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Group seeks driver certificates for illegal immigrants

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MCT REGIONAL NEWS

By Georgia Pabst

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

(MCT)

Feb. 13--A coalition of groups today stepped up its effort to convince Gov. Jim Doyle to allow illegal immigrants to obtain certificates that would allow them to drive and get car insurance.

About 20 members of the Wisconsin Coalition for Safe Roads went to Madison today to deliver 2,735 signed postcards asking the governor to make the change in his new budget.

“We call on Gov. Doyle to not fund the REAL ID Act, which is a federal unfunded mandate that would cost the state an estimated \$22 million, and instead allow certificates to be issued to ensure public safety on our roads,” said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, director of Voces de la Frontera, a member of the coalition.

“We’re not talking about criminals here, but working people who need to drive to New Berlin and Mequon to clean buildings, or take a family member to the hospital and to do so safely and with insurance,” said Tony Baez, president and CEO of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, another coalition member.

Because illegal immigrants can't get Wisconsin drivers licenses, scam artists try to sell so-called international drivers' licenses to low income families, Neumann-Ortiz said.

Congress passed the REAL ID Act in 2005. It requires all states to check a person's immigration status before issuing a drivers license or state ID. Only drivers who are citizens or have legal status can qualify.

In response, Wisconsin passed a law in 2006 that required proof of citizenship or legal status, including a Social Security number, to get a driver's license. The REAL ID does allow states to issue a drivers license certificate to residents without Social Security numbers.

The certificate could not be used as federal identification for boarding an airplane or entering a federal building.

Since 2005, more than 40 states have considered legislation that either opposed REAL ID or urged Congress to amend or repeal it, said Ortiz. Some states, like Utah and Tennessee have enacted driver's certificates, said Neumann-Ortiz.

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Feb 15, 2009 at 9:57 p.m.

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WE are violating THEIR civil rights ???

Few cases better illustrate how dysfunctional this country's immigration and "justice" systems are today than that of Roger Barnett - a Cochise, Ariz., man who is being sued in federal court by a group of 16 illegal aliens who accuse him of violating their "civil rights" for holding them at gunpoint after catching them trespassing on his property.

The illegals, who are suing Barnett with the assistance of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), seek \$32 million for civil-rights violations, the infliction of emotional distress, and other things - \$1 million in actual damages and \$1 million in punitive damages for each of the illegals who were purportedly "victimized."

One of the illegal aliens seeking to collect his \$2 million is Gerardo Gonzalez, 38, a convicted drug dealer; in September 1993 he was convicted of possessing a controlled substance for sale and was ordered deported back to Mexico.

(Full article)

<http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/feb...>

[OkieFed](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 8:40 p.m.

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Obviously a huge majority of the population wants to see these illegals gone. That said, the only way that the government or the media will listen to our opinions is if we take to the streets and mobilize as a group. I see perhaps a silver lining in this recession in the effect that perhaps people have been hesitant to do this in the past because they "had theirs" and/or were afraid to be called "racist". Now that more and more Americans are losing their jobs, perhaps people will wake up and speak out against one of the root causes of our problems. Where was illegal immigration handled in the stimulus plan? Perhaps some of that money could have been used to hire immigration enforcement agents that could root these people out and send them home. I'm tired of hearing the "We don't have enough money/manpower to enforce immigration", and this would have solved that issue.

[ICEManCometh](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 3:08 p.m.

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Oh, yeah, just remembered something else the DMV said (thank heavens I got an employee who loved getting the TRUTH out!!)...There are only 4 or 5 states left that issue licenses to illegals, and 2 of those are now looking at getting rid of the horrible practice. So that would magnify moreso the illegal magnet effect of letting Wisconsin issue illegal alien driver certificates. Also, the DMV said we should all ask the state of TENNESSEE how their driver certificates worked out...I guess it was a big mess! And, as a few have already noted...they still won't buy insurance, because when you're illegal, it's way easier to just avoid consequences than face them. That's what you do everyday...avoid consequences. So, it's easier to move to another rental and go without a phone so the injured party after a crash can't locate you and your illegal butt. I say the state patrol, all county cops, all local cops, and all DMV agents undergo federal 287(G) training and start nailing these illegals when they pop up for air!!

[dub190](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 2:52 p.m.

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If they send illegals back, then their friends and family won't vote for them!

[ICEManCometh](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 2:51 p.m.

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Feb 15, 2009 at 2:50 p.m.

