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HB ~~2603~~ – Kansas Business workers and community partnership act; undocumented aliens. Opposing Testimony.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. I'm Renee Slinkard from Parker, Kansas, and I am a spokesperson for Kansas Citizens for Immigration Law Enforcement. And we oppose House Bill ~~2603~~. 2712

Today I bring signatures from hundreds of citizens who want enforcement of immigration laws in Kansas and who see as I do the decline of our communities, quality of life and pursuit of happiness.

The Federal Government has allowed open borders for over 10 years, but that does not mean the law of the land should be ignored at the local level. It should be enforced. The illegal aliens who cross our borders should not be allowed to stay and reap rewards such as jobs and tax payer funded benefits. The State of Kansas has provided magnets for several years to illegal immigrants with entitlements that the Kansas Citizen and taxpayer are quite frankly, tired of paying out to illegal aliens.

Citizen's taxes increased in 2010 due to the inability of our State to pay off its debt. The decline of tax dollars and an increase in spending by our government is the cause of this tax increase. Kansas taxpayers doled out \$440 million in benefits to illegal aliens; this is not

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counting the legal immigrants with green cards. Kansas didn't deny \$440 million in benefits to illegal aliens to reduce the expenses, but instead raised tax rates on the citizens of Kansas to cover them. Employees who do pay taxes to illegal aliens will not be able to provide for the wellbeing of their own families because they will be paying out additional tax dollars to support illegal aliens.

There is a redundant cycle in Kansas of low pay and no benefits as some employers take advantage of by hiring illegal aliens. Kansas citizen's hard earned money compensates for the low wages employers pay to illegal aliens. These low income immigrants receive entitlements such as welfare, food stamps, housing, schooling and non-emergency medical care. At the same time the American citizen is without a job and collects unemployment, food stamps and other taxpayer provided services. Hiring illegal aliens will not help Kansas economically, it will not help families provide for the wellbeing of their children, and it will not allow them to spend their money at these very businesses that employ illegal aliens.

All job opportunities should be available for our citizens. Kansas Citizens want their jobs back. For years now, I have witnessed a decline in our quality of life.

Approximately twenty years ago, my uncle was a roofer; he made fair wages and benefits. A friend worked in a

meatpacking plant and she made fair wages and benefits. Neither my uncle nor my friend collected compensation from tax dollars during their employment. They lived comfortably and were able to afford to raise their families, and live a decent lifestyle.

Wages have declined in both occupations that are not filled with illegal aliens workers, willing to work for less. This is what I mean when I say our quality of life is in decline. The taxpayer is now not just supporting their own family struggling to make ends meet, but they have taken on support of additional families.

Exhibit 1 – Charts on pg 2 of 7 & 4 of 7. According to information published on <http://www.vdare.com> by Edwin Rubinstein on 02/03/12 Please review Exhibit 1 “U.S. Companies hired 243,000 workers, the most in nine months. The unemployment rate fell to 8.3% according to the government’s survey of employers- the lowest level in nearly three years.” But the The American Worker Displacement Index (VDAWDI) January 2001 to January 2012 shows that although the employment rose 847,000 (over 60%) the non-hispanic employment rose 33,000 (over 30%) and the Hispanic employment rose 814,000 (over 3.93%). In percentage term, Hispanic employment grew 131 times faster than non Hispanic employment.”

We must stop this cycle of entitlements and magnets we provide illegal aliens. The immigrants that came here legally are among those who cannot get jobs and they also find it necessary to collect entitlements. Mr. Chairman I ask you to look at the seriousness of what is happening to our State and to its citizens. I urge a "no" vote on HB

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Thank you.

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January's Jobs/ Unemployment data [1] has been greeted with euphoria by the Democratic Party/ Main Stream Media (to the extent that the two can be distinguished). Example:

Jobs jump: A 2012 game-changer? [2]

By Alexander Burns [3] and Ben White [4], Politico.com. February 3, 2010

President Barack Obama [5] hasn't unfurled a "Mission Accomplished" banner just yet.

