

# 31 States Riding a Wave of Hate

## Arizona Copycat Bills Spreading

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*"The Arizona law undermines fundamental civil rights and civil liberties, and poses a special threat to people of color. We are calling on Congress and the President to lead and seek a comprehensive immigration reform."* - **California Latino Legislative Caucus**

Common sense and reason have not curbed the wave of hate that has caused at least 31 states to introduce a plethora of increasingly hostile Arizona SB 1070 copycat legislation. Just last week, Senator Russell Pearce of Arizona, author of SB 1070, introduced an immigration "omnibus" bill that among its many derisive provisions, seeks to deny undocumented immigrant children a K-12 education.



Americans want solutions to the jobs crisis not Arizona-style politicians who persecute minorities, and weaken the economy in the process.

### 5 Reasons to Not Follow the Wave of Hate Against Undocumented Workers:

1. **Arizona's SB1070 has already lost the state an estimated \$253 million in economic output because of convention cancellations**, according to a report released January 24, 2011 by the Center for American Progress.<sup>27</sup> According to another study by the Center for American Progress. Harsh immigration enforcement laws have historically been costly to state and local governments.
2. **California immigrant communities comprise more than one-third of the labor force, and pay roughly \$30 billion in federal taxes.**
3. **California immigrant communities pay \$5.2 billion on state income taxes, and \$4.6 billion in sales taxes each year.**
4. **In California, "the average immigrant-headed household contributes a net \$2,679 annually to Social Security, which is \$539 more than the average U.S.-born household."**<sup>28</sup>
5. **Latinos in California comprised 22% of voters in the November 2, 2010 election.** Compare these numbers with 1978, when Latinos accounted for only 8% of the vote and 19% of the population <sup>29</sup>[2]. Few groups carry the clout and power of the Latino voting bloc. Political parties and anti-immigrant policies that fan anti-Latino sentiment do so at their own peril.

<sup>27</sup> [Unconstitutional and Costly](#) | Center for American Progress | January 24, 2011

<sup>28</sup> [California Immigrant Policy Center. Looking Forward: Immigrant Contributions to the Golden State](#) | January 2008

<sup>29</sup> [Latinos hit their stride](#) | NBC Bay Area | January 7, 2011