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The DMV also revealed to me that the only way they can do a darn thing about illegals that come into the office is if they...a) admit they are illegal, b) claim to be legal but are unable to produce documents within 30 days, or c) claim to be legal but then produce bad documents or lie on their application for license or ID card. THE KICKER?? Even then, the DMV personnel CANNOT KEEP THE ILLEGAL'S LICENSE OR ID CARD unless the person ADMITS THEY ARE ILLEGAL!!! And who's going to do that at the counter in front of everyone?? So basically illegals can walk in and out of a place THAT CHECKS FOR LEGALITY without ANY CONSEQUENCES!! And what's worse, the DMV told me that in many parts of the state, the local police/sheriff won't even respond or will take so long responding that even calling the police doesn't usually do anything to the illegal, and even if police come, they will avoid the extra hassle of "no habla" illegals by just turning them loose

once they take them outside of the DMV!! UGH!! I also found out that even the ones who can't produce documents in 30 days don't even have their licenses/ID's cancelled in timely fashion most of the time...due to staffing shortages, illegals license/ID status in the DMV computer can stay valid for months after the 30 day deadline, possibly letting them escape contacts with law enforcement that would have flagged them, or gotten them ticketed and prompted them to flee back to their homelands, at least. I'm sure glad I asked some questions there...here the DMV is in the same union as our state troopers but they basically tie their hands when it comes to enforcing the law!! I say turn the DMV loose on these illegals...they come into those offices, they should leave in cuffs and be on their way to foreign homes!

[ICEManCometh](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 2:39 p.m.

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The Wisconsin DMV has been requiring proof of legal presence since April 1, 2007...just saw a sign at one of their offices. I asked some questions and found out the following: THE BIGGEST REASON "DRIVER CERTIFICATES" DON'T WORK IS THEY MAKE THE STATE AN ABSOLUTE "MAGNET" FOR ILLEGALS IN ALL SURROUNDING STATES, and even non-surrounding states, and MASSIVELY INCREASES THE NUMBERS OF ILLEGALS USING "RESIDENCY FRAUD" to claim to live in WI and get driving privileges here. The DMV told me that when surrounding states started passing "legal presence" rules for driver licenses, fraud investigators for WI DMV started finding huge numbers of people claiming the same house for WI residency and all using that for their driver license or ID card. Wisconsin was "late to the party" on stopping illegals licenses and ID's, and so we spent all of 2004-06 and part of 2007 as a "magnet" state and that resulted in a ton of illegals in WI getting ID's and licenses before the April 1, 2007 deadline, many through residency fraud. The DMV also told me that what's the real kicker to this is that THERE WAS A GRANDFATHER ELEMENT TO THE LEGAL PRESENCE LAW THAT LETS ANY ILLEGALS KEEP THEIR LICENSE IF THEY GOT UNDER THE April 1, 2007 deadline wire!!! UGH!!! I told them they should go through the records and nail all these illegals to the wall and not only take away their license/ID card, but report them to the Feds! I can't believe we "grandfathered" illegal aliens!!

[lilbobby](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 12:01 p.m.

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My daughter was hit by an illegal "resident". The driver barely spoke English, didn't have a drivers licenses didn't have insurance, and the baby she had wasn't in a car seat. She caused 3,500 hundred in damage to my daughters car. The police told my daughter the illegal driver had 1 year to pay for the damage and if not than my daughter could take her to court. Well of course after a year the illegal was no where to be found. What SHOULD have happened - The illegal driver should have had her baby put in foster care for neglect, and she should have been put in jail UNTILL the 3,500 was paid, but of course our wonderful system bascily let her off to run to the next town and keep driving. I'm surprised WI doesn't have more illegals, we make it so easy for them to break the laws and get away with it - just like drunks!!

[bkrkim](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at noon

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If they were here leagaly they can drive on their liscence from their country of origion. Not all illegals are Mexican. You may see a white person walking down the street thats here illegally and he may be from South Africa. I live in Florida and sad to say I believe one out of four people are here illegally. If their working and paying taxes great they should not get that money back. That should pay there ticket home.

[OkieFed](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 11:14 a.m.

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I still say that anyone who knowingly employs illegals should face the death penalty. That would solve the problem REAL fast.... though some are so greedy that they may risk it.

[freddog](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 9:38 a.m.

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thelaw says you have to prove you're not illegal to get a license to drive, but want to give out permits to people who aren't legal, it's illegal to rob a bank, but can you get a permit to rob one somewhere then, this is crazy,,,

[highersatthanu](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 8:27 a.m.

