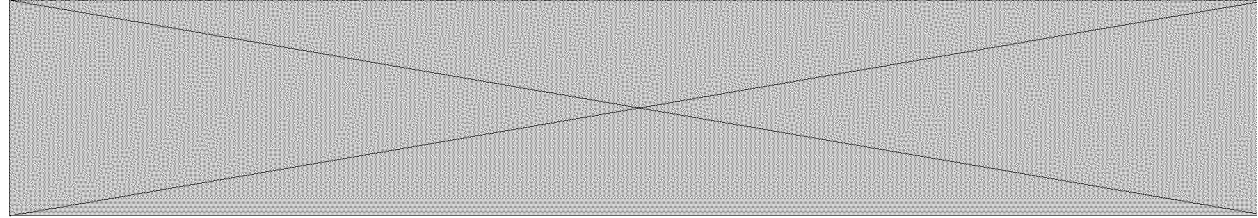


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## **Instead of cutting immigration in half, let's increase it**

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President Trump is supporting an immigration bill from Republican Senators Tom Cotton (R-AR) and David Perdue (R-GA) that would replace, as The New York Times explains, "a system that favors family ties in deciding who can legally move to the United States with one based on skills and employability." But the end result, according to a Cotton aide, would be to cut immigration to America in half. Given what problems confront the US economy today, isn't that off point?

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