

Let's say there's a guy down in Mexico who wants to come to America to work, specifically on a golf course in Tucson. The guy knows he can make more money working on a golf course maintenance crew in America than the \$2 an hour he makes as an unskilled laborer in Mexico. To him, the more money earned means a much better life. Good for him!

One problem: The guy sneaks across the Mexico-United States border to Arizona. He applies for the golf course maintenance job and supplies the course's superintendent with fake documentation. The guy gets the job, rents an apartment and is happy with his new life.

This is why I'm in favor of Arizona's new immigration law that aims to identify, prosecute and deport illegal aliens. The critics say the bill discriminates against Mexicans. But I say the bill seeks to stop the cheaters like the guy in this hypothetical story, who took a job that could've gone to a Mexican who wanted to come here legally to work and live.

We have a big problem with illegal aliens entering this country, whether they're Mexican or not. They're sneaking into the country unlawfully, and many are committing other crimes and living off our tax dollars. We need to do something about it. Since the federal government isn't, the state of Arizona is. The bill might not be perfect, but it has sure gotten people's attention. Besides, is there a perfect bill?

In the law, there's this provision: "For any lawful contact made by a law enforcement official or a law enforcement agency ... where reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States, a reasonable attempt shall be made, when practicable, to determine the immigration status of the person. ..."

Can someone tell me what's wrong with this?

Some liberal critics say the law will make it open season for police to harass Mexicans. How dare they! What gives them the right to pass judgment on the law-enforcement people who must reinforce this law. The liberals are the ones looking for a fight.

I'm all for Mexicans, Canadians, Brazilians

They're Cheating Their Way Here

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and Russians coming to the United States — legally. If they go through the correct process to come there and abide by our laws, we should welcome them and help them achieve their goals. But a lot of them are cheating their way into the country and taking advantage of the system. Did you know Arizona's illegal immigrant population is costing taxpayers an enormous \$2.7 billion a year. Is this not stealing from them?

So what's wrong with a tough bill to make them stop and think about doing the right thing?

I'm not saying we need to turn our hearts to stone to deal with this matter. I realize a lot of foreigners come to this country because they're poor and desperate and want a chance at the American dream. To them I say: We want you to come here to find better lives; we have people here to help you find better lives. But, please come here on the up and up.

Many legal Mexicans work in the golf course maintenance industry. I've heard golf course superintendents rave about their work ethic. I've also heard about Mexicans who came here, worked on golf courses and moved on to better things, such as opening their own restaurants. We want them to succeed.

Some say there's a good chance the Arizona law could get passed in other states. Let it.

And I urge you to support any such measures. Write letters to your local newspapers, call or e-mail your local Congress people. Don't let the law's opponents steal the headlines.

This is not a racist bill. I'm so tired of people playing the race card when it comes to controversial subjects like this.

This law is about holding people accountable. It's just too bad more politicians don't preach about that subject these days.

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