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the only thing that those in power understand is when people take their causes to the streets. It's been proven over and over that that is the only way that they will listen. I believe frustration with inaction will eventually lead to massive demonstrations and regular and ordinary citizens taken their country back.

[chainsawchuckie](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 8:06 a.m.

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Holy Crap! WOW He wouldn't really lie to us would he???? (sarcasticly) ducks as the spelling police look into the blog..... Yes Armerica look what is happening!! I'm not the only one who told you to look out and hold onto your wallets!!! STAY SAFE!!!!

[Buzzm1](#)

Feb 15, 2009 at 7:51 a.m.

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NO DRIVERS LICENSES FOR ILLEGALS!!!

ATTENTION ALL AMERICANS!!!

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO FRIENDS, RELATIVES, AND INTERESTED ACQUAINTANCES!!!

HAND OUT COPIES AT YOUR LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE.

OBAMA PROMISED US THAT HE WAS GOING TO CRACK DOWN ON EMPLOYERS OF ILLEGALS!!

INSTEAD, OBAMA, AND THE DEMOCRATS, STRIPPED E-VERIFY FROM THE STIMULUS BILL!!

OBAMA LIED TO ALL AMERICANS!!!

DO NOT ALLOW OBAMA, AND THE DEMOCRATS, TO HOLD E-VERIFY HOSTAGE, OR WORSE YET, ELIMINATE E-VERIFY!!

E-VERIFY PREVENTS ILLEGALS FROM ILLEGALLY OBTAINING JOBS THAT BELONG TO AMERICANS!!

It is known that approximately 8.7 million illegals now hold jobs, within our United States, that they illegally obtained, using forged, and/or stolen identities. It is against our existing laws, for an illegal to be employed, by anyone, anywhere, within our United States.

These are jobs that Americans will do. Jobs in construction, manufacturing, and food processing.

E-Verify will give these jobs back to unemployed American citizens.

The current unemployment rate among blacks is 12.6%

Blacks suffer the most from the many millions of illegals competing for the same jobs

In the last 22 years, since the Reagan one-time amnesty, over 26 million illegals have been apprehended, after they crossed the border into our United States.

UNITED STATES BORDER APPREHENSIONS (Source DHS/CBP)

1987--1,190,488-----	1995--1,394,554-----	2003---931,557
1988--1,008,145-----	1996--1,649,986-----	2004--1,160,395
1989---954,243-----	1997--1,412,953-----	2005--1,189,075
1990--1,169,939-----	1998--1,555,776-----	2006--1,089,902
1991--1,197,875-----	1999--1,579,010-----	2007---876,704
1992--1,258,482-----	2000--1,676,438-----	2008---723,825
1993--1,327,259-----	2001--1,266,213-----	2009----
1994--1,094,717-----	2002---955,310	

However, less than 1, out of 4, illegals, crossing into our United States, are estimated to have been apprehended.

Lack of E-verify in the Stimulus Bill only entices even more illegals to enter our country!!

E-Verify will rectify this problem, but first, it needs to be enacted.

There are now 11.6 million unemployed American citizens, and that number is growing.

WE CANNOT ALLOW ILLEGALS TO TAKE, OR RETAIN, JOBS, THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONG TO UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS.

TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS AMERICANS!

BOYCOTT, PICKET, AND REPORT, ANY BUSINESS EMPLOYING ILLEGALS!!!

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TELL YOUR DEMOCRAT SENATORS, AND DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE, TO:

MANDATE E-VERIFY FOR ALL EMPLOYERS, AND ALL EMPLOYEES, NOW!!!

OR ELSE!!

Toll Free Numbers For Congress 1-800-828-0498, 1-800-459-1887, 1-800-614-2803,
1-866-340-9281, 1-866-338-1015, 1-866-220-0044, 1-877-851-6437

Direct Phone, and FAX numbers, and email addresses for Congress - <http://tinyurl.com/dym2b>

STOP THE DEMOCRATS FROM ENTICING EVEN MORE ILLEGALS TO INVADE OUR COUNTRY

[dkush21](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 5:56 p.m.

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You know, my Mother and I used to fight over this all the time when I lived in Arizona. Now that I think of it, she made alot of sense. How many US citizens are taking advantage of the system and how many more would do it if our government allowed it? The fault lies with our government for allowing this to happen. If our government gives you handouts, are you going to turn it down?? If anyone comes here legally, I have no problem with it as long as they pay their taxes, dues, etc. Our laws should not cater to illegals, nor should they cater to all the US citizens who take advantage of our system. We are paying taxes for them also.