But Friday's jobs report [6] showing unemployment dropping to 8.3 percent, the lowest level of his presidency, is an unexpected boon for Obama's reelection bid and a serious hurdle for his top competitor, Mitt Romney [7], who has staked his campaign on a jobs-and-economy message.

January was indeed a "game changer"—but not in the way portrayed. The displacement of American workers by immigrants (and of all races [8] by Hispanics) reached unprecedented levels.

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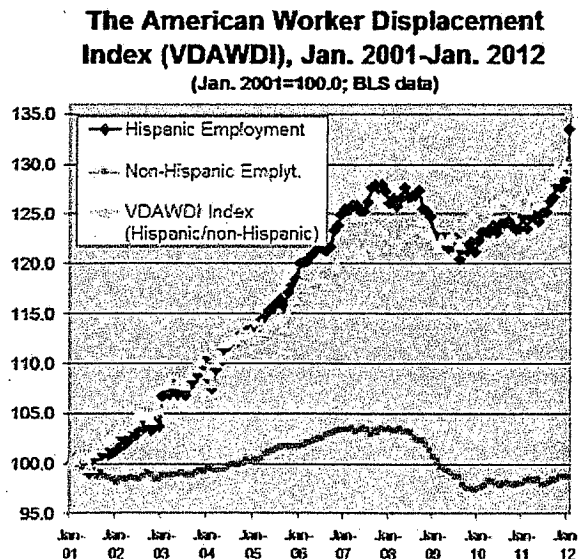
employers—the lowest level in nearly three years. After months of better than expected gains, this surprised even the most cockeyed optimist.

But VDARE.com’s analysis starts with “other” employment survey, of households rather than businesses [9]. The Household Survey [10] is rarely headlined in the MSM. To do so would reveal inconvenient truths about the race, ethnicity, and nativity of new “American” workers.

According to the Household Survey, an astounding 847,000 jobs were added in January—the largest monthly gain in nine years.

That’s the good news. The not-so-good, or at least thought-provoking, news: an astonishing 96% of those jobs went to Hispanics—although they are only 15% [11] of the workforce.

VDARE.com’s original American Worker Displacement Index, which we now call VDAWDI Classic, compared Hispanic and non-Hispanic job growth [12] since January 2001 as a proxy for immigrant displacement of American workers [12]. Just look at the January 2012 pop in Hispanic employment:



In January 2012:

- Total employment rose 847,000 (+0.60 percent)
- non-Hispanic employment rose 33,000 (+0.03 percent)
- Hispanic employment rose 814,000 (+3.93 percent)

In percentage terms, Hispanic employment grew 131 times faster than non-Hispanic employment. The brutal explanation: Hispanics, immigrant and native-born, are systematically more willing to work for less [13].

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Hispanic employment is interesting, but of course it was just a proxy for our primary interest: the displacement of native-born workers by immigrants. Our analysis of the Household Survey indicates that 414,000, or 49%, of January's new jobs went to immigrants. That is more than three times their share of the labor force (16%). Native-born employment grew by 433,000.

Immigrant employment grew by 1.83% in January. Native-born employment grew by 0.37%. At these rates, immigrant employment will double in just 39 months, while native-born employment will take 196 months to double. That's 16 years.

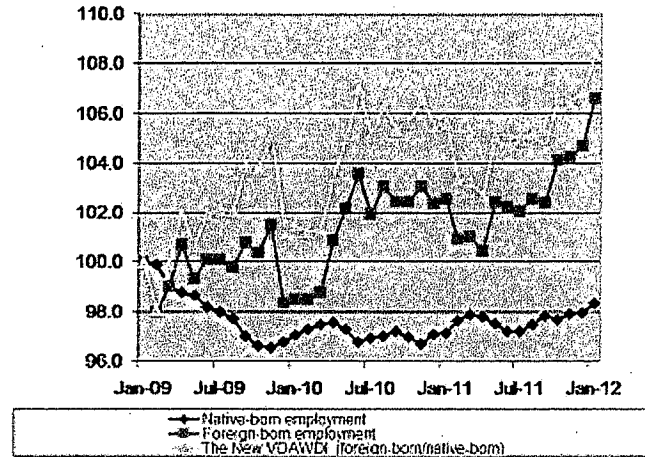
Since January 2009—the month Barack Obama took office ^[14]—data on foreign- and native-born employment has been included in the monthly employment report. Coincidence or not, this means we can piece together the monthly points to track the long-term impact of Mr. Obama's policies.

