

Why the Arizona Immigration Law was wrong, the judge was right,
and what to do about it.

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I waited for the ruling before offering this opinion because I am not an attorney, just a biologist. Nevertheless, I know that a Maryland cop can't write me a ticket for speeding in Florida. It's a simple question of jurisdiction. Arizona has none, and Florida has none, when it comes to immigration.

As a staunch supporter of immigration enforcement and recognizing that the Federal government can't or won't meet its responsibilities, the question becomes how to achieve our goal in a legal and constitutional manner.

Fortunately, I am a simple man and prefer simple solutions. As a businessman I already know that I must verify the immigration status of everyone I hire. Let's use that to our advantage.

Where does Florida have jurisdiction? I would suggest that enforcement of laws against "aiding and abetting" or "accessory after the fact" can be applied, making it a FLORIDA crime to assist illegal aliens in the perpetration of their crime.

I understand that to convict anyone as an accessory, the illegal alien must first be convicted. However, since more than 20% of our crimes are committed by illegal aliens, and a simple investigation would easily turn up accessories, then the deterrent should be effective.

My approach then is to take away their job and their housing. They will move elsewhere. Eventually Washington, DC may be the only place for them to go, a situation which will certainly provide the motivation congress needs to deal with the issue effectively.

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