[tguy](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 5:04 p.m.

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Are they CRAZY? That is the most stupid thing I have ever heard.

[spikesmom](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 3:41 p.m.

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If these people truly love what this country stands for and not just what it can do for them then they would take whatever steps are necessary to be here LEGALLY. I would never go to another country to live without going through the proper steps to become a legal citizen AND learn their language. There should be no handouts to anyone that comes here just to take advantage of the system. I don't care if people from other countries want to live here but they need to get a job, pay taxes and learn the language.

[keithrg13](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 2:54 p.m.

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Writers are talking about the surface issues in this exchange - unemployment; illegal status; overwhelmed public services; government ineptitude; money leaving the country; and, rewarding people for breaking the law. And now comes the odious "But." But, who benefits from all of the above? We have to search deep in our hearts and ask, "Who is allowing this to happen, and who does this benefit?" Could it be, oh say, the same people that have incrementally established policies that have sent good paying jobs overseas? Could it be the same crowd that benefit from wars we seem unable to win? Could it be the same bunch that seem gleeful most of us working schleps in America now earn just above minimum wage if we work at all. Or, if we work at all, we work quasi-jobs with no benefits and that are unlikely to allow us to ever enjoy a weekend in our life-times again. A whole generation now does not realize Americans once had weekends off. Who are these people that celebrate the destruction of the Middle Class?

The sad reality is that some of them live right around you. Most of us have sent the people that celebrate the new Second World (an impoverished nation with nukes) America, back to Congress, the Senate, the many state legislatures, and the many governor mansions. If you are beholden to the two political parties (two-party paradigm) we are prisoner to here in America you must look in the mirror when you ask, "Who benefits from the destruction of America?" The Republicans love the cheap illegal labor (all while claiming they are tough of the border). The Democrats love the votes they will get from appeasing the left who coddles the interests groups mentioned in the article (all while claiming they want good jobs for Americans). The Republicans wreck our economy and spirit, and then the Democrats come in and strap us with more debt we will never pay off. Neat and tidy little Orwellian arrangement we wallow in isn't it folks?

Who benefits from the cheap products and services that come from jobs shipped overseas and illegal aliens labors in this country. When we lose our jobs to the overseas, we run to the big-box store for cheap products. And the band plays on - the spiral into the Second World is solidified, with us as the vehicle, with us as the facilitators. Job well done, but there will be no pat on the back - suckers that we all are.

Illegal visitors and squatters always come to the surface as an issue when the economy collapses. It is one of a dozen dilemmas that are in the rubric of the current looting of America. America is being looted by those that seem to take the notion there will always be an America to loot. One of these days the play house we all try to survive in may no longer be around to loot. Again, I ask the tough question we must all painfully confront, "Who benefits from grinding America in the dirt?" The answer may be to painful to deal with.

Bob Keith

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[cardtrader](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 2:31 p.m.

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Keep up the Good Work Gov. Doyle does Tony Baez no anything regarding laws, these people are criminals, they are in this Country Illegaly, thus making them criminals, I am all for people making a living but do it the same way I have to buy becoming a U.S Citizen or at least get the proper papers to become one or be able to live here, and paying income taxes as far as a Drivers License goes NO unless you are a legal Citizen of the State, I myself born and Raised in Wisconsin still feel like I have to jump thru hoops to get one.

[nowaydog](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 2:12 p.m.

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Whats next in this world traffic signs in spanish, sooner or later its coming. They are illegal for a reason.

[chainsawchuckie](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 2:03 p.m.

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I see bigmike got caught!! LOL got to follow the rules.....the illegals don't have to but what can I say about that? not much cause I would then be breaking the rules and be removed.....I don't like haveing to be politically correct. but I gots to follow the rules. Sometimes I don't and try not to get caught but as we all know sooner or later you is gonna get caught. Ok enough of the rules thing. I really don't care what people put in here. I don't offend very easy. So type what you want just watch out for the rule enforcers in here as it is their site and they are responsible for the content in here. I agree lets all go and post on the Chicago Suns blogs and get world coverage!! WE NEED TO BE HEARD!! WE HAVE GOOD COMMENTS TO BE MADE. LETS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF ALL . NOT FOR THE ONES WHO BREAK THE RULES OF THIS GREAT NATION!... Ut oh it sounds like I'm running for a political office.....NO!!!!!! Everyone STAY SAFE!!!!