To calculate our New VDARE.com American Worker Displacement Index (NVDAWDI) ^[15], we set native-born and immigrant employment when President Obama assumed office ^[14] in January 2009 at 100 each. From that January to this January immigrant employment rose by 6.6%—pushing the immigrant employment index up to 106.6. Over the same period, native-born employment declined by 1.7%, reducing the native employment index to 98.3. We then take the ratio of immigrant to native-born employment indexes and multiply by 100.

Bottom line: the January 2012 NVDAWDI is 108.4—or 100 times 106.6 divided by 98.3.

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**Obama's Legacy: Foreign-born v. Native Born
Employment Growth, Jan. 2009-Jan. 2012**
(Jan. 2009=100.0; BLS data)



NVDAWDI (the yellow line) spiked to an Obama-era record in January.

Resurgent American worker displacement is also confirmed by comparing the seasonally unadjusted figures for January 2011 and January 2012.

Employment Status by Nativity, Jan. 2011-Jan. 2012

(numbers in 1000s; not seasonally adjusted)

	<u>Jan-11</u>	<u>Jan-12</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Foreign born, 16 years and older				
Civilian population	36,294	37,593	1,299	3.6%
<u>Civilian labor force</u>	24,517	25,156	639	2.6%

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Participation rate (%)	67.6%	66.9%	-0.7%	-1.0%
Employed	21,928	22,803	875	4.0%
Employment/population %	60.4%	60.7%	0.3%	0.5%
<u>Unemployed</u>	2,589	2,353	-236	-9.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	10.6%	9.4%	-1.2%	-11.3%
Not in labor force	11,777	12,437	660	5.6%
Native born, 16 years and older				
Civilian population	202,410	204,676	2,266	1.1%
<u>Civilian labor force</u>	128,019	128,329	310	0.2%
Participation rate (%)	63.2%	62.7%	-0.5%	-0.8%
Employed	115,671	117,141	1,470	1.3%
Employment/population %	57.1%	57.2%	0.1%	0.2%

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<u>Unemployed</u>	12,348	11,188	-1,160	-9.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	9.6%	8.7%	-0.9%	-9.4%
Not in labor force	74,391	76,347	1,956	2.6%

Source: BLS, "The Employment Situation - January 2012," February 3, 2012. Table A-7. [PDF](#) ^[16]

Over the past 12 months:

- Immigrants gained 875000 jobs, a 4.0% increase; native-born workers gained 1,470,000 positions, a 1.3% increase. **ADVANTAGE IMMIGRANTS**
- The foreign-born working age population increased by 3.6%; the comparable native population increased by 1.1%. **ADVANTAGE IMMIGRANTS**
- The unemployment rate for immigrants fell by 1.2 percentage points; the rate for immigrants fell by 0.9 percentage points. **ADVANTAGE IMMIGRANTS**
- The immigrant labor force increased by 2.6%; the native-born labor force increased by 0.2%. **ADVANTAGE IMMIGRANTS**

At VDARE.com, we've been following immigrant displacement of native-born American workers for over seven years. Of course, it's a scandal that in that time the concept has not become part of the MSM labor reporting template—we don't require credit. I urge VDARE.com readers to point this out in MSM comment threads. [Let us know](#) ^[17] if you're censored. But the ultimate question is: why has no GOP Presidential candidate raised the question ^[18]—especially as they have no other ideas ^[19] about reducing unemployment.

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