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Octogenarian Time Capsule

No Mexican Fords Please

*America First & tariffs are ignorant of the realities of
global citizenship.*

In Arizona we are more aware than most of the influence of Mexican immigration on our state. Legal or illegal, the culture and color they bring with them defines us and is part of our economy and our character. We have a special relationship with our southern neighbor and the best way to slow down illegal migration is help build a healthy economy in Sonora.

Ford was planning a new assembly plant in Mexico which would have provided jobs in construction in addition to the jobs in auto assembly and shipping. It was also an opportunity for US parts manufacturing to supply the Mexican factory.

That is, until our feckless Negotiator in Chief bullied Ford into cancelling the project as part of his “Let’s hate Mexico” agenda. Three months later, Ford announced that they will build the cars in China. Number of jobs saved for America, Zero. Lost opportunity for our relationship with Mexico, immeasurable. Way to go, tough guy.

There are many ways to build a wall against your neighbors. Trump’s vision of a big solid beautiful wall being the least effective possible solution. Try building a wall with a healthy Mexican economy as we did with Germany and Japan.

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