[thekai](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 1:42 p.m.

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dub190... All of them pay sales tax.

[dub190](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 11:41 a.m.

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They're not criminals? Let's see, they drive without licenses, don't pay taxes, and they live here illegally. Nah, they're not criminals...

[moredoug](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 11:36 a.m.

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There's a lot of good comments here!

We all need to go to the blogs in Obama's hometown Chicago and post too. The Chicago newspaper blogs are getting word wide attention because of Obama, and Chicago is promoting all this nonsense. The Chicago SunTimes website allows instant commenting on stories on the blog with only an un-intrusive registration process.

The world NEEDS to hear these comments and what WE really think, or we're all screwed!

[chainsawchuckie](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 11:20 a.m.

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of course bamama promised a lot of things.....you know better than to take those promises to heart don't you? see this is what is going to be so funny to watch is all the flim flammng that has just started. Everyone who thinks this stimulas thing is going to work you gonna have a big suprise comming. look at the facts and the numbers. There is still way too much pork in it that everyone who is alive today will NEVER see this "package" paid off the national debt it aint gonna happen..... I hate to sound so negative here but it is what it is. Hang on to your wallets.....cause what is in it now is shrinking as you read this.....I pray the spelling police are out shopping for Valentines day and leave me alone at least for today.....LOL " Whiskey Tango Foxtrot!!" That was for bigmike just hope you didn't get caught lol STAY SAFE!

[chainsawchuckie](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 11:10 a.m.

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as homer simpson once said....."it just gets worse and worse" Yes only in America! land of the free and iillgals. you can complain all you want but the government will do what they want to not what the people want them to do. the only way to change that is with your vote in the next election.....but in some cases.....you gonna have to wait for four more years.....and a lot can happen by then. which it will.....some may be good but I'll bet more bad which is sad but heyit's going to be fun to watch.....hey I almost sound like a poet.....I'll keep my day job and keep on posting so the spelling police will be able to keep theirs!! Everyone STAY SAFE!!!!

[higheriqthanu](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 11:09 a.m.

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Obama promised that he was going to crack down on employers of illegals. Instead Obama and our wonderful Congress and Senate stripped E-verify from the so called stimulus bill they just passed! E-verify was supposed to prevent illegals from obtaining jobs that belong to LEGAL Americans, good luck trying to land one of the governments fake jobs now!

[EVEBOY_E](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 10:55 a.m.

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The bottom line is this....If you don't want to go through process to become a U.S, citizen, then you don't get privileges that come with being citizen. people who live here for a extended period of time and don't become citizens are either criminals or are trying to get out of paying taxes....Sad.

[truecitizen](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 10:31 a.m.

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Higher thanu.....that's about it, isn't it? We are a country that appeases criminals, illegals, and those who suck from the country's perverbial teat! But God help you if you are a tax paying, honest, rule following person, who pays their bills.....and is licensed correctly without any issues.

[truecitizen](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 10:27 a.m.

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Why do we keep conceding? I say HELL NO! Americans who are here legally can loose their licenses for very little, because driving is a privilege, then why should an undocumented person be able to?

[Bigmike](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 10:20 a.m.

(This comment was removed by the site staff.)

[higheriqthanu](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 9:51 a.m.

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Politicians seem to like this situation, lets help out!

Health care insurance costs are way to high for most people, if you must

pay part of your insurance DROP OUT.....take a page from the

illegal, marauding, trespassers (not really immigrants) handbook, for your primary health care provider

go to any hospital emergency room for your needs, it is all at the taxpayer's expense,

get something back from all the money they extort from your paycheck every week!

[marymac4](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 9:29 a.m.

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ONLY IN AMERICA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

[marymac4](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 9:28 a.m.

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Why not give them a business too and let them run it for a few years tax free and (Sending their money to their families in their homeland.)Then they can give it to a family member (which wouldn't be hard as to fake IDs and names) for a few more yaars tax free and after 20 or 30 years they can sell it and make a good profit and move back home after they have bilked the American people. And this is done alot within our country. Or maybe free education and funding and hire more interpeters and place the burden of the cost on tax payers too.

[sysco_kid](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 9:19 a.m.

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great way to round them up and send them back to mexico,thanks gov. doyle for helping to keep my wages down

[marymac4](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 9:17 a.m.

