

Burger King Worker Fired For Sign Saying, 'Now Hiring Must Be Mexican'

As countless Americans struggle to find work, many wonder – is the search more difficult because of competition with immigrants? Recently, the role of immigration in the workforce was forced under the spotlight. “Now Hiring Must Be Mexican,” a billboard outside a Burger King in Ephrata, Washington, as was reported by local radio station KFFM.[...]

An update on KFFM’s website noted a “disgruntled employee” was fired for putting up the sign.

Burger King has released a statement through its Facebook page in which it made clear the worker who has not been named, was not acting on behalf of the parent company. [...]

KFFM also polled its readers on whether they found the sign offensive. Eighty percent have said yes. [...]

Either way, as AOL Jobs has reported, the large school of academic research on the subject maintains the effect of immigrants on America’s jobs landscape to be largely negligible. Every 10 percent increase of foreign-born workers in a region leads to a 1 percent change in the average wages of the legal residents.

Why is that ? For starters, many immigrants occupy jobs many Americans would simply rather not take. And with new arrivals doing much of the grunt work, other workers are allowed to specialize in a field, allowing them to thrive. Finally, the so-called “immigration surplus” holds that the economy must benefit from the uptick in the use of goods and services by the new arrivals. And so in the long-run the impact of immigrants labor on native-born workers’ wages is a “wash”. (252 words without the title and the subtitle)

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