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Pure Immigration Hypocrisy¹

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President Trump's and Gov. Ron DeSantis' de facto dictator usurpation of the legislative process is bad enough. But could they be any more hypocritical?

I don't know of anyone who boycotts the tomatoes these immigrants harvest for 10 hours a day in the hot sun or refuses to use the bathrooms they clean in hotels or who won't eat in restaurants where they wash pots and pans. I never heard anyone reject the \$73 billion in federal, state and local taxes that all these immigrants paid in 2022.

Or the billions these immigrants have paid into Social Security, Medicare and unemployment insurance for programs they're not even eligible to use. Focusing solely on their back-breaking, low-wage contributions to the economy is a betrayal to our cherished American ethic of welcoming newcomers.

Kids in America are sitting in classrooms and wondering if their parents will be there when they get home. That's beneath any decent society.

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