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I wish I as a USA citizen got everything given to me. I have earned everything I have including the privilege to drive. Im so fed up with all the coalition groups fighting to get everything for the people who have come into our country without permission!!!! What group is going to fight for the American legal citizens when they have

nothing to pay their bills, feed their family, afford gas, get health insurance for their children, find them a JOB ETC: ETC: ETC:???? No you can't compare them to Bin-ladden but in a sense you can as to continue to support and give to illegals will eventually starve the people (who pay taxes and have lost their Jobs to cheaper labor) to death Now is there a difference? Oh yes: there is, this is a form of slow death and we have to sit back and watch our families suffer over a period of time. I am 55 years old and have lived pay check to paycheck paying my bills feeding and clothing 4 kids but we were happy. I have worked since i was 12 years old and have PAID TAXES since I was 15 and now my kids are grown but have been laid off or can't find a job and have come back home and Im not working and have no assistance from any coalition to help me with a free ride and by God I was born and raised here. IMO lets take care of the ones who have Legally built this country and QUIT worrying about illegal people having more then a majority of citizens have right now.

[weezer](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 9:03 a.m.

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how can they give them driver licenses they are illegal immigrants. they are breaking our laws but i guess it doesnt matter anymore

[highersatthanu](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 8:54 a.m.

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Don't say all of the illegals do all of the bad jobs and get only 6 something an hour. That is a false statement. Go to any factory in Ft. Atkinson or Jefferson or Whitewater and see how many temps are there and many are getting way over minimum wage. Jobs like that are scarce in Janesville. Then they send alot of their money home and don't spend it here. Also, they are like any other people. Some work hard and others don't. But the operative word here is ILLEGAL. Why can't people understand that?

[beeferer](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 8:34 a.m.

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I wrote:

Again I feel compelled to write to you regarding an issue that has an indirect effect on my family and other Wisconsin citizens. Regarding a quote from an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: "We call on Gov. Doyle to not fund the REAL ID Act, which is a federal unfunded mandate that would cost the state an estimated \$22 million, and instead allow certificates to be issued to ensure public safety on our roads," said Christine Neumann-Ortiz, director of Voces de la Frontera, a member of the coalition.

With unemployment in Janesville being the highest in the state, it is troubling indeed that we are throwing in the towel in our efforts to control illegal immigrants in this country. Let's GIVE them certificates to allow them to legally drive in our state even though they are in the country illegally and are taking jobs away from citizens of the United States of America who have recently been put out of work due to the country's economy spiraling downward. I have been working steadily for over 32 years and now find myself out of a job with a wife and 3 kids at home. I would be happy to "clean buildings" or do any other kind of work to put food on the table and keep the house warm and lit up. Also, regarding the following quote from the same article: "We're not talking about criminals here, but working people who need to drive to New Berlin and Mequon to clean buildings, or take a family member to the hospital and to do so safely and with insurance," said Tony Baez, president and CEO of the Council for the Spanish Speaking, another coalition member.", I wasn't aware that being in the United States ILLEGALLY was decriminalized. When did this happen? Was there a referendum concerning this? What is happening to our country? I realize that the REAL ID Act of 2005 has an estimated cost of over 5 billion dollars to the states over a period of 5 years and this would be an unacceptable burden to the public, but I don't think throwing in the towel is the right answer for this type of dilemma- or is it? Throwing in the towel would be an acceptable solution for thinning out the jail population and raising revenue with another

tobacco-type tax with regard to the legalization of marijuana. (What are your views on this?) But to allow criminals (illegal aliens) to go freely and take work away from legal citizens and even reward them by bestowing upon them driving privileges is criminal in itself. Of course this is only me talking- an out-of-work, family-raising, tax-paying American born citizen who's frustrated with losing half of my personal savings plan for a retirement that I may now never see after working overtime for over two thirds of my life to try to provide things for my family that I never had.

Also, do you need anyone around the Capitol to sweep up or do some painting? If so, give me a call. You've got my number.

[beefarer](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 8:33 a.m.

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Go here to contact Jim Doyle: <http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/section.as...>

[beefarer](#)

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From MIKKI- "Why not just grant them all citizenship?" Actually that IS a great idea. Level the playing field. Make them struggle like we have to.

[raysely](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 8:07 a.m.

