

New Report on the Benefits of Legalization Comes Up Short

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A new report released by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) this week attempts to assess the economic benefits of a legalization program on immigrants and native born workers. The report, *Immigrant Legalization: Assessing the Labor Market Effects*, however, falls short on research and methodology. While the report accurately concludes that legalization would not have a negative impact on native workers' wages and employment, the report takes a myopic approach to legalization's impact on wages and mobility of the newly legalized. A wide range of economic studies—studies which consider legalization's impact in both the long term and in context to comprehensive immigration reform—conclude that legalization does in fact benefit both native-born and immigrants alike.

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