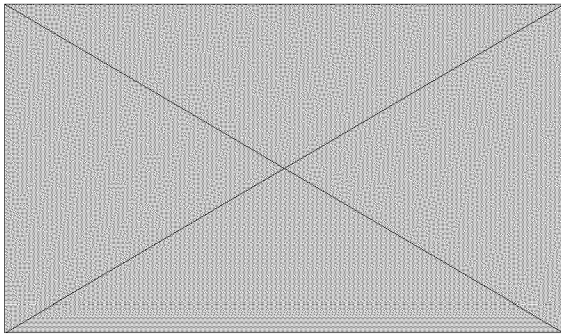


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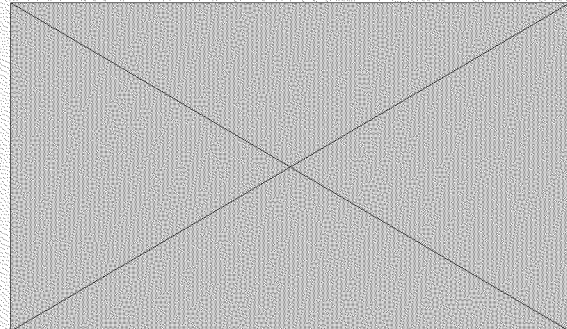
## **Conservatives turn on Silicon Valley — and the free market**

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After the 2012 election, national Republicans made a concerted effort to hack into Silicon Valley. The Romney campaign had just gotten thoroughly outclassed by the Obama technology team, and the GOP figured it couldn't hurt to have closer ties with a sector of vast wealth and cultural influence. Things are a little different in the party of President Trump. Maybe conservatives today have simply lost faith in the market they for so

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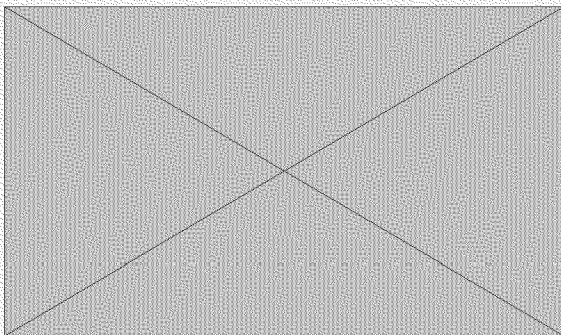
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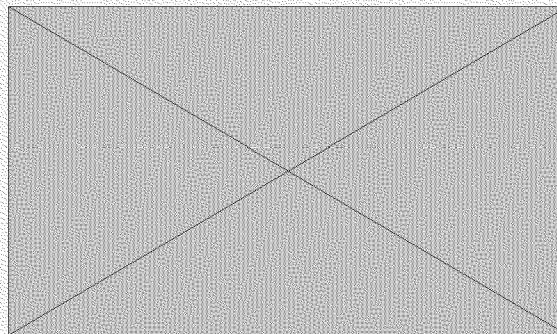
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President Trump has proposed cutting the number of green cards issued each year from one million to 500,000 and issuing them based on skill levels. This approach gets it half right. Increasing skills-based immigration would be good for the economy, but cutting the number of green cards squanders the best opportunity for economic growth. Without substantial immigration, the US simply can't grow enough to pay for retiring baby boomers without inflicting considerable damage.

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