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Ok first of all, I am new so welcome to me !! 2nd of all, deporting all illegals/immigrants is NEVER going to happen so get over it !! These are the people doing the minimum wage work that caucasian/other races dont want to do...working the fields picking cotton, vegetables, doing your drycleaning, getting your hotel room ready, cooking your food all for \$6.55hr(minimum wage in WI),I want to see how many of you stand in line for these low paying jobs ?? Any takers ?? They are not the reason for the mess this country is in right now (that would be your former president Bush whom you voted for TWICE) and if every single one of them did leave, you would certainly feel the pinch. Now, please dont get me wrong, I dont agree with everything they do but at the same time I am able to see both sides. And before anyone starts to criticize me for my comments, I am a US Citizen and have been all my life !! Born and raised here in the good ol USA !!

[rookie3653](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 7:32 a.m.

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some one needs to make up a link to doyles office for those of us to petition to have illegals shipped back to where they came.

[Minan](#)

Feb 14, 2009 at 7:05 a.m.

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gamma- Please don't believe everything that you see on Fox. Check out the below file. The owner of Fox basically admits to making up lies.

Murdoch of Fox News admits manipulating the news for agenda

<http://current.com/items/89012308/murdoc...>

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[highersatthanu](#)

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Everybody check out the u-tube video by Ron and Kay Rivoli called "Press One for English", it says it all.

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Are these the same people that invented all of these temporary employment agencies that find illegal immigrants work? They require background checks? Ha! Try to apply to one of these agencies in town and see how many people seem to be from other countries there. And they even have their own language interpreters. Why hasn't our SO CALLED elected officials looked into this? Contact your representatives and ask them WHY. Why is there so much unemployment? Is it because all of the illegals get preferential treatment at these employment agencies and employers take advantage of this? I think so!

[highersatthanu](#)

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Yeah, make everybody who wants to come and take our jobs away from us legal. That makes great sense. Keep em comin' Taxpayers pay the Bill like AWLAYS and don't bother to apply for a job, Illegals ONLY.

[JVLBadger](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 9:46 p.m.

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California's economic woes - 2 unpaid furlough days a month for all state employees, I.O.U.s instead of tax refunds this year and other major cost cutting measures.

Below is an excerpt from an article published by CAPS (Californians for Populaiton Stabilization)

Cost of Illegal Immigration Equals Cost of California Budget Deficit

By Diana Hull, Ph.D.

April 7, 2008

"When the first reports of California's fiscal emergency started coming out in December '07 and January '08, the budget shortfall was estimated at a whopping \$10 to \$14 billion. It's since been reported to be as high as \$16 billion.

According to a study by the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), 60 percent of all illegal immigrants are in six states, with California having the largest estimated number at 3,470,000.

The total cost impact to these states is estimated at \$27 billion annually for K-12 education, health care and criminal incarceration. This means California's burden of accommodating illegal aliens is more than \$11 billion annually, or an average of \$3,200 per person, with the costs for those in the prison system well above this average number."

Do we make it easier to live in the US as an "illegal" than to become "legal" and then have to pay taxes and earn the rights and privileges that go with citizenship?

[OkieFed](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 9:43 p.m.

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This is a great idea.....if it is some sort of trap set up to round up all these parasites and send them where they belong. Before you bleeding hearts drop the r-word on me, keep in mind that these people are going to be the ruination of this country, bleeding the social services dry and driving down wages.

[Bassinthumb](#)

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Personally, I think they need drivers licenses so they can take their family members to the hospital for their FREE medical services.

[doc0430](#)

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Thank you Madman1961, all of you now can just check his link and see I was telling you facts! The United States needs to learn its history and maybe its time for~"HISTORY TO REPEAT ITSELF!"

[madman1961](#)

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_W...

Other than the link, I have no comment other than "wow"

[doc0430](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 9:04 p.m.

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Ok folks here it is plain and simple for eveyone and A little history for some of you younger readers.

Back during the Great Depression, Then President Herbert Hoover ordered the deportation of ALL illegal aliens in order to make jobs available to American citizens that desperately needed work.

Harry Truman deported over two million illegal's after WWII to create jobs for returning vetrans.

And then again in 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower deported 13 MILLION Mexican nationals! The program was called 'Operation Wetback' (Look it up its true if you doubt me)so that American WWII and Korean veterans had A better chance at jobs. It took two years, but they deported them!

Now if they could deport illegals back then, they can do it today!!

Here's A reminder for all of you wanting them to stay,

Don't forget to pay your taxes 12 million ILLEGAL ALIENS are depending on you!

Give them rights, Ok but only if I can give them A few LEFTS as we send them back.....

It worked then so I can't figure out why on earth we are not doing it now!

[gamma](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 8:51 p.m.

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I just heard on Fox News that more and more illegals are taking their anchor babies back to Mexico and applying for the child's citizenship in Mexico due to the drop in availability of jobs in the US. Is this one possible good thing about the recession? Maybe it will do what the government hasn't been able to do thus far.

[officerfriendly1](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 8:39 p.m.

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"We're not talking about criminals here...." Um, yes we are. If they are in this country illegally they are criminals.

[madman1961](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 8:05 p.m.

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I think this is a great idea! Let all of the illegals pick up the certificates and the DMV, but have the INS there to round them up!

[jguernsey](#)

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What?!?! Almost as good as an article I saw a few years ago titled "Should Illegal immigrants pay out-of-state tuition?"

[truth1](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 7:29 p.m.

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Illegal means ILLEGAL.

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Does the library have the menu of laws that I, as an American citizen, am allowed to break without being held accountable?...Or, where can I find that list?

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I guess killing someone with a motor vehicle would possibly be one.

[Runnoft](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 7:16 p.m.

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The insurance line was good for a chuckle. A correction for the McClatchy Tribune. They are Illegal Aliens. My ancestors were Immigrants, they came through Ellis Island like everyone else at the time. You are either an Immigrant or an Alien. I have no problem with someone wanting to come to this country the legal way and trying to earn a better life, but please don't come through the back door of our country and cut in line like Beetle Juice did.

[illegalalien](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 7:06 p.m.

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OH MY GOD!!!!!! How can you try to compare a hardworking immigrant to Bin Laden. These people are out

there, and guess what, they ARE driving. I think it is better if we make sure they know how to drive, we could require them to get insurance first. Deport us all???? Only in your dreams Pedro, it is not going to happen.

[beefarer](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 7 p.m.

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I Love My Country. It's The Government I'm Afraid Of!

[Mikki](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 6:59 p.m.

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Why not just grant them all citizenship?

Heck, with all the benefits they are getting for being illegal, BREAKING THE LAW...let's give them MORE stuff.

[observer69](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 6:57 p.m.

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maybe i'm just ignorant but if you're an illegal immigrant, doesn't that mean you are a foreigner in this country illegally and if found should be deported? how the he** could you expect to get a certificate to legally drive??

[sannio](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 6:56 p.m.

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EVEBOY_E - Driving is a privilege, not a right.

There's no such thing as "American rights", either. Every person in this world has the exact same rights as everyone else. Besides, the article is mostly about the Real ID Act, not illegal immigrants.

[EVEBOY_E](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 6:43 p.m.

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If you want to have American rights, become an American!! Plain and Simple!!

[Zippy_TPH](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 6:38 p.m.

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Looks like the torch and pitchfork crowd is out tonight.

[went4milk](#)

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For more information on protecting the American worker, visit this site:<http://www.numbersusa.com/content/>
This is not a Republican or a Democrat issue but an issue of what is fair. Our Government allows 133,000 immigrants a month into this Country. That is well over a million a year. Where will they all work?

[mooser](#)

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LIKE ANY OF THEM WOULD CARRY INSURANCE!

[went4milk](#)

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We all have every right to be angry about this certificate to drive. Congress just pass the stimulus bill with NO protection for the American worker. Pelosi & Reid refused to allow the E-Verify be part of the bill. Now illegal immigrants can be hired instead of an American worker. Even the Banks can fire an American and then hire an illegal immigrant.

[gabby06](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 5:27 p.m.

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This is ridiculous. Why would an American want an illegal immigrant here? Why would you fight for them? They would not fight for you if you were wanting to work in their country. Why should they get 'special treatment' because their country sucks? This is ridiculous. I hope it doesn't pass. They need to gather em up and ship em back to where they came from! Then yes, we would get more jobs. But seems to logical for the government to think of. They'd rather waste their time trying to figure out who gets money.

[rooster](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 5:17 p.m.

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get bin laden a car and let him rip around in wisconsin with all the liberal wienies that think this garbage up.

[beefarer](#)

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Outrageous! Out and outrageous!

[woodsman](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

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In my opinion if they would send "ALL" these illegals back to their own countries,just think how many millions of jobs the American people would be able to get! Why isn't the government thought of this yet?? They did it a couple of other times,and it worked!

[ncpanfan](#)

Feb 13, 2009 at 5:07 p.m.

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I thought Wisconsin doesn't require you to have insurance so how can they say by doing this it would ensure them to be safe and carry insurance?

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