

## NewsCrew Role Playing Activity

*Script adapted from a NewsCrew.org chat room dialogue on illegal immigration held 3/16/06*

**CharmerBoy** - Here's something to think about . . . Minimum wage and illegal immigration. Don't you think if we raise the minimum wage that will encourage more illegal immigrants to come to the US because they can make more here, no matter what job they are doing?

**AZERT\_Resurrected** - Um, ILLEGAL immigrants are actually well known for working below the minimum wage, which is a major part of the controversy.

**nothern folk** - It's really the only reason you hire illegal immigrants

**Regina\_24** - What is so wrong w/illegal immigrants? I mean, Americans can go to Mexico anytime w/out getting any bull, but when a Mexican wants to come to America, immigration is all over them. Illegal immigrants make up a large part of America's population, they help our country in many ways, and how do we repay them? By jumping on like pitbulls on a three legged cat, and telling them to go back home. I am all for the immigrants looking for a better life. I would smuggle them across the border if I could, but I'm not a very good liar, and I have crap for luck.

**nothern folk** - What's so wrong with illegal immigrants. Well it's really in the name.

**Regina\_24** - Yes, the name, and ONLY the name. We put a label on them making them seem like the scum of the earth therefore turning society against them. There's really nothing wrong w/illegal immigrants, just the label. They are still people, often very good people.

**AZERT\_Resurrected** - That's true . . . but classical economics is why illegal immigrants are bad for our society. First of all, our country can support only so many people in our land area. Also, the point is that illegal immigrants often "steal" jobs from the poor.

**DreamWeaver** - They don't "steal" jobs from anyone, they have to earn their jobs just like we do. Is a few immigrants gonna do us in? It's not like they come in by the millions, half the immigrants coming to this country end up being sent back home. I'm not saying that it's ok to come over illegally, but I don't think that illegal immigrants hurt our economy.

p.s. I know I said that I wish I could smuggle them in, but I was just talking about how I feel bad for them. I would never actually think about doing that. Like I said, illegal is illegal, but I don't think they hurt our economy.

**nothern folk** - ahrm, technically they do steal jobs, they undercut people living in the country by massive amounts.

**Azert\_Resurrected** - You cannot deny that they do; they work for cheaper so greedy businessmen will hire them over our poor people. PS: I'm not saying I'm against Mexico and conditions, I just think that we need a better solution.