace will be good for them. That it doesn't make sense to be investing either your family fortune or your brand name in a business that's standing on shaky ground legally," said Jacoby ... [Read more](#)

MEATINGPLACE

Storming the Hill

February 2009

The immigration debate is snarled between two adamant points of view. Tamar Jacoby's ImmigrationWorks federation aims to break the deadlock by getting business's point of view on the table ...

Jacoby created ImmigrationWorks USA a year ago in order to mobilize the sort of grassroots support for immigration reform that proved so effective for its opponents in 2007 ... [Read more](#)

NEW AMERICA MEDIA

A conservative argues for immigration reform

August 6, 2008

For a decade, Tamar Jacoby has been on the frontlines of this country's immigration wars ...

Structured as a federation for pro-immigration business coalitions, ImmigrationWorks USA aims to bring to bear the views of a broad network of employers into the debate. [The organization] reached out to business leaders in states including Texas, Colorado, Arizona and Georgia, helping jump-start employer coalitions that would advocate for immigration reform ... [Read more](#)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Employers fight tough measures on immigration

July 6, 2008

Under pressure from the toughest crackdown on illegal immigration in two decades, employers across the country are fighting back in state legislatures, the federal courts and city halls ...

"Employers are starting to realize that nobody is in a better position than they are to make the case that they do need the workers and they do want to be on the right side of the law," said Tamar Jacoby, president of the new federation, ImmigrationWorks USA ... [Read more](#)

REUTERS

U.S. firms push back against immigration sanctions

July 25, 2008

Arizona steel fabricator Sheridan Bailey was frustrated by a state law that punished employers who hire illegal immigrants so he joined local employers and business owners to change it ...

"We want a balanced and reasonable approach to immigration reform," said Bailey, the president of Ironco Enterprises. "We don't want knee-jerk reactions to complex issues ... that affect the health of our economy" ...

Bailey is among employers and trade associations in more than 20 states from Oregon to Florida who have been banding together in business coalitions to push back ... [Read more](#)

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Immigrant workers must be factored into new laws, group says

March 29, 2007

Texas business owners on Thursday urged Congress to consider the importance of immigrant workers in the service, construction and agriculture industries when reforming immigration law.

The group, Texas Employers for Immigration Reform ... unveiled a television advertisement calling for a comprehensive package that takes into account the need for workers ... [Read more](#)

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

There's a third way

April 20, 2008

If Option 1 and Option 2 are both unacceptable, create Option 3. ...

Set up by ImmigrationWorks USA, a national organization that supports immigration reform, the new site is called Arizona Needs Workers, www.azneedsworkers.org. It invites business owners who need immigrant labor and citizens who think immigrants are good for America to express support for Arizona's bipartisan guest-worker proposal ... [Read more](#)

THE OREGONIAN

Immigration reform: Oregon businesses need an adequate labor force

March 29, 2010

President Barack Obama has said time and again that immigration is an issue the administration is willing to tackle, and businesses across the country need our elected officials to act ... Despite the recession and our state's high unemployment rate, many Oregon employers still do not have an adequate supply of workers to fill their labor needs.

The Coalition for a Working Oregon was formed more than two years ago, comprising 22 employer groups representing nearly every economic sector in the state, to support comprehensive reform on the federal level. Now, with the current recession and so many businesses at risk, our mission is more important than ever ... [Read more](#)

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

Immigration policies outdated

April 11, 2010

With so many issues on the front burner in Washington, it's easy to lose sight of immigration reform. But whether lawmakers are paying attention or not, the immigration system remains broken ...

"I need a way to hire foreign workers legally," said New Mexico business owner Shayne Franzoy of Hatch. "Without that, when the economy picks up, I may have to close my doors. And that will mean fewer opportunities for everyone, Americans and immigrants, in Hatch." [Read more](#)

CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS

NYC business leaders press for immigration reform

May 28, 2010

A group of local business leaders started a petition and met with Sen. Charles Schumer to advocate for immigration reform that incorporates their need for lesser-skilled employees.

The newly formed New York chapter of ImmigrationWorks USA, an organization representing business owners who rely on an immigrant labor force, includes restaurateurs and business leaders in the dairy, agricultural and construction industries ... [Read more](#)

BNA

Voters want Congress to move forward with immigration overhaul, poll finds

May 31, 2010

Most voters want elected leaders to work on an overhaul of the nation's immigration system, including increased penalties for employers that knowingly hire illegal aliens, according to a poll released May 17 by ImmigrationWorks USA, a group that represents employers in favor of comprehensive immigration legislation.

A large majority of voters surveyed thinks the current immigration system needs to be "reformed," with 69 percent believing the system needs major reform and another 21 percent calling for minor reform, ImmigrationWorks USA said ... 87 percent said they want their member of Congress to work toward an immigration overhaul. [Read more](#)

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