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Hemphill: People go where they are wanted

By **Allen Polk Hemphill**, "Taking the Point Position"

People move to where they are wanted or needed, and where they are comfortable. They move away from where they are uncomfortable and not wanted or needed.



Alan Hemphill

Arizona, Alabama...Europe, indeed history is turning against illegal immigration. The Obama administration has many wants, including wanting a "Comprehensive immigration reform" but it is hard to make a case for that in a recession with high unemployment.

Europe is having much the same problem with illegal aliens from Tunisia and the African continent. Italy is

permitting easy access only to give these people temporary residency that then permits them to travel in a European Union that has no borders. (Only Denmark so far has pulled an Arizona/Alabama, but others are considering it.)

Meanwhile, our federal government is under attack in the courts, both on immigration and the health care fronts — with court cases turning against the administration. A recent Supreme Court decision says that Arizona has the right to control its business licensing procedures even if it uses the immigration question as a lever. This decision means other states and individual communities will likely do so also.

Just as the Sanctuary City craze grew, so will now the countervailing process of raising the heat on illegals in certain communities and even states. This will have the impact of aligning communities with their philosophies, just as pro-union states have union shop rules, and others have Right to Work laws.

The economy responds to both incentives and disincentives. Right to Work states create more jobs; union-work states lose jobs. This fits the original concept of our Founding Fathers who saw states competing with ideas. CNBC, the economics network of NBC, has rated the top 25 states for workforce quality. Of the top 25 states in the category Workforce, all 22 of the Right to Work States made the top 25 states! Every last one of them.

If Rick Perry runs for the Republican nomination, the Texas economic model — which has created a disproportionate number of jobs in this recession — will be highlighted.

It needs to be spotlighted. Competition helps everyone. Citizens should live and work where they are comfortable. Our Constitution gives us that right, while our transportation systems give us the means. We can move and/or take jobs across town, across the state or across the nation.

Demographic and psychographic changes happen slowly as the cultural and economic pressures build. People move to be comfortable, sometimes economically, sometimes culturally — first in a trickle, then in a flood. Over the years, the census data proves that which the U-Haul data was telling us weekly.

Anecdotal information tells us that illegal aliens no longer feel comfortable in Arizona or Alabama, but they do in San Francisco. Foreign automakers don't feel

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comfortable in Michigan, but they do in Tennessee. Boeing is no longer comfortable in the state of Washington and it is more comfortable in South Carolina.

Many people, upside down in their own homes, are not comfortable providing jobs for illegal aliens, while paying American citizens not to work.

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