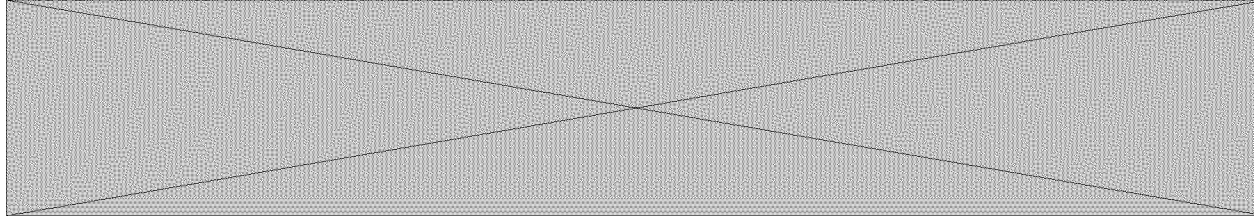


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What do worker-first policies look like?

Ryan Streeter | Forbes

With his proposal to expand apprenticeships last week, President Trump has put forward the first worker-centric policy of his administration. Carried into the White House on a wave of working-class unrest in America's heartland, the president has until now walked back his populist campaign rhetoric on trade and pushed a tax plan that is conventionally Republican. The problem with apprenticeships, though, is that alone they are too small a solution for the challenges faced by workers.

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Fighting back in the war on crime kingpins

Roger Noriega, Kirsten Madison, et al. | AEI

Transnational organized crime resides at the heart of nearly every major threat confronting the Americas today. These organizations

systematically degrade democratic institutions and the rule of law, stunting economic growth and stifling legitimate commerce and investment. The threat of transnational organized crime in the Americas requires greater focus and investment from policymakers to effectively combat illicit trafficking networks, corrupt government officials, and gang activity and violence.

Twenty20

Why calling addiction 'brain disease' is dangerous

Sally Satel and Scott Lilienfeld | The Boston Globe

At last official count, in 2015, more than 33,000 people have died from opioid painkillers, heroin, and fentanyl — twice the number killed by guns — and the number of fatalities is rising. Health officials, police, and politicians at all levels of government are desperately looking for solutions. In the medical and research communities, the dominant narrative holds that that addiction is a “brain disease.” This is the wrong approach.

Reuters

Seattle's fight for \$15 is coming home to roost (2014)

Michael R. Strain | The Washington Post

A recently released report from The National Bureau of Economic Research dives into the effects of Seattle rapidly increasing its minimum

wage from \$9.47 an hour to \$13 over the past two years. The research finds that the average low-wage employee now takes home \$125 less a month. In an article from 2014, AEI's Michael Strain predicted this policy backfiring: "a city-specific \$15 per hour minimum wage is simply